



OYEZ!

September 2014

News from your Town Council

Dates for your diary

The dates of civic events for the coming year have been set:

Sunday 9th November

11.00am: Remembrance Day service

Saturday 20th December

5.00pm: Christmas festivities in The Square

Sunday 1st March

3.00pm: Civic Service

Monday 9th March

8.00pm: Annual Assembly

Saturday 21st March

8.00pm: Mayor's Banquet

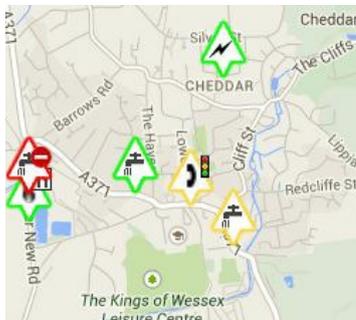
Monday 18th May

7.30pm: Annual Council meeting & Mayor Making

Civic Awards

The Civic Service on Sunday 1st March is the occasion when Civic Awards are presented. If you feel a member of the community has made a valuable contribution to the Town, and deserves this recognition please put their name forward. Nomination papers will be going out with the November Oyez.

Roadworks information



www.roadworks.org

Full details of local roadworks can now be found on the internet at this address. The website provides a map of Britain. Zooming in on a local area brings up markers for all current or planned roadworks. Clicking on a

marker brings up a panel showing full details of the works.

Bristol Water

Bristol Water's Customer Services Unit will be based in The Square during the Farmers Market on Saturday 4th October for information and consultation on water matters.

Water main project

Bristol Water has reported that problems with faulty seals in the new pipeline have been solved and it has been successfully pressure tested. They are now working to commission the new pipeline, after which they will be able to reinstate the land and demobilise their site. They hope to complete this by the end of the year.

Town maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 10½ hours in August, carrying out the following tasks:

- Work on the new hedge and removing litter on The Furlong
- Picking up litter & strimming the hedge in the car park
- Strimming at the allotments
- Strimming & removing rubbish in Starrs Close

The Museum

Over the summer numbers of visitors to the museum, and therefore income, have continued to drop. The Trustees are considering ways to further reduce costs and also generate income.

Police

PC Cooke, the new beat manager for the Cheddar Valley, attended the September council meeting and explained current policing arrangements. The local beat team is still based in Cheddar, with a response team available from the new Police Centre in Bridgwater.

PC Cooke was asked to look into the current status and publicity of the Axbridge No Cold Calling Area.

LED lighting

The council has decided to convert the lighting in the car parks to LED lighting to coincide with the project to convert the town's street lighting.

Work in car park

The verge on the north side of the Town Car Park, which was difficult to maintain, has now been improved by replacing grass with a chippings surface.

High speed broadband

The Cheddar Valley Parish Cluster Group received an update presentation on the *Connecting Devon & Somerset* broadband project. Information gleaned included the following:

The fibre cable solution would reach 80-90% of houses
70% of homes would get speeds over 24mB/s

They are looking to provide 95% superfast broadband coverage

2016 is still an achievable target for finishing the project
The project only provides the infrastructure - people will not automatically receive superfast broadband but would need to contact their service provider to upgrade their connection when the infrastructure is in place.

Grants

The council allocates a small budget to make grants to various organisations providing a service to local residents. For 2014/15 the following grants have been made:

- Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £200
- Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau £50
- Vitalise (Holidays for disabled people & carers) £50

Oyez! flyers

Local community organisations wishing to publicise their activities or events can have flyers distributed to every home in Axbridge with Oyez.

- Flyers should be no more than A5 in size
- 930 flyers must be supplied bundled in 20s
- Oyez is able to distribute only 2 flyers each month so it is advisable to book a slot as far ahead as possible
- A donation of £10 is suggested for the use of this service

To make use of this service please contact Cllr. John Kendall on 01934-732103 or by e-mail to john.kendall@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

Council documents

Full council documentation, including agendas, reports and minutes are available on the Town Council website at

www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

Ongoing business

Routine matters, and other matters looked at by the council this month which are the subject of ongoing discussion or report include:

- Replacement of the bollard outside the Co-op
- Membership of council committees and advisory groups
- The Cross Lane campaign
- Monthly financial report
- Modernisation of payment methods
- The earth bank placed near the Townsend slip road
- Complaints about parking
- Review of the electricity supply contract for the changing rooms and public conveniences
- Increasing purchase limits for supplies to achieve savings on delivery costs
- Revision of car park regulations
- Funding request for experimental changes to The Square
- The Hinkley Point pylon line
- The Furlong safety log
- The public conveniences log
- Drainage problems in Old Church Road and The Square
- Replacement bin on The Furlong
- Placement of a memorial bench
- Problems with the play area gate
- Risk assessment in the cemetery
- Furlong use by football and cricket clubs
- Progress in the purchase of Moorland Street car park

Residents are invited to attend Town Council meetings to raise issues or just to listen. Matters may be brought to the Council's attention via the Town Clerk.

Meetings are usually held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday each month at 7.30 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th October

The agenda is displayed in advance outside the Town Hall and on the website

The Town Clerk, Vicky Brice, can be contacted by phone or e-mail:

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or by post to PO Box 1184, Axbridge, BS26 2WJ

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