



# OYEZ!

June 2015

News from your Town Council

## Co-option of councillors

Following the recent local government elections there were four unfilled places on the Town Council. The council advertised for further residents interested in serving on the Council who could be co-opted as members.

A number of applications were received and were proposed, seconded and voted upon at the June meeting. The following candidates gained the greatest number of votes and were co-opted to the council:

- Mrs Beverley Davies
- Mr Malcolm Gould
- Mr Ian Laken
- Mrs Barbara Wells

Photographs and contact details of council members can be found on the council website and in the council noticeboard outside the Town Hall.

## Axbridge Fun Day

This year's Fun Day will be held on The Furlong on Saturday 11th July, and will run from 1.00 pm until midnight.

## Trial changes to The Square

The recent trial changes to The Square, though supported by the Council, are not a council scheme. They have been planned, and are being implemented by The Streets of Axbridge Project, which has also obtained funding for it. This is a community project, and enquiries and feedback about it should be directed to the project group - contact details are on their panel overleaf, or see them at their exhibition in the Town Hall on the 18th July.

The project organisers say that *'the trial is a community project and its success relies on your feedback. Your opinion really matters. If you would like to know more about the project, or if you would like to share your views on how to improve the Streets of Axbridge, then please come and share your suggestions with us at Axbridge Town Hall, on Saturday the 18th July 2015, from 10-2pm. We hope you will pop in for a cup of tea and cake, to share your invaluable feedback with us. We look forward to seeing you all then'*

## The War Memorial

The number of listed buildings in Axbridge has risen by one - *Historic England* has added the war memorial to the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Historic or Architectural Interest. There are now 87 listed buildings in the town.

## Car park changes

After a long period of legal processes ownership of Moorland Street car park has now passed from Sedgemoor District Council to Axbridge Town Council. Signs displaying new parking regulations will be put in place as soon as possible with the conditions of stay clearly displayed.

Please be aware that the rules are changing soon. Both the Town Car Park and Moorland Street car park will be regularly patrolled and fines will be issued to cars parked illegally.

## Town maintenance contractor

The contractor worked 9 hours at the end of April and through May. Tasks undertaken were:

- Cleaning the war memorial
- Strimming the allotment paths
- Removing litter from the Furlong and car park
- Work on the Furlong hedge

## Other matters

Some other matters mentioned, noted or discussed at Council during June include:

- Training opportunities for new councillors
- Use of the Farmers' Market community stall (it was confirmed that the stall cannot be used for the sale of goods)
- Representation on the Axbridge & District Museum Trust
- Purchase of a new printer for the Town Clerk
- Renewal of insurance policy
- Administration of grants for the Neighbourhood Planning group
- Installation of a memorial bench on The Furlong
- Maintenance of trees on Axbridge Town Car Park
- Loose iron drainage grilles outside the Town Hall and the Chemist
- Proposed development in Parkfield Road (Cllr Mrs Bridgeman to represent the Council's view at Sedgemoor Development Control Committee)
- Proposed expansion of nursery facilities at Axbridge First School
- New light on the Bank House
- Faulty street lights in Hippisley Drive

## Council meetings

Council meetings will now revert to their normal date of the third Monday of each month following changes forced by circumstances in May and June.

## Council Annual Report -

The 2014/15 Annual Report from Axbridge Town Council was circulated with last month's Oyez: this was a month earlier than planned. An explanation stating that the report reflected the previous year's business was intended to be included in Oyez, therefore, we apologise for distress or misunderstanding that may have been caused by any reports.



**THE STREETS OF  
AXBRIDGE**  
PHASE 1

**Do you want to know more about Phase 1  
of the Streets of Axbridge Project?**

**What are your views and suggestions on  
improving all of the streets of Axbridge ?**

**DROP IN FOR TEA AND CAKE TO DISCUSS YOUR VIEWS  
& TO SEE OUR EXHIBITION**  
**SATURDAY, 18TH JULY 2015, 10-2PM AT AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL**

The Streets of Axbridge project aims to get the balance right between vehicles and pedestrians to create a safe shared space for now and the future.  
As part of the first phase of this project, changes have now been implemented in the town square.  
This is a community project and its success relies on your invaluable feedback.  
Your opinion really does matter, please get in touch with us if you have any feedback or if you would like to know more about the project.

Call - Barbara Wells on 01934 733779  
or Sharon Anderson on 07968 858945  
Find us on facebook - Streets of Axbridge  
[www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk)

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 held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm.  
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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