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March 2016

News from your Town Council

Speed Watch scheme

A Community Speedwatch scheme has been re-established on Cheddar Road which has resulted so far in letters being sent to 16 drivers who were exceeding the speed limit. Further volunteers would be welcome. This could be extended elsewhere in the town subject to identifying a location which meets regulations and enough volunteers coming forward. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact PCSO Mike Shaw (dial 101 and ask to speak to him).

The Queen's birthday

A street party will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 12th June, followed by music in the early evening.

Sewing Group grant

The Sewing Group is making a series of panels for display in the town and elsewhere as a lasting reminder of the Pageant and which could also serve to publicise the next Pageant. Council agreed to make a grant of £150 to enable the work to be completed.

Dogs on The Furlong & elsewhere

- Despite the recent clearance and signage of Back Lane dog fouling has continued in this area.
- Despite reminders that dogs must be on a lead in public areas dogs are still running off lead in the recreation area
- The police have been contacted and are working with the council to improve matters, especially with regard to dogs off the lead

Aerial Runway

As reported previously council is to seek funding for a recreation area enhancement project which is intended to include extension of the Furlong car park and expansion and upgrading of the childrens' play area. Play area surveys have shown that the aerial runway, which has been out of action for a year, is much missed, and the council now intends to prioritise this item ahead of the rest of the project which is likely to take some time to carry through. Separate funding is to be sought for this item so that it can be replaced as soon as possible.

Moorland Street car park

Council agreed to create an extra parking place in Moorland Street car park by removing the yellow hatching which marked out the area formerly in front of the ticket machine, and relocating the sign and bin.

Moorland Street sign

Council agreed to purchase a new sign to be placed at the bottom of Moorland Street to make it clearer that there is no vehicular access to the reservoir via either route beyond there.

West Street grit bin

Council considered a request for the relocation of the grit bin at the bottom of West Street as it makes it difficult to rest push chairs and cycles while sitting on the bench. It was decided that the bin must be kept in that area, and cannot not be moved at present. The possibility of moving it between two BT cabinets will be considered if two concrete hydrant signs can be moved.

Proposals for the by-pass

Council was asked to support two proposals for developments on the by-pass:

- The Strawberry Line Association has put forward a proposal to create a link between the ends of the cycle path at each end of the town by building a cycle path alongside the by-pass. Council did not support the proposal.
- The Sea Cadet Unit put forward a proposal to create vehicle access to their site from the by-pass and tied it in with existing proposals to reduce the speed limit and create a refuge to make pedestrian access to Hillside safe. Council agreed to support the vehicle access part of the proposal.

Parking matters

- It was confirmed that evening enforcement of parking regulations is taking place throughout the town.
- It was noted that parking in The Square is restricted to vehicles which fit within the marked bays, both in width and length. Vehicles projecting into the roadway would be subject to enforcement.
- It was noted that property owners do not have rights over the roadway outside their property; any vehicle may be parked there provided that it is parked in conformity with normal parking restrictions.

The lay-by

Council agreed acceptance of a quote for maintenance of the lay-by which will provide for grass cutting and cutting the brambles back.

Bristol Water - Southern Resilience Scheme

At the Annual Assembly Bristol Water gave a detailed presentation on their Southern Resilience Scheme - an infrastructure project which will include a new pipeline from Barrow Gurney to Cheddar and a new pumping station at Cheddar. This scheme is intended to improve security of water supply to this area. Work is planned to start next September and be completed in 2018.

In the Axbridge area work will affect Cross Lane and the A371 Axbridge bypass. It is expected that the A371 slip road would be closed for three weeks (with a diversion in place) with traffic lights on the A371 Axbridge bypass and Cross Lane for approximately 10 weeks

Letters will be sent to homes affected and representatives from Bristol Water will be at local markets closer to the start of construction to answer any questions.

More information can be found on a website page for Axbridge and Cheddar which includes an interactive map:

www.bristolwater.co.uk/work-in-your-area/13417-2

There is also a Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/SouthernResilienceScheme

Town Maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance contractor worked for 5 hours in February:

- 3 hours litter picking in the Furlong and car parks
- 1 hour cleaning signs
- 1 hour clearing moss at the cemetery

Allotments

Council has approved a new tenancy agreement for the allotments.

The Museum

The official opening of the museum for the 2016 season will be on Saturday 2nd April.

Other items -

Some other items mentioned, noted or discussed at council in March included . .

- Crime statistics & policing priorities
- Re-investment of funds
- Appointment of auditors
- Monthly financial report
- Calendar of meetings
- Play area & Furlong safety check logs
- Public convenience logs
- Cemetery 'Please Close the Gate' signs
- Update of the Emergency Plan

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 next meeting will be on Monday 18th April

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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