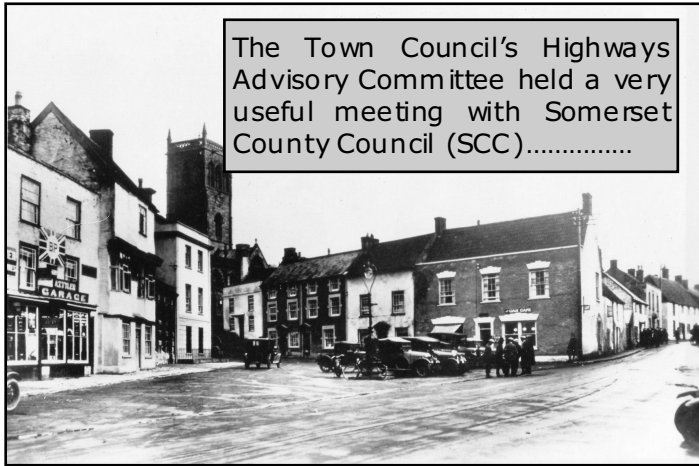




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The Town Council's Highways Advisory Committee held a very useful meeting with Somerset County Council (SCC).....

.....at which councillors were told that the redundant **white lines in the Square** are due to be removed so that only the new parking bays will be visible.

The **slip-road** at Townsend was due for some re-shaping and re-marking, together with some new signs. All are designed to make the junction safer.

Council was told that the Government's response to the Somerset bid for **Unitary status** will be made on the final day of this parliamentary session.

County Councillor Dawn Hill undertook to investigate the delay in completing the **footway in Old Church Road/Meadow Street** that is part of the Old Butcher's yard development.

It was reported that there has yet been no decision by Sedgemoor District Council over any change to the **waste collection**. A "once-a-fortnight" service is being considered, but contrary to press reports, has not yet been decided upon.

A **new sign** for Old Church Road may be erected on the First School wall, subject to the appropriate permission. A new Moorland Street sign had been ordered.

The results of the recent **Rural Housing Need Survey** were expected at the next Town Council meeting.

Council were told that **Axbridge Guides** had recently tidied the Furlong play-area, helped clear after the Axbridge Fun day and had cleaned the bus shelters in town. The Council expressed its thanks.

The Council will write to Axbridge Sports and Social committee to thank its members for their hard work in producing a very successful **Fun Day** on July 7th., considered a very important annual activity in the town.

Councillors were reminded that the Town Council website [www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk](http://www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk) has details of local **activities** available for **young people** in its Youth Matters section.

The remit of the **Modern Town Archivist** was agreed. Mrs Maggie Tur was allocated up to £100 for storage materials for the items of modern local interest that she is collecting and hopefully will have a space in the Town Hall in which to store this material.

Notices have been erected at the two sites chosen for the **town entrance marker stones**. Any objections must be with Somerset County Council by 13th. August.

Callow Quarry management has generously agreed to transport the stones from the quarry to the stonemason and then on to the sites when completed.

Solar powered lighting is planned for the **Youth Shelter** on the Furlong. LED lights will be installed, generously donated by Axbridge resident Les Stanley of **Pace UK**.

It had been confirmed that money granted to the town by County Councillor Dawn Hill (about £1600) could be used to repair the **church clock** and it was decided to offer the task to the Church's preferred contractor.

Somerset Highways will be asked to install a lowered kerb outside **Peelers Court**, opposite the Axbridge First School for disabled and partially-sighted residents.

It was agreed that the **replacement** for the **see-saw** in the Furlong play-area should be a piece of equipment called "rock-n-cross". New safety surfacing would be laid underneath it. The total cost would be around £8800 and would be met for the most part from available grants, rather than from budget.

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Council agreed to make a bid to Sedgemoor Area Working Panel for a grant towards **improved lighting** from Church Steps to the Youth Club entrance. The bid would also include a proposed set of **hand-rails** for the east side of the steps.

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Councillors adopted a joint statement between the Council and the Axbridge Action Group. This set out the position with respect to the Group's proposal to engage an Independent Consultant to produce a range of possible solutions on **traffic and parking issues throughout the whole town.**

The Council has no statutory powers or finance for highway or parking projects but will support the Group subject to:

- the Council agreeing the list of consultants to be invited to tender
- a remit being agreed by the Town Council to be submitted to the tendering consultants
- the Town Council agreeing the final choice of consultant
- the consultant being entirely independent and seeking opinions and data from the widest possible sources.

The Council also undertook to assist the Action Group in seeking sources of funding for the cost of the consultancy.

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Candidates for the post of **Changing Room and Furlong Manager** will be interviewed by the Council's Personnel Committee very shortly.

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Councillor Dennis Bratt agreed to update the **Emergency Planning** information for Axbridge.

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Council agreed that at its next meeting there should be an agenda item devoted to discussion of "**green issues**" including recycling.

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The Council approved a donation of £300 to the Town Trust for the upkeep of **planters in the Square.**

Clerk reported that Sedgemoor District Council had advised that, if the proposed **telecommunications mast** on land at Moorland Farm had the appropriate certificate then the local Planning Authority cannot refuse the application on health grounds.

It has such a certificate and so the application had been approved by SDC officers under delegated powers.

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A **joint meeting** between the Town Council and Town Trust would be organised to discuss a variety of issues, including use of space in the Town hall for storage, possible installation of a broad-band line, and new notice boards.

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It was agreed that the Council would apply to the Community Council for Somerset for a **broadband link** and for computer equipment to be installed in a public venue. Should this be successful there would be no charge to the town budget.

The equipment would then be available to residents, free of charge.

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Council will ask Somerset County Council to set out its policy on **energy saving** and reduction of light pollution when installing new street lighting.

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Council had been contacted by **Bristol Corinthians Yacht Club** about a recent emergency at the club, when the ambulance response time was considered unsatisfactory. Fortunately the casualty came to no lasting harm.

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