
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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A New Council?

Trull Parish Council has responded to the consultation on proposals to create a new council in the Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council areas. The Parish Council was against the idea in principle and felt it had no benefit to the parish or the wider area of Taunton Deane.

Planning

The following applications were considered by Trull Parish Council: 42/17/0002 Conversion of outbuilding to an annex at Lower Sweethay Farm, Sweethay Lane, Trull. Support.

42/17/0003/T Application to fell one beech tree included in TPO at The Beeches, Honiton Road, Staplehay. Support.

There were no delegated planning decisions.

Decisions reached by Taunton Deane Borough Council:

42/16/0041 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 18 Amingford Mead, Trull. Conditional approval

42/16/0039 Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation of 27 Killams Green, Taunton (retention of works already undertaken). Conditional approval

Bid for 20mph Limit

Somerset County Councillor, Alan Wedderkopp, has been asked to submit an application for a 20mph zone in Trull village centre under the Small Improvements Scheme. The request was made by the Parish Council following renewed calls for reduced traffic speeds in Wild Oak Lane and Church Road. The bid to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians includes flashing reminders on the existing school sign posts.

Double Yellow Lines

Somerset County Council's highways department is considering a request for double yellow lines on the corner of Orchard Close at its junction with Church Road. A highways engineer agreed that the restrictions were needed to improve visibility and accessibility at the junction where vehicles are regularly mounting the grass, creating tyre tracks and causing a danger to pedestrians.

Shelter Funding

Trull Parish Council has been successful in its bid for grant funding towards a new shelter on the King George V Playing Field. It has been awarded up to £6,500 from the TDBC Parish Play Area grant scheme to help pay for the shelter which is planned as part of a continuing programme of improvements and provision.

Broadband Appeal

Trull Parish Council has joined a Community Planning Working Group run by Taunton Deane Borough Council to address rural deprivation, planning, and development. The group is intended as a voice of knowledge for planning and community issues, helping to steer Council policy on development and Strategic Partnership projects to tackle deprivation. The group is also providing advice and support to partnership projects seeking to improve access to rural services. Mrs Jo Wooldridge is representing Trull Parish Council on the group. Her first task is to find out more about current broadband speeds and coverage in the parish. Anyone who is able to help collate the information needed should contact Mrs Wooldridge on 01823 253057

Email: jo@jandtwooldridge.co.uk

School Support

Trull Parish Council has voiced its support for The Castle Partnership Trust to open and run a new primary school if the planned development of up to 2000 homes on land in the parish goes ahead. The need for a new primary school was made throughout the planning process resulting in a commitment by the developers for construction of the school when 150 houses are built. The Castle School head teacher Mrs Watson gave the Parish Council details of the Trust's application to sponsor a new primary school at its meeting. Given the lack of capacity to take more children at any of the three schools within the adjoining area the Council feels it is important that this new primary school is provided if the development goes ahead, and in order to maintain a community interest Trull Parish Council would prefer that it is sponsored by The Castle Partnership Trust.

Police Report

Since 16th January there had been four calls received – 1 theft, 1 missing person, 1 dog bite, 1 found property. One crime was recorded – attempted theft from an unlocked vehicle. The Speed Watch group had not been out during this period. A Beat Surgery will be held at Trull Church Community Centre between 2.30 and 3pm on 7th April.

Trull Players

Trull Players will be presenting their Spring Production 'Sherlock's Excellent Adventure', a comedy by James Barry, on the 21st and 22nd April in the Memorial Hall. Ticket details to follow on the website at www.trullplayers.org.uk

Trull Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Trull Parish Council takes place on Monday 20th March at 7:15 pm in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall.

Agenda setting

If you have an item that you wish to be discussed by Trull Parish Council please contact the Clerk or any elected member giving details of the issue and where possible your expected outcome.

The agenda for Parish Council meetings is set one week in advance. Any item received with less notice will be held over to the following month. The agenda is displayed on the official Parish Council noticeboard on the side of the Geoff Hewett Pavilion and published on the website: trullparishcouncil.org.uk

Schedule of meetings

Meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, at 7.15 pm. Please check with the published Agenda for confirmation. January 16, February 20, March 20, April 24 (Annual Parish Meeting), May 15 (Annual Parish Council Meeting), June 19, July 17, August 21 (provisional for urgent planning applications), September 18, October 16 (preceded by a meeting of the allotment tenants), November 20, and December 18.

Playing Field Committee

The Playing Field Management Committee has responsibility for the day to day running of the King George V playing field and the Geoff Hewett Pavilion. The Chairman Tessa Dean can be contacted at tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk

Pavilion Hire

The Geoff Hewett Pavilion is available to hire for sports and exercise classes or private functions. Anyone who wants further information should contact the Bookings Secretary Sue Khattab on 07827 335631.

Representatives

Trull Neighbourhood Plan

Group – Tessa Dean, Linda Brierley.

Alms House/Relief in Sickness – Ann Hudson.

Somerset Association of Local Councils – Clerk, Tessa Dean.

Trull Connect – Dawn Johnson.

Party in the Park – Mark Hughes, Jo Wooldridge, Dawn Johnson.

Trull Memorial Hall – Linda Brierley.

Parish Lands Charity – Jane Martin-Scott.

Community Planning Working Group – Jo Wooldridge.

Open Spaces

The Open Spaces Working Group is busy improving green spaces and pathways in the parish. The group meets on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Anyone who wants to join in their regular activities should contact Tessa Dean on 07966 580165 or by email: tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk

Flooding

If you have any concerns about flooding or want to report a flood please contact Anthony Kent on: 01823 423196 or email: anthonykent@mac.com

Footpaths

For any Footpath issues contact Brian Pretty on 01823 272384 or bandsp22@btinternet.com

Book Exchange

For information on the Book exchange please contact Dee Luke. Tel: 07930 377108

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