

**OYEZ!**  
**APRIL 2012**  
**News from your Town Council**



**Annual Assembly– Monday 30th April 2012**

**Opportunity to make your views known on the possibility of the Town Council purchasing land at the top of Moorland Street.**

The Annual Assembly will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend this meeting for the town, which will include reports from local organisations, councillors and the police. In addition, the agenda includes an item on the possibility of the Town Council purchasing the piece of land on Moorland Street which includes not only Moorland Street Car Park but also the substation, and the land on which the Children's Centre and Busy Bees nursery are located. All residents on the electoral roll will be eligible to vote on such a proposal and this view will be taken into account by the Town Council when deciding whether or not to proceed. Please come along and have your say.

**Oyez fliers**

Fliers can be delivered with Oyez, for local non-profit making community organisations, for a suggested donation of £10. No more than two fliers can go out with Oyez each month. To cover the town requires 930 fliers, in bundles of 20. If your organisation would like to send fliers out with Oyez, please contact the Town Clerk.

**Town Trust**

It was agreed to continue to support the upkeep of the Town Hall, by paying a grant of £3640 towards its upkeep, as budgeted for. This will be paid in two instalments, the first being in April and the second in October.

The Town Council also agreed to make a grant of £300 towards the upkeep of the planters in the Square.

**Town Maintenance Contractor**

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 14.5 hours this month. He spent 6 hours at the cemetery and allotments, 5.5 hours on the Furlong (including oiling the notice board in The Square), 2 hours in the car park and 1 hour litter picking in Houlgate Way and Starrs Close.

**Furlong**

The youth shelter is **not** a climbing frame. The cricket nets are **not** ladders. There is plenty of play equipment on the Furlong, as well as the three new pieces of outdoor gym apparatus. Parents are asked to explain to their children that using the youth shelter and nets in this way is potentially dangerous, and is also damaging them both. Furthermore should any accident or injury occur from them being used this way they will not be covered by insurance.

Repairs are to be carried out to the skate boarder machine, some of the other play equipment and also to the stile at the bottom of the Furlong. The missing litterbin from the school area is being replaced at a cost of £87 including VAT and delivery.

**Dog fouling**

The issue has been in the local papers along with a photo shoot. The Dog Warden will be paying particular attention to Axbridge. Sedgemoor District Council has recently successfully prosecuted a Bridgewater resident for failing to clear up after their dog fouled, with magistrates ordering the resident to pay £310 in fine and costs. This should act as a warning to other dog owners that owners caught allowing their dogs to foul will be prosecuted, and the penalty for this can be up to £1000. Dog owners are asked to take responsibility for their animals and to clear up after them.



**Parking**

Parking in Penn Way, Knightstone Close and Orchard Road continues to be a major issue on match days. Cars parking on both sides of the roads and on the pavements. The options for extending the existing car park are to be investigated. In the meantime residents and visitors using the Furlong are asked to please consider residents and other users when parking in the area.



### Hedgehogs

There continues to be an issue with hedgehogs getting caught in the cricket nets, which have been stretched by children climbing on them.

Residents are asked to be vigilant, to keep an eye out for them, and to release them if necessary. If hedgehogs are found that need more than just releasing, please contact Prickles Hedgehog Rescue in Cheddar on 0780 6744772.

### Axbridge & District Museum Trust

The museum still needs more volunteer custodians. Volunteers are required from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> September, from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer custodian, a Friend of the Museum, or a trustee, should contact Mrs Kate Browne on 01934 733208.

### Membership

The Town Council agreed to renew their annual membership of the Somerset Association of Local Councils (£463.52) and the Somerset Towns Forum (£60.00) as it was felt that in both instances this represented value for money.

### “Can we help?” Advice Centre Dates

Tessa Munt is holding advice centres at the Lamb Inn, between 11.30am and 12.30pm on

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

If you cannot make these times, Tessa holds surgeries throughout the area. It can also be arranged for Tessa to come to your home if you are unable to come to any of her advice centres. Check the website at [www.tessamunt.org](http://www.tessamunt.org) or call the office at 01934 710748.

### Axbridge Town Car Park

Concerns were raised that residents are not using the car park correctly and that they are leaving their vehicles there for longer than is permitted. Options for car park regulation enforcement are being investigated. The car park regulations are clearly displayed in the car park and will be enforced.

### Personnel and Protocol

The Clerk gave a brief update on the General Power of Competence, following an initial training course. An Axbridge Civic Awards folder displaying the photographs and citations of recipients of the Civic Awards would be offered to the Museum, to be kept on public display.

### Open Gardens

The Friends of Axbridge Church are again holding a weekend of Open Gardens in Axbridge on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is a great way to see some of the hidden gardens of Axbridge. Please contact Penny Cooke 01934 733304 or Priscilla Chard on 01934 732834 for further information.



### Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Sports and Social Club is working with Axbridge First School PTA and other organizations within the town to arrange The Axbridge Jubilee Street party in The Square on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Details for the day will follow soon via fliers and posters. If you would like to get involved with the organisation we would love to hear from you. Please contact Pauline Ham 01934 732062.

**RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS (3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH), TO RAISE ISSUES OR JUST TO LISTEN. MATTERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION VIA THE TOWN CLERK MRS VICKY BRICE**  
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