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|  | 1. Mayor, Cllr. Mike Taylor | 732688 |
| | 2. Dep. Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Browne | 733208 |
| | 3. Councillor Mrs. Pauline Ham | 732602 |
| | 4. Councillor Mrs. Val Isaac | 733011 |
| | 5. Councillor Mrs. Liz Scott | 733341 |
| | 6. Cllr. Mrs. Jennifer Trotman | 733306 |
| | 7. Councillor Dennis Bratt | 732352 |
| | 8. Councillor Christopher Byrne | 732013 |
| | 9. Councillor Jeremy Gall | 733118 |
| | 10. Councillor "Baz" Hamblin | 733393 |
| | 11. Councillor Jim Lukins | 732293 |
| | 12. Councillor Andy Matthews | |
| | 13. Councillor Paul Passey | 733373 |
| | 14. Town Clerk, Mrs. Vicky Brice | |

Your Axbridge Town Councillors - elected May 2007 - together with the Town Clerk, Mrs. Vicky Brice

A first meeting has taken place between the Parishes of Axbridge, Compton Bishop and Weare, together with local District and County Councillors, to discuss possible solutions to the dangers experienced by motorists and pedestrians at the **A38 crossroads at Cross**. Further meetings are planned.

There will be an **Axbridge Harvest Home** this year, on September 2nd., organised by the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may be had from Liz Scott.

Don't forget Showcase - Saturday Sept. 1st.

PCSO Julie Lewis announced that the police are to begin a concentrated campaign to enforce the parking time limit in the Square. Offending motorists will be given an initial written warning. Under a new scheme (PACT) there will be "**beat surgeries**" every other Wednesday from 09.00 to 13.00 beginning - 12th. September in the Town Hall.

The **Twinning Association's** visit to Houlgate will be over the weekend 16th. to 18th. November and will include time in Honfleur. There will be places for 50 "**voyageurs**". Contact Jennifer Trotman.

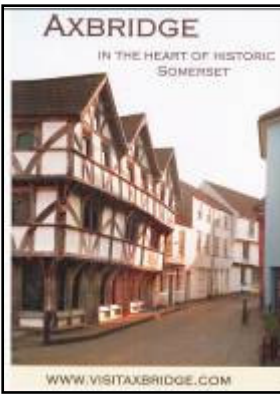
No objections had been received to the proposal to site **town entrance marker stones** at Townsend and at the eastern entrance to the town. The stone-mason is expected to start work shortly.

Flags and bunting associated with past Axbridge Pageant events have now been located and it is hoped that they may be used at both Showcase and the Blackberry Carnival.

Residents from Moorland Street addressed the Council to express their disapproval of the new development, "**Harvest Rise**". It was too dominant, caused parking difficulties and was clearly not in keeping with its surroundings. The Council had recommended refusal of this proposal at the planning application stage. Cllr. Dawn Hill had also voted against it at Sedgemoor Planning Committee, which granted permission on the Committee Chairman's casting vote.

Council was told that an application to Somerset County Council, for the installation of a public "**broadband place**" in the town was now being considered by the authority. The exact location of the free laptop computer would be decided if the application reached the next stage successfully.

Councillors will investigate the possibility of buying permanent Council premises in the town.



Councillors were told of the positive support being given to the town by **Bristol Airport** as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. A new promotional **poster** has been created and is on prominent display in the Arrivals Hall. (Photograph by Barry Cawston). Want to start your own business? Contact - Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Carole Hamblin, on 733939.

Council agreed to renew membership of The Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers on behalf of the **Axbridge Crier**, Vonnie Chamberlain, who will be heard next at Somerset Showcase on Saturday, September 1st. and again at the Blackberry Carnival.

Councillors discussed at some length a suggestion that the **church clock** might be fitted with a **"silencer"** at no extra expense to the public purse. This device would shut off the chimes during the night - automatically.

If you have any views on this proposal the Council would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the Town Clerk or use the council's website contact point.

It was reported that the area set aside in the Furlong for **BMX riders** is hardly being used. It was intended that the young riders themselves would shape and prepare this. In the event that it remains unused Council will consider levelling the area once again. Come on riders - **let's have some action!**

Further work on the **lighting** and safety improvements on the **church steps** and the path to the Youth Club were being held up by County Officers being on leave and having no-one to deputise.

Councillors were told that during Somerset Showcase there will be a photographic exhibition of floral displays around the town. The creator of the display that is voted most attractive will be awarded an **"Axbridge in Bloom"** trophy. This has not been used for 20 years!

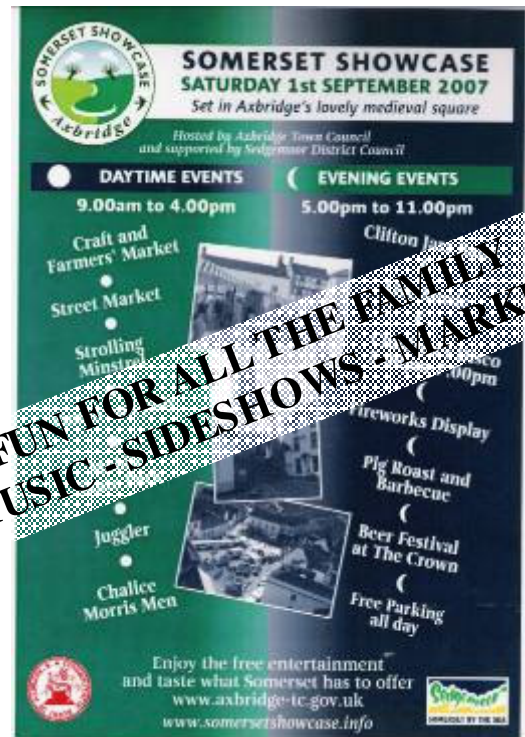
Councillors, will investigate the possibility of a **"Community Allotment"** in the parish.

Council will support improvements to signage of the cycle route along the **Strawberry Line** through the town. Emphasis would be at the east end of Cheddar Road and at Townsend. The new signs - small blue/white stickers - would be provided by Sustrans' representative, David Parkin.

Councillor Jim Lukins was asked to investigate the possibility of forming a **pedestrian access to the Cemetery** by linking to the Strawberry Line, which lies to the south of the cemetery site.

Mr. Darren Hogarth is to be the new Changing Rooms, **Furlong** and Play Area **Manager**. He will begin duties on September 1st.

Members approved the inclusion of £200 in next year's budget for the refurbishment of the Mayoral **chain of office** and adding extra plaques for future mayors to be recorded.



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Issues for the Town Council? Come to Council Meetings (3rd. Monday each month 19.30 at Town Hall) **or** contact Mrs. Vicky Brice, the Town Clerk on 07884 264033 or email vbrice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk