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# Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Website Address [www.trullvillage.org.uk](http://www.trullvillage.org.uk)

## **Comeytrove Plans**

Trull Parish Council has written to the Government asking for planning application 42/14/0069 to be called in on the grounds that the development would have substantial detrimental effects to the wider area of Taunton. It cited the problems of increased traffic, a lack of secondary education provision and the overwhelming pressure placed on public services including Musgrove Park Hospital. Unfortunately a similar request from Comeytrove Parish Council has recently been turned down.

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## **Planning**

The following application was considered by Trull Parish Council: 42/16/0009 Erection of an outbuilding in the garden of Amberd House West, Amberd Lane. Object.

There were no decisions made under delegated powers. Decisions reached by Taunton Deane Borough Council: 42/15/0056 Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development on land to the rear of Bell House, Honiton Road, Staplehay, Trull. Refusal.

42/16/0004 Erection of single storey garage to front at 15 Sweethay Close, Trull. Conditional Approval.

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## **Police Report**

Since 21<sup>st</sup> March there have been five calls received – fraud 1, traffic related 1, firearms 1, suspicious incident 1, neighbour incident 1. No crimes had been recorded.

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## **Open Spaces**

The Open Spaces Working Group has been busy improving green spaces and pathways in the parish. It recently planted trees and bulbs at Trull Green, and

cleared a stretch of the pathway on Dipford Road. Anyone who wants to join in their regular activities should contact Tessa Dean on 07966 580165 or by email: [tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk](mailto:tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk)

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## **Party in the Park 2016**

The eighth Party in the Park will be held on the King George V playing field, Trull, on Saturday 9th July from 2 - 10.00 pm. This year will feature a very good mix of popular favourites – Archery, Climbing Tower, Punch and Judy, Bouncy Castle and Monkey Bridge, fun races, tug of war and egg throwing. There will also be several new items – an Obstacle Course, Horseshoes and a Shunting Puzzle. Refreshments will include the Comeytrove WI serving cream teas and some innovative food from Poundisford Farm. Burgers and hot dogs and an evening Hog Roast will be provided by Trull Scouts. Music will feature prominently as usual with The Strolling Players, Taunton Ukulele Strummers, bands from Richard Huish College, and American Vacancy, with The Fun Puppets being the main evening attraction.

Programmes will go on sale in early June, but please make a note in your diary now, for this very special event in Trull's calendar- it's a great day out for all the family.

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## **Highways Maintenance**

Information on the environmental maintenance programme has just been issued by Somerset County Council. Highway verges are cut to a minimum of one metre in width from the road side to provide a safe area for pedestrians, preserve visibility and help the flow of surface water along road channels. Sight lines are also cut

at road junctions and bends to ensure better visibility for road users and pedestrians. Each highway verge, including junction visibilities, will be cut once during this season, except A and B road junction visibilities which will be cut twice. Where there are no verges and the roads are immediately bordered by a bank or hedge, a minimum of a single vertical swathe of seasonal growth will be cut. However, the majority of hedges bordering the highway are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary, except between 1 March and 31 July (bird nesting season), to make sure their hedge, tree or shrub does not obstruct highway users or lines of sight at junctions. Landowners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems. For more information about environmental maintenance, please phone 0300 123 2224 or contact Somerset County Council through its website [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk).

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## **Playing Field Plans**

The Playing Field Management Committee has agreed a proposed layout for equipment and recreation facilities on the KGV field following consultation with parishioners. Work is now taking place to select equipment for a toddler play area and provide new fencing at the top of the field along Pokes Lane.

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## **Highways**

Data from the latest Speed Indicator Devices positioned on the Honiton Road at Bradbeers has shown 91.5% of drivers exceeding the 30mph limit. Of these 4.5% were travelling above 50mph.

## Responsibilities

### Trull Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Trull Parish Council will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:15 pm in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall.

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#### 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: [trullvillage.org.uk](http://trullvillage.org.uk)

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#### 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 is Tessa Dean who can be contacted at

[tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk](mailto:tessa@westcountryfreedom.co.uk)

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#### 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.

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#### Newsletter by email?

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of the Trull Parish Council Newsletter please contact the Clerk with your email address. The newsletter will be delivered straight to your inbox and it will help us to save on printing costs.

**Website Working Group** - Mark Hughes, Dawn Johnson, Jane Martin-Scott.

**Planning** - Ann Hudson, Tessa Dean.

**Footpaths** - Brian Pretty.

**Highways** - Nick Hancock, Linda Brierley.

**Allotments** - Clerk, Jo Wooldridge.

**Trees/Open Spaces** - Brian Pretty, Jane Martin-Scott.

**Staplehay Weir** - Brian Pretty, Jane Martin-Scott.

**Book Exchange** - Dee Luke.

**Newsletter** - Clerk, Dawn Johnson.

## 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.

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#### Footpaths

For any Footpath issues contact Brian Pretty on 01823 272384 or [bandsp22@btinternet.com](mailto:bandsp22@btinternet.com)

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#### Book Exchange

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

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