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The Town Council's newsletter brings you up to date with Council business and keeps you informed.

Meetings of June 2005

Welcome to your Town Council's second regular newsletter. Unlike the May issue, this month's copy will not have been delivered to your door. The organisation for this personal service does not yet exist.

We hope you find this month's information of interest and that more of you may be tempted to attend the next meeting of the Council (**Monday July 18th. at 7.30 pm.**) to see for your self how things are done and to take part in the "public participation" slot on the agenda.

Five townsfolk attended the June meeting.

WHO'S WHO & WHO DOES WHAT?



Cllr. Tony Wilson is Mayor for this year and in that role he chairs all full Council Meetings. He is a Member of the Planning Committee and serves on the following Advisory Committees: Administration & Finance, Footpaths & Highways, Leisure & Recreation, Personnel, Showcase, Changing Rooms. He is also a Youth Representative.

Cllr. Barry Hamblin is Deputy Mayor (Planning, Highways) He also represents the Town Council in relation to King John's Hunting Lodge, Parish Plan Steering Group, the Town Trust and the Axbridge Action Group.

Cllr. Mrs Edith Channon (Cemetery, Showcase, Leisure, Changing Rooms, Farmers' Market, Twinning)

Cllr. Mike Taylor (Administration, Highways, Personnel, Changing Rooms, Somerset Assn. Local councils)

Cllr. Mrs Pauline Ham (Leisure, Changing Rooms, Personnel, Sports & Social Committee, Town Trust)

Cllr. Mrs. Priscilla Chard (Personnel, Cemetery)

Cllr. Mrs Kate Browne (Administration, Personnel)

Cllr. Dennis Bratt (Showcase, Leisure, Emergency Planning, Youth, Parish Plan, Sports & Social)

Cllr. Jim Lukins (Cemetery, Allotments, Footpaths, Quarry Liaison)

Cllr. Andrew Bates (Administration)

Cllr. Jeremy Gall (Highways, Administration, Showcase, Website Master)

Cllr. Paul Passey (Highways, Showcase, "Oyez" editor)

At the June meeting **Mrs Jennifer Trotman**, who chairs the Axbridge/Houlgate Twinning Committee, was co-opted to the Council and so there are no further vacancies.

PLANNING The Council has lodged a formal objection with Sedgemoor to a proposed development of a two storey dwelling adjacent to Millstream Cottage. Local residents took the opportunity to come to both the Planning and the full Council Meetings last month to state their personal objections to the plans.

New applications are described on the Town Council notice board outside the Town Hall, prior to meetings.

"JACK TODD CHANGING ROOMS" The new Changing Rooms on the Furlong were officially opened during the Axbridge Fun Day on Saturday July 2nd.

HIGHWAY MATTERS In order to make the 20 m.p.h. speed limit in West Street/High Street fully enforceable, three new repeater (reminder) signs are to be put along this stretch of road.

The Council has requested a flashing speed indicator device to be installed, temporarily, in Cheddar Road in an attempt to slow traffic as it leaves the by-pass.

Councillors also have suggested a review of the extent of the 20 m.p.h. zone between St. Mary's Street and Cheddar Road.

SOMERSET SHOWCASE The Town and Sedgemoor District Councils are working in tandem to organise this annual event, under the chairmanship of Annabel Hackney. On September 2nd. the Square will be closed to traffic once again for stalls and entertainments with a true Somerset flavour. More details in our next issue.

YOUTH ISSUES Councillors have agreed to invite a team of specialist youth workers to set up a regular 20 week programme of discussions/activities with local youngsters, to establish a clear picture of their needs and expectations in Axbridge. A successful pilot scheme (entitled "CRIS") has operated recently in Mark. Councillors hope that the Axbridge experience will feed valuable information into the Parish Plan. The team operates from a specially equipped and brightly painted trailer. Dates and venue for this initiative have yet to be settled.

HOULGATE TWINNING Members of the newly elected Twinning Committee recently visited Houlgate and, on behalf of the town, presented our French friends with a framed picture of Axbridge youngsters. The Twinning committee hopes to run a stall at the Showcase.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS Every Axbridge voter is entitled to attend and to make their views known on any town-related matter and to speak for up to 3 minutes on any issue that concerns them. **The next meeting is on Monday July 18th. at 7.30 p.m.**

This newsletter and other local information can be found on the Town Council's website

www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

Any elector, who wants information, or who has any issue to put before the Council should contact:

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