
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Post Office

Since the resignation of Trevor Smith due to ill health, the future of the Post Office in Trull has been hanging in the balance. Post Office Ltd has confirmed that Mr Patel (who runs several local POs including Staplegrove) will take over from 29th June to provide the service until a permanent solution can be found, and it assures residents that it fully intends to maintain the service in Trull.

Richard Smith, Trevor's son, attended the June meeting of the PC to inform us of the situation so far, and to thank the residents of Trull for all their support over the years.

The Post Office is vital to the economy of Trull, and in reply to Richard the Chairman expressed our gratitude and appreciation for the service which has been provided by Trevor and Janice for the last thirteen years.

Party in the Park

Rev Dr Adrian Youngs, Rector of Trull Church, opened the party on 19th June and judged the Fancy Dress competition. The weather was fine and sunny and a good time was had by all. Many prizes were donated for the raffle, including a £400 bike, and the event should at least break even. The final total has yet to be confirmed, and will be reported at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 19th July.

The evening event went exceptionally well with two bands and a barbeque until 11.30pm, the latter run by Trull Scouts. Complimentary messages were received by the Committee, with everyone agreeing what a great event it had been for Trull.

Development Updates

Somerset Highways continues to be committed to a replacement for the old Mill Lane Bridge, with its

temporary weight restriction. The present bridge is of historical interest, and with this in mind a new home is being sought for it in the redevelopment at Goodland Gardens or a similar project.

Be Vigilant

Incidents reported to the Police: Three youths, aged 16–18, were seen drinking close to Trull Stores. Antisocial behaviour occurred. Police were called but the youths were not found.

Later that month a teenager was found leaning into the open window of a car in Church Road. He was disturbed, fled but was not found. On the same night, the rubbish bin opposite Trull Stores was set alight.

An orange mountain bike was spotted at the scene of the first two incidents, and it is believed that the third incident was carried out by the teenager seen on this bike.

If you witness an incident, report it immediately, from as close to the location as possible, on 0845 456 7000.

Playing Field

The annual safety inspection of the Playing Field by the Somerset PF Association recommended that as the wooden climbing frame was unsafe it should be removed. The work was carried out promptly, and the space will be occupied by the new equipment funded by the Dipford affordable housing project, hopefully by Spring 2011. At the same time the condition of the Playing Field is to be improved by spraying to remove plantain and docks.

Residents have raised concerns that the Lime trees at the top of the playing field are dangerous. Consideration is being given to lopping them to reduce the height to between 15 and 20 feet.

Footpaths & Roads

The Parish Council was informed that:

- The triangle at the Brown's Elm T-junction at the top of Amberd Lane is very overgrown with nettles etc. SCC Highways will cut back vegetation, and improve the signs to divert through traffic from the village centre.
- According to SCC ROW the flooding on the path from Eastbrook to Queens Drive is of low priority.
- The manhole cover at the top of Eastbrook has sunk leaving a hole.

Mill Stream

Stephen Fawcett of the Mill Stream Improvement Committee reported to the PC that work on the stream from the Mill Pond to Church Road has been carried out with invaluable help from Queen's College students; they also cleaned out the 'little pond' at Eastbrook. The students worked exceptionally hard and it is hoped they will take a long term interest in the project. An interesting feature was uncovered, namely a layer of stones over the clay base. It is thought this was put in place to prevent cows sinking into the soft puddled clay lining when drinking from the stream. The stones are a historical feature and will be left in situ. The Mill Pond is drying out and the silt will be removed in August and put on the paddock. This pile of silt will be of a considerable size and thought is to be given to a use for it.

Trull Parish Lands

The Charity's Annual Report for 2009/2010 was read at the PC meeting. It was reported that income was £12,292.34; and in accordance with the objects of the charity, 25% was passed to the

Parish Church for upkeep and repair with a similar amount paid to the Primary School. The remaining 50% was distributed for Relief in Need with thirty three individuals, mainly students, benefitting. The balance of £664.42 is carried forward for distribution in the future.

Planning

The PC decided to **support**:

- The felling of a Norway Spruce and maintenance work on two willows, one apple, one maple, one ash and one birch at Bolberry, Staplehay.
- Erection of small wooden summer house at 9 Wayside, Staplehay.
- Change of use of part of a paddock to form extension to a domestic garden for a children's play area at Little Oaks, Staplehay.
- Erection of single storey sustainable dwelling and formation of access drive to serve existing and proposed dwellings at Charlton Rise, Comeytrowe Road (there was one abstention)
- Erection of single storey extension at 12 Killams Close.

The garage / workshop at Fisherman's Rest at Sweethay, originally a barn, now appears to have bedrooms, a balcony and a velux window installed. Planning Enforcement has been informed.

On The Verge

With the growing season in full swing residents with property adjacent to footpaths and roads are requested to keep hedges cut back to enable pedestrians to use the paths without hindrance.

Village Website

The village website is due for update and a small group is to be set up to undertake a review. Hopefully as broad a cross section of users as possible will be assembled to consider what to include, leave out or change. Volunteers and suggestions for the group are being sought, especially from younger people. A 'wish list' will be compiled by September

and it will be taken to the web designer to begin work possibly in October.

Road Closure

SCC Highways report that Killams Lane bridge will be fully closed for approximately six weeks from 5th July to undertake maintenance work. Work on Shoreditch Road bridge will also start on this date with temporary traffic signals. Work here will last approximately sixteen weeks.

From the northern end of the closure proceed north easterly along Killams Lane and Killams Avenue to the junction with Killams Drive. Turn right and proceed east along Killams Lane to the junction with Shoreditch Road. Turn right and proceed in a south easterly then south westerly direction along Shoreditch Road and Honiton Road to the junction with Duddlestone Lane. Turn right and proceed in a north westerly direction along Duddlestone Lane to the junction with Killams Lane. Turn right and proceed north along to the southern end of the closure and vice versa.

Film Night

There will be no Film Night in July or August but will resume in September – Film to be confirmed

Next PC Meeting

Mon. 19th July 2010 @ 7.15 pm
Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall.
All welcome!

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