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AXBRIDGE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

If you are unfortunate enough to need to make a 999 call, you will be assured to know that a team of three volunteers in Axbridge have been trained as Community First Responders to be first "on the scene" with vital life savings skills and equipment. As soon as you give your address, the team is paged and can often be on the scene before the telephone call has ended - offering medical support and reassurance. The Council welcomes this service and will purchase a pulse oximeter to donate to the team. If you are interested in joining this team—email Mike Dearden - michael@applewoodcottage.co.uk for further information.



ADVERTISING SIGNS AT TOWNSEND

Members are pleased that Sedgemoor District Council, in light of the highways concerns, will not be using the Townsend junction for advertisement signs.

YELLOW LINE REVIEW

The proposed alterations to yellow lining will include the addition of double yellow lining in the parking places in Houlgate Way, in the vicinity of the doctor's surgery, a short strip around the west entrance to the school in Old Church Road, the enforcement of the disabled bay in The Square and the re-design of the yellow lining in St Mary's Street and Cheddar Road. These proposals will be brought to the attention of Somerset Highways.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

This will be held on Monday 9th March 2009. This is an opportunity for residents to receive reports from the Town Council and other bodies within the Town and to raise local issues.

TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT

The Town needs your help!

Do you care about how the Town will be developed in future years?
Would you like to influence the planning process?

An Axbridge design statement is key in setting out what features the community feel are important in Axbridge—what is it that creates a sense of place, character and "local distinctiveness"? How can this be both preserved and enhanced in the future? This statement, when prepared by the community itself, can influence the planning process.

Are you passionate about your town, do you have skills as an architect, planner, surveyor, photographer, publisher, graphic designer, editor to name but a few!

Interested? Contact the Town Clerk!

CRICKET NETS



The Council proposes to install crickets nets on the bottom of the furlong, on behalf of Axbridge Cricket Club, for their use and the use of local residents. The nets will run parallel to the bottom hedge avoiding balls being hit into the body of the field. The Council welcomes the opportunity to facilitate this sport in Axbridge. The nets will be funded by local grants and by a grant from our County Councillor. Permission is being sought from the Diocese as owners of the land and this matter will be finally considered at the Council meeting on 16th February 2009. If you have any views on this project, please say so now. Subject to public consultation, it is hoped to install the cricket nets in time for this season.

BUDGET 2009/10

Sedgemoor District Council's budget will be set on 18th February 2009.

PARKING - FARMERS' MARKET DAYS

Please ensure The Square is free of cars from 6.30am - 2.00pm so the market can set up.

ADDITIONAL MARKET DAY- ANY VOLUNTEERS?

The Chamber of Commerce plan to hold an additional market day from April, on a quarterly basis in the first instance, for arts, crafts, bric-a-brac etc. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate this project. Interested? Contact the Town Clerk for further details.

COMMUNITY TABLE

If your community group wishes to use this table, run by your local councillors, at the monthly farmers' markets—contact the Clerk.

POLICE

The Police reported low incidents of anti-social behaviour over the Christmas period. One burglary in Axbridge was being investigated. The Police will hold regular beat surgeries with the Farmers' Markets, starting on 7th February, and will help enforce the parking. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Partners and Communities Meetings - advertised locally.

GREEN ISSUES!

Please help the sort-it plus collectors by ensuring that the different types of recycled items placed in the green boxes are kept separate e.g. by using plastic bags for foil, for metal cans and for paper. See Town Council's website for composting advice, bin offer and free workshops to community groups.

BINS ON THE FURLONG

Two litter bins and a dog bin will be installed with improved signage being considered.

CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who brought Christmas to The Square and made Father Christmas night such a special occasion. The Town Council has donated £750 towards the cost of the trees.

YOUTH FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Axbridge Action Group have a pot of money available to fund youth projects in the Town. Contact the Town Clerk with any ideas.

STREETS AND PARKING IMPROVEMENT PLAN—AXBRIDGE ACTION GROUP

The Group has met with Somerset Highways to discuss the proposals contained in this plan and will report to the Town Council.

ALLOTMENTS, HILLSIDE

Work will shortly start on a small parking area for cars and the installation of a water supply.

YOUTH SHELTER

This facility should be in place during January.

CHEDDAR RESERVOIR "TWO"

Information from Bristol Water and a plan, showing the proposed location of a second cheddar reservoir, should it proceed, is available on the Town Council's website. This is one of the options being considered by Bristol Water who will be invited to make a presentation to the Annual Assembly.

SOMERSET SHOWCASE

The Chamber of Commerce will take on the control and operation of the Showcase. The event this year may be held on 29th August.

LIGHTING —CHURCH STEPS & BACK LANE

This lighting scheme has been put on hold, due to the necessity to await the outcome of Somerset County Council's trial of part-night lighting, which will conclude in August. The Town Council is committed to this project and will pursue it as soon as it can.

RECYCLING BANKS—MEADOW STREET CAR PARK

Somerset Waste Partnership and Sedgemoor District Council feel they have no option but to remove the facility entirely from the car park, following objections to its proposed re-siting to the south west corner. The Town Council do not wish to lose this facility and will ask Sedgemoor District Council to consider re-siting all, or some, of the banks on its car park in Houlgate Way.

MOORLAND STREET CAR PARK & THE PARISH CHARTER

The Town Council will meet with Sedgemoor District Council regarding the future of Moorland Street car park and the effectiveness of the Parish Charter.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—
COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!**

**NEXT MEETING—MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM IN THE
TOWN HALL, AXBRIDGE.**