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# Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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May 2015

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## View from the Chair

The Chairman gave an entertaining look back at his first year in office at the Annual Parish Meeting. Among the highlights of the year he counted the completion of community building works in the village including the Church Community Centre, the Pavilion and the car park. He praised the work of many people associated with those projects; and events such as the Party in the Park which saw the parish coming together in glorious sunshine. Special mention was made of volunteers in the Trull Neighbourhood Plan group for their efforts to produce a document that is now nearing its referendum. Future challenges for the Parish include making the most of the Pavilion and enlarged KGV field with a major fund raising drive required. He thanked members of the Parish Council for their efforts in the past year and remarked on the fact that Mr Hawkins, Mr Hancock and Mr French would not be seeking re-election in the coming ballot. The Chairman finished his report with a presentation to Mr French for a remarkable 46 years' service to the area, first as a councillor in the Parish of Pitminster then Trull when the boundary change occurred in 1985. Mr French was presented with a framed certificate to mark his achievement.

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## Post Office

A six-week consultation has begun on proposals to move the Post Office from its current location in Church Road, to the Trull Stores on Honiton Road.

Posters and leaflets will be displayed in the branch to let customers know about the change and to ask their views.

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## Financial Report

The year began with a carry-over of £37,270 as the precept for 2014/15 was deposited a few days early in the previous financial year. Income was generated through a TDBC grant for open spaces, of which £335 was given to the Church for burial grounds; and allotment rents which were raised from £20 to £24 for a whole plot and £10 to £12 for a half plot per year. Funds were retrieved for spending by the Neighbourhood Plan group, and a sum of money was deposited for safe keeping by the Party in the Park Committee. During the year several projects resulted in large payments being made by the Parish Council: - a contribution of £8,000 towards the new look car park and £3,558 on initial set-up costs for the Geoff Hewett Pavilion. Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Parish Councils can spend up to £7.20 per elector for the benefit of residents. Payments totalling £272.93 were made to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for a wreath and donation; Trull Community Speedwatch for a hand held speed detector; Trull Parish Archives Group towards set up and storage costs; and All Saints Church towards the cost of floodlighting. Maintenance of open spaces was a large outgoing with £1,350 spent on tree maintenance, £830 for repairs to Staplehay Weir, £1,500 on grass cutting and £240 on the emptying of dog waste bins. There will be increased fees in 2015/16 for maintenance of the enlarged KGV field. An initial sum of £8,000 has been earmarked in the budget towards new play equipment, which meant asking for a precept of £22,000 from TDBC – an increase of £4,000 which equates to roughly £4 per elector.

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## Planning

There were no applications for Trull Parish Council to consider at its' April meeting.

One application had been decided under delegated powers:

42/15/00134

2 Trull Green Drive.

Demolition of garage and store to replace with a single storey extension. Support.

Decisions reached by Taunton Deane Borough Council: 42/14/0070 Change of use of land from agricultural to parking area at The Barn, Middle Sweethay Farm, Trull. Conditional Approval.

42/15/0002 Erection of two storey extension to the rear of 2 Honiton Road, Trull. Conditional Approval

42/15/0006 Construction of first floor balcony to the west elevation of Cutsey Grange, Cutsey, Trull (amended scheme to 42/14/0050) Conditional Approval

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## The Geoff Hewett Pavilion

The pavilion is used every weekday evening by uniformed groups in the village but remains available for hire by sports and leisure groups during the daytime and at weekends. The Pavilion can also be booked for occasional private functions. Please contact the bookings secretary Sue Khattab for information:-  
Tel: 07905 114567  
Email: [suek60@tesco.net](mailto:suek60@tesco.net)

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## Trull SpeedWatch

The team have received a request to monitor traffic speeds along Amberd Lane with their new hand held speed detector.

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## Police Report

PCSO Simon Parry's mobile when on duty is 07889 655176. Please if you see anything suspicious, report it on 101.

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## Parish Lands Charity

The income of the Parish Lands Charity is applied in three ways: the school and the church both receive 25% of the annual income. The remaining 50% is used for the relief of need amongst people in the Trull and Comeytrove "by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress". This year, The Trustees have been able to offer financial assistance to a wide variety of people across the catchment area. Twenty grants were made this year, ranging from £1500 down to £200. We have supported families in need (e.g. white goods, paying household bills, beds and mattresses); students (small grants towards books etc.) and we have paid for school uniforms for primary aged children. We have provided tools and equipment for those starting businesses after redundancy/hardship. The Trustees are always seeking and would very much welcome more applications from people in need within the catchment area.

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## Trull Scout Group

Trull Scout Group started using the new Pavilion just before Christmas and has helped with the noise reduction scheme and building of storage benches in the hall. It looks forward to many years use of the new pavilion. The Scout Group Executive Committee ran a very successful community firework display in 2014 and would like to repeat it again in November 2015. We have some of our Scouts in the Ten Tors challenge this year on Dartmoor. We were heavily involved with an

international Scout trip to Switzerland last August. Several of our older scouts are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Queen Scout Award. We have lots of young people wanting to join Trull Scout Group - Beaver Scouts (6-8), Cub Scouts (8-11), Scouts (11-14), Explorer Scouts (14-18) and we are always looking for more adult volunteer leaders.

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## Trull Primary School

Mr Luke Bottomley has been appointed as the new Deputy Head Teacher and will take up his post alongside the new Head Teacher Mrs Karen Wedlake in September. Responsible adults with DBS clearance are needed to listen to the children read. Further information can be obtained from the school office on 333239.

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## Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Trustees are seeking suggestions for events and activities that could take place in the building in Church Road. All ideas are welcome and can be sent to Paul Leeder on [trullhalls@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trullhalls@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Footpaths

For any Footpath issues contact: John White  
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## Trull Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting of Trull Parish Council on Monday 18th May 2015  
7:15 pm  
Venue: Pearce Suite,  
Trull Memorial Hall

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