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June 2008

Town Design Statement

At the public meeting local residents had volunteered to help produce a design statement for Axbridge. This illustrated local design statement will identify features which are important in creating a sense of place, character and local distinctiveness. It can be used as Supplementary Planning Guidance, influencing the planning process. The Town Council will set up a meeting with the interested parties with a view to forming a working group to take this project forward. This will be on July 9th. In the Town hall at 19.30.

Public involvement is key to its success—watch this space to see how you can get involved. Further information available from the Town Council stall at the Fun Day.

Photographic Project

Maggie Tur, the Modern Town Archivist, is working on behalf of the Town Council to collate current information on Axbridge. As part of this project she will be photographing all existing Axbridge buildings—to have a



permanent record of Axbridge as it is now. Please support the Town Council in this project. Residents should note that Mrs. Tur carries identification whilst at work, but should you still have any concerns, please contact the Town Clerk.

Axbridge Fun Day - Sponsorship

Axbridge Fun Day is on Saturday 5th July 2008 on the Furlong from 12 noon - come along and join in the fun! Any offers of sponsorship would be welcome.

Display of Town Regalia

The Town Council wishes to discuss with the Town Trust the display of Town Regalia and other archival material to the general public, during an annual event in the Town.

Improvements at the Allotments

The Town Council is seeking funding to provide a small car park and install a water supply at the Hillside allotments

New See-Saw

The Rock 'n' Cross has proved to be a very popular piece of play equipment for older children, but is not suitable for smaller children. The Council is applying for funding to provide a new junior see-saw to the play area aimed at younger children, in addition to its current facilities.

Replacement container on the Furlong

The Town Council is to purchase a new container for the furlong, with funds being donated by the Sports and Social Club.

Grass Cutting Contracts

The Town Council confirmed the continuance of the grass cutting contracts and thanked both contractors for their very high standard of work.

Funding available

A County Councillor grant of £15,000 is available within the Axbridge, Cheddar and Shipham Ward area. The Town Council will discuss this matter at its next meeting on 21st July 2008.

Church Steps Lighting

Plans to improve the lighting around the Church steps and up towards the youth club access on Back Lane will be further discussed by the Highways Advisory Group, following concerns by local residents.

Proposed new bus stops

The Town Council has responded to Somerset Highways welcoming plans to improve the bus stops throughout the Town but raising a number of initial concerns on the proposed siting of a number of the stops. It is anticipated that this matter will be discussed at the next Council meeting to be held on 21st July, with a view to holding a public consultation meeting to give residents a further opportunity to comment on the proposals.

Removal of Telephone Box

It has come to the Town Council's notice that BT intend to remove the public telephone box at the top of Parkfield, as it is not financially viable and as an alternative public telephone is located in The Square. BT is not required to consult on this decision, however the Town Council wish to draw it to the attention of local residents.

Showcase Saturday 6th September

Yeo Valley Dairies Ltd has kindly donated £1,000 towards the Somerset Showcase and grant funding of £1,500 has been received from Sedgemoor District Council.

A further £550 has been raised through sponsorship from local businesses. The Showcase could not run without sponsorship, and every little helps. The more raised, the better the event!

If any other local businesses would like to get involved, please contact Jennifer on 01934 733306.

Sort-It Plus Trial

The Town Council wishes to provide feedback from local residents to Somerset Waste Partnership on the efficiency or otherwise of the new waste collection service. Mixed views are being received. The Clerk will collate all comments received to pass on to the Partnership later in the trial period— please have your say—let us know what **you** think.

Car Sharing Scheme

The Sustainable Axbridge Network group wish to promote a car sharing scheme, among other initiatives — as outlined on the Town Council's website.

Meadow Street Car Park

Sedgemoor District Council has agreed to continue negotiations with the Town Council regarding the potential sale of Meadow Street Car Park to the town. The Town Council will not go ahead with any purchase until it is satisfied that all aspects have been put to residents.

Community Stall at Farmers' Market

The Council's Community Stall at the monthly Farmers' Market is available to provide a space for any local non-profit making group to publicise its work.

This free facility is provided by the Town Council to promote such activities and is sanctioned by the Somerset Farmers' Market organisation.

Last month 2 local RSPB enthusiasts, **aged 8**, together with adult help made use of this arrangement and raised £120.18 for the charity.

If your group would like to use the stall, please contact Cllr. Passey 733373 or email: paul@westmead31me17.freeserve.co.uk

Accidents/near-misses at Townsend

The Council is still keeping a log of near-misses and accidents at the Townsend junction. Please report via the website, or contact the Clerk.

Saturday 5th July 2008, Fun Day

On the Furlong from midday to midnight. As usual, entry is free. Live music all day from 10 local bands, story telling in a Dennis Bratt style, Wake 'n' Shake, kids' football tournament, cricket, rounders, circus skills, a climbing wall, skate board and BMX ramps, face painting, First School PTA Fayre, Axbridge Community Cinema, Axbridge Carnival strawberries, giant inflatable slide, toddlers enclosure, BBQ, pig roast, a bar and not least – YOU! Bring a chair or picnic blanket, sun cream and a few quid to buy beer and burgers.

Offers of help to Pauline Ham on 732062.

Issues for the Town Council?

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