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**NEWS FROM
THE FEBRUARY
MEETING OF
AXBRIDGE
TOWN COUNCIL**

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PCSO 7113

Susan Venn-Adams



I am here to:

- Provide regular contact with the residents.
- Collect and relay information to the police and other agencies.
- Initiate and support projects to improve the local area.
- Provide Crime Prevention Advice.
- Provide updates and advice about current Policing Initiatives.
- Generally help improve the quality of life for people living and working within the area.

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AXBRIDGE POLICING

The Council was delighted to hear that our PCSO Susan Venn-Adams is back on duty. Details of her role and how to contact her were made clear.

As part of the police effort to enforce parking regulations in the town offending motorists will be given one written warning before facing penalties for ignoring double-yellow line restrictions, or over-staying the parking limit in the Square.

CHURCH STEPS RAILINGS

Following an inspection by the Conservation Officer, the Council has had to amend its plans to improve the railings on Church Steps. In particular the proposal to remove the sharp spikes in places has had to be withdrawn.

AXBRIDGE DESIGN STATEMENT

A meeting will be held with the group of volunteers to produce an "Axbridge Design Statement" The contact is Cllr. Hamblin.

MUSEUM RE-OPENING

The Museum will re-open on April 1st. It is hoped there will be no further cuts this year in funding from Sedgemoor District Council, but future funding remains a serious problem

AXBRIDGE PAGEANT

Anyone wishing to volunteer for involvement in the Axbridge Pageant should contact Cllr. Pauline Ham. In particular the fund-raising committee would be grateful for assistance.

LOW COST HOUSING

The Council was told that investigations into possible sites for low-cost housing in the town were continuing.

AXBRIDGE ACTION GROUP

Following the report produced last year the Action Group invited the council to consider which of the suggestions put forward for street improvement it would wish to support. Initially any alteration was expected to be of a temporary nature "to see how it works."

The group still had funds available for youth provision.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

This public open meeting will take place on **March 9th**. In the Town hall. Residents will have the chance to hear reports of all the council's work during the past 12 months and have the opportunity to question councillors and put forward suggestions. Electors are urged not to miss this chance of putting themselves in the picture and hearing from local organisations.

NEW CRICKET NETS

Council was told that the Cricket Club had found funding amounting to just over £10,000 for the cricket nets in the Furlong. The remaining money was expected to be sourced and the nets in place before the start of the summer. They will be sited at the south end of the field.

FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT

The Council has bought a pulse oximeter, which once appropriately calibrated will be available for use by the Axbridge First Responders.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Councillors agreed to make a sum of £239 available to the Sports and Social to cover the extra cost of Christmas Trees in 2008.

DEPENDENT CARE ALLOWANCES

Council agreed to investigate further the legal implications of making payments to carers, when councillors duties and attendance at meetings might involve them in costs for hiring carers for their dependents.

ON THE SLIDE

The slide at the Furlong Play Area needs some repairs and council agreed that these should be carried out without delay. The entrance gateways are also to be made safer by removing the sharp drop in ground level.

THE YOUTH SHELTER

Council asks that parents make it clear to their children that the new Youth Shelter is just that - a shelter - and **not another piece of climbing equipment!** The shelter has been installed with the support of many Axbridge youngsters and it is a credit to them.

Mis-using this equipment is also dangerous.

SOMERSET SHOWCASE 2009

This event will be managed this year by the Chamber of Commerce and the council's liaison representative will be Cllr. Pauline Ham.

SID'S BACK

Council was told that an automatic Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be installed in Cheddar Road - on a regular basis. This will advise motorists if they are exceeding the speed limit by flashing a warning.

JUBILEE ROAD-CHESTNUT AVENUE PATH

Council is to continue investigations into the possibility of erecting a safety barrier at the Jubilee Road end of the footpath that runs through to Chestnut Avenue. Somerset Highways Department has declined to take the matter further themselves due to financial and land ownership issues.

CHEDDAR ROAD STREET LIGHTING

The Council's Highway advisory Group is to look at ways of improving the street lighting in Cheddar Road. This will concentrate on removing the present areas of dark shadow. This will only go ahead as funds allow.

TOWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The "lengthsman" has been concentrating on removing litter from around the town. Cllr. Lukins reported that around 95% of the town had been visited and the Furlong had been given special attention. Work would now centre on the allotments.

MAYOR'S BANQUET

The Mayor plans to hold the Annual Banquet on April 25th this year.

MEADOW STREET CAR PARK

Councillors will continue to study the contract for the purchase of the car-park and the management agreement. Full council will need to approve both documents, probably in early April, to proceed with the purchase.

An application to help with funding has been made to the Aggregates Levy Board.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE LOCAL POLICE

Dear residents,

The key priority which stemmed from the recent PACT (Partners & Communities Together) meeting which was held on the 20th January '09 was that of 'ROAD SAFETY.' Community Speed Watch is in place across the Cheddar Valley area and we hope to initiate a scheme within Axbridge, which will include St. Mary's Street, High Street, and Cheddar Road. Core officers are now trained to use the Speedgun, and have been tasked in their patrol plans to pay particular attention to Axbridge. In conjunction with 'Road Safety' we intend to enforce the parking regulations; the main area being Axbridge Square. This was brought up at February's Council Meeting where full support was shown. We will initially educate by way of warning letters, which inevitably will be followed by enforcement.

TOWN TRUST - TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

Representatives of the Council and the Town Trust have met to discuss matters of mutual interest, including hall hire costs and the use of the town maces.

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