



OYEZ!

August 2016

News from your Town Council

Waste collections reminder

Following the August Bank Holiday, recycling collection will take place a day later than normal, ie. on Thursday 1st September

Housing allocation policy

Council is to seek clarification of Sedgemoor's housing policies relating to re-homing of individuals/families and the policies relating to the sheltered housing in Houlgate Way.

Axbridge Town Trust

100 Club winning numbers:

- 1st £100 Number 84
- 2nd £50 Number 17
- 3rd £25 Number 76

This is the last draw for the 2015/16 100 Club. The Trustees will now be promoting the renewal of the club to start again from October 2016.

Planters in The Square:

There have been many favourable comments on the flowers in The Square this year.

Town Hall lights:

The new LED wall lights have now been installed in the Town Hall.

Voices of Axbridge

This group, led by Mrs Maggie Tur, has now completed its work. It presented and passed over its work to Somerset Heritage Trust during a formal handing over ceremony on Wednesday 17th August 2016 attended by the Mayor.

Council will thank Mrs Tur, and her team, for their hard work in compiling this record for Axbridge.

Bristol Water project (see the flyer enclosed with Oyez!)

Bristol Water has now been granted planning permission for its Southern Resilience Scheme, which will involve laying a new gravity fed pipeline from Barrow Gurney to Cheddar, and work will commence in the autumn. As reported in the May Oyez this will at times involve closure of Cross Lane, the Townsend slip roads and the Strawberry Line cycle path, and traffic light control on the by-pass.

The company wishes to talk to the Council, and the

public, to discuss timings and communications. A public meeting will be held on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. It is possible (but not confirmed) that traffic lights could be in place by 13th October.

Oyez distribution organiser needed

Members noted that Mrs Edith Channon wishes to step down from her voluntary role as organiser of the Oyez distribution system. The Council wishes to thank her for the work she has put in to this task over a considerable number of years.

The organiser co-ordinates the team, and passes copies of Oyez, and any flyers, to 6 batch distributors who in turn send appropriate quantities to the 30 distributors who actually deliver house to house.

Council wishes to find a volunteer willing to take over this important role which mainly involves a few hours work in the last week of each month. Anyone interested in taking on this role, or wanting further information should contact the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*).

Aerial runway

The installation of the new aerial runway, planned to be ready for the summer, is not yet complete as the turf has been vandalised, as has the safety surfacing by the slide and one of the fencing panels. This has been drawn to the attention of the Police who are keeping an eye on the area. The fencing around the runway will remain until the turf has settled and the equipment can be used safely. Members were dismayed that local youths have vandalised this popular item which many young people had been looking forward to being replaced for some time.

Dogs on the Furlong & reservoir

Council noted that, whilst dogs were welcome on the Furlong, they should be walked around the perimeter of the Furlong on a lead. The furlong is a recreational area used by many children, and dogs were not permitted be off lead in this vicinity.

Members also understood that Bristol Water is concerned about the mis-use of the reservoir (including dogs swimming in the reservoir) and may even be considering withdrawing permissive rights to this facility.

Town Maintenance Contractor

The maintenance contractor worked for 27½ hours during June and July, including:

- Removing & replacing the picnic bench in the by-pass lay-by
- Cutting hedges and paths
- maintenance work at the allotments
- clearing litter from the Furlong and car parks
- strimming & hedgework at the Furlong
- cutting back brambles in the car park and nettles in the cemetery.

Graffiti at Townsend

Council noted the appearance of graffiti under the flyover at Townsend. Council will approach Somerset Highways with a view to getting it removed.

Harvest service

The annual harvest service will be held on Sunday 11th September at 6.30 pm in Axbridge Methodist Church.

Civic service

The date has now been fixed for the annual Civic Service. This will be held on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 pm in St. John the Baptist Church in The Square. It will be followed as usual by tea in the Town Hall.

Electoral Register

Households in Sedgemoor will be receiving a form asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct. This is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Travel Somerset

This new website at www.travelsomerset.co.uk contains detailed and up to date information about all forms of transport in the county including cars (with current traffic news), buses & rail (including timetables), walking, cycling, rail and air.

Village Agent

The Community Council for Somerset has set up a system of village agents. The project uses paid, part time, highly trained individuals living in the parish clusters they support. Village Agents work with anyone who may need support in their cluster

areas. The kind of work our Village Agents undertake is:

- Visit people in their homes to signpost and refer them to sources of community support
- Support local groups to set up, grow and flourish, including helping them to identify sources of funding
- Signposting to existing groups and identifying areas in which there is a need for a group especially in isolated and rural areas

For more information go to:

<http://somersestrcc.org.uk/somerset-village-agents-project/>

Our village agent is Lucille Simms:

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Tel: 07746340536

Rights of Way mapping

A new detailed online map of all public rights of way in Somerset can be found at:

www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway

The map is linked to a database and clicking on a footpath, gate, etc. will display full details of it.

Other matters . . .

Other matters which were raised or discussed at Council meetings this month include:

- Maintenance of public conveniences
- Furlong & Play Area safety log
- Tree inspection work
- Tree works in the Town Car Park
- Extension work on the Busy Bees Nursery
- DVLA has recently clamped unlicensed cars in Axbridge
- Parking needs for the Showcase
- Concerns at poor traffic visibility in Jubilee Road because of parking
- Concern at depressions in roadway in Moorland Street
- Allocation of allotments
- Revision of cemetery rules and fees

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 19th September

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:

07884 264033 vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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

The Town Council's website is at: www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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