
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

March 2015

Website Address: www.trullvillage.org.uk

View from the Chair

The Chairman was heartened to see so many faces at the last Parish Council meeting and urged people to get involved by standing in the forthcoming local elections. There had been a new Head Teacher appointed at Trull Primary School. Mrs Karen Wedlake, the current deputy, will take up her new post in September.

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council Elections will take place on Thursday May 7th with the polling station at Trull Memorial Hall. There are 10 seats on Trull Parish Council which meets on the third Monday of the month with the general exception of August. The election notice, on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Trull Post Office, gives information on how to apply. A nomination pack can be obtained from Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Extended Green Wedge

Trull Parish Council has voted in favour of a request from the Neighbourhood Plan Group for consideration of an extended green wedge. A representation has now been made asking Taunton Deane Borough Council to consider the extended green wedge as part of its Site Allocations and Development Management Plan.

The broad area identified represents an extension of the Trull Ridge Green Wedge that TDBC is proposing to create.

The Parish Council believes this extended green wedge is necessary to separate the western edge of the settlements of Trull and Staplehay from the proposed urban extension at Comeytrove and any future development on land to the south west of Taunton.

The decision to act has been taken with the majority view of parishioners in mind – large numbers expressed a desire to maintain the rural setting of Trull in a questionnaire undertaken by the Trull Neighbourhood Plan group.

The extension of Trull Ridge Green Wedge would be our only definitive chance to preserve the character of the parish which is in real danger of being swallowed up by large scale housing developments over the coming years.

Draft SADMP Response

Trull Parish Council has objected strongly to development in the Comeytrove/Trull area as identified in TDBC's draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan. It believes that such large scale development is not suitable to the needs of the area, and gives no consideration to the effect of trebling the size of the Parish. The lack of provision for secondary education is of major concern especially when the only secondary school on this side of Taunton is already at capacity with no room to expand. There is insufficient transport infrastructure and Trull Parish Council has real fears about the proposed new spine road becoming a rat run. The SADMP says a master plan should be developed for the area but a planning application (42/14/0069) is already lodged. The Parish Council feels that if the Policy (TAU1) is to be included in

the SADMP it would wish to be fully involved with the production of a master plan before any planning applications are considered.

Dipford Road Closure

Dipford Road from the junction with Dipford Orchard to the junction with Daws Green Road will be closed for a distance of 600 metres to enable Wessex Water to carry out a water main replacement scheme. The Order becomes effective on 7th April 2015 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 6 weeks. While the closure is in operation an alternative route will be sign posted.

Police Report

Seven calls were made between 19th January and the 14th February 2015, with two crimes reported. The calls made were one for burglary, one for suspicious activity, one domestic related, two traffic problems, one missing person and one concern for welfare. As a result of these calls two crimes have been recorded, one for burglary in a house and one for attempted burglary where no entry was gained. In the burglary a computer tablet was stolen along with a camera and accessories. Police beat surgeries will be at the Hive Cafe on 27th March between 2.30pm – 3.30pm. If you have a question, problem, concern or just want to meet a member of the team then please come along. PCSO Simon Parry's mobile when on duty is 07889 655176.

Please if you see anything suspicious, report it on 101.

Planning

The following applications were considered by Trull Parish Council:

42/15/0006 Cutsey Grange, Cutsey. Construction of first floor balcony. Supported.

Planning applications considered by Trull Parish Council under delegated powers:

42/15/0002 2 Honiton Road, Trull. Two storey extension. Supported.

42/15/0004LB Kibbear Farm, Trull. Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation. No comment.

Decisions reached by Taunton Deane Borough Council:

42/14/0058 Amberd Lane, Trull. Variation of condition number 1 application 42/13/0072, conditional approval.

42/14/0061 Comeytrove Manor West, Higher Comeytrove, Trull. Change of use of cottage annexe to separate unit of accommodation. Refusal.

42/14/0067 10a Trull Green Drive, Trull. Erection of two storey extension to the rear. Conditional approval.

42/14/0064 The Barn, Lower Sweethay Farm, Trull. Erection of single storey extension to kitchen to provide wheelchair access. Conditional approval.

Potholes

Please report them to the Highways Department via 0845 345 9155 or Email: highways@somerset.gov.uk

Footpaths

For any Footpath issues contact: John White
Tel: 365991 (Evenings only).
Email: jwhite2820@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary

Trull Players are to present three short plays at 7.30 pm on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April, entitled *A Little Box of Oblivion* by Stephen Bean, *The Girl Who Fell through a Hole in her Sweater* by Naomi Wallace (performed by some of our youth members) and *Gosforth's Fete* by Alan Ayckbourn. The plays will offer relaxed enjoyment with a mixture of mystery, wit and humour. The evening is not aimed at children but we suggest is suitable for those over the age of ten. There will be a short interval between plays; seating will be cabaret style so please feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets, at £7.50 each, will be available from 2nd March from Martin Sumpter on 01823 256687, details on our website www.trullplayers.org.uk

On Tuesday April 28th Taunton Deane Morris Men will be dancing opposite the church at Trull, celebrating England's oldest tradition. The first reference to Morris Dancing in general was in 1445 and, in Somerset, in 1580. Please come along and watch.

Trull Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Monday 16th March 2015
7:15 pm
Venue: Pearce Suite,
Trull Memorial Hall

A meeting to discuss planning applications 42/14/0069 Comeytrove/Trull and 42/15/0001 Broadlands, will be held in Trull Memorial Hall on Thursday 19th March at 7.15 pm.

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