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The latest news from  
Axbridge Town Council  
MAY 2009

## POLICE REPORT

PC Tom Pether reported to Council that Axbridge's dedicated PCSO will be **Sam Hayden** for the foreseeable future. A new power had been devolved to PCSO's – they will be able to issue fines to owners of dogs that foul public places. Several parked cars had been damaged (scratched) in the last month. Damage to the Youth Shelter on the Furlong had resulted in police action and the apprehending of those involved.

## SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Members heard a report from the council's representative Governor about recent activities, some of which would prepare Governors for the selection of a new Headteacher for the school in 2010.

## FARMERS' MARKET

The council would like to remind organizations in the town that the Community Stall in the market could be used to promote community non-profit making groups. The addition of new stalls to the market should be arranged through Somerset Farmers' Markets (Louise Hall, Cllr. Liz Scott).



## TOWN HALL CLOCK

The Town Trust is anxious to hear from anyone who may have photographs showing the Town Hall clock in former days. The Trust wish to restore the

outside of the clock to something as near to its original condition as possible. Please contact the Town Clerk if you can help.

## POSSIBLE NEW FOOTPATHS

There was a brief discussion about the possible creation of "permissive paths" across parts of the parish to link up existing Rights of Way.

## TOWN TWINNING

The Mayor-elect, Cllr. Mrs Trotman is planning a trip to Houlgate from **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. October** for Twinning Association members and others. 30 or more travellers will be needed to make this viable. Please contact Cllr Trotman for more details.

## TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT

The group, which has volunteered to put this document together, continue to make good progress.

## BY-PASS CROSSING

The council was addressed by a resident of Hillside about the need for a "refuge" on the by-pass and a lower speed limit. The Council resolved to pursue the provision of a 40mph speed limit as one of the safety measures. This is necessary if a pedestrian "refuge" is to be considered by Somerset Highways at some future date, finance permitting.

## SIGNS IN THE SQUARE

Members discussed the inadequacy of the present signs in the Square directing motorists to the two car-parks. This matter will be discussed and recommendations produced by the council's Highways Advisory Group.

## FOOTPATH BARRIER

Council reluctantly agreed to accept that a half barrier on the Jubilee Road end of the Marron Close/Jubilee Road footpath should be no longer pursued because of the prohibitive legal costs.

## ALLOTMENT RENTS

Council rejected a request from Somerset County Council for an "unacceptably high" increase in the annual rent for the allotments at Hillside. A lower increase would be proposed for SCC to consider. New fencing had been erected at the allotment site by the Town Lengthsman.

## NURSING HOME ACCESS

The Council is anxious that the one-time access from the Meadow Street car-park to the Nursing Home should either be properly closed up by the owners, or that the previous agreement with Sedgemoor District Council for the use of the access be re-instated and then passed to the Town Council as the future owners of the site.

### PROPOSED SECOND RESERVOIR

Before the main meeting representatives of Bristol Water explained to councillors the company's progress towards finding new sources of water for the area. This may include a second "Cheddar" Reservoir, if Ofwat can be persuaded of the need, the financial viability and of the suitability of the possible site. At that stage consultations with other stakeholders will be possible. At present the company has no more than an indicative drawing of a possible second reservoir. More information can be found on the Town Council's website.

### NUCLEAR POWER (deadline 14th May)

Residents are reminded that they may express their views on a proposed nuclear power station at Hinckley Point by visiting - [www..nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk](http://www.nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk)

### CROSSING THE BY-PASS

Mr Michael Letchford of Hillside is most anxious to hear from any residents, especially allotment holders, who experience difficulty in crossing the by-pass. The council has agreed to pursue a policy of pressing for a reduced speed limit on that stretch of road as a pre-requisite of creating a refuge for pedestrians. Mr Letchford may be contacted on [michael.letchford@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:michael.letchford@bristol.ac.uk)

### MAYOR MAKING 2009

Residents are reminded that the annual Mayor Making will take place on **Monday 11th. May** in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. (for 8.00 p.m. start). This is an open public event and one of the traditions of our ancient town.

Cllr. Mrs. Trotman is Mayor-elect and Cllr Jeremy Gall Deputy Mayor-elect.

### MOORLAND STREET CAR PARK

Councillors have been assured by Sedgemoor District Council that there are currently no plans to alter the status of the car park in Moorland Street, despite some rumours to the contrary,

### COMMUNITY STALL

Any non-profit making group wishing to make use of the Council's Community Stall at Farmers' Market should contact Cllr Paul Passey - 733373.

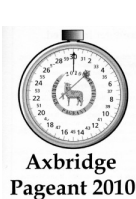
### MEADOW STREET CAR PARK

Council has approved in principle, subject to last minute minor amendments, a contract to buy Meadow Street car-park from Sedgemoor District Council and also a management agreement with SDC, who will continue to undertake the day-to-day running of the facility for at least the first eighteen months.

### AXBRIDGE MUSEUM OPENS



The Mayor has formally opened the Museum for the new season,



### AXBRIDGE PAGEANT 2010

The pageant committee and helpers are hard at work preparing for the 2010 pageant. Please support the fund-raising event - 88 Straight - Town Hall on **May 23rd.**

### CRICKET NETS

Council approved the agreement with the Bath and Wells Diocese that will allow the cricket nets to be erected on the Furlong. All finance is now in place.

### 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](mailto:vbrice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk)