



OYEZ!

September 2017

News from your Town Council

Road works

Upper New Road

Upper New Road in Cheddar, part of the A371, will be closed for about 3 weeks from 2nd October to enable construction of an access road, footpath and sewer connections for the new housing development. The closure will be from Holwell Lane, eastwards for 215 metres.

High Street

Axbridge High Street will be closed to traffic from 9th October for about 5 days to enable Bristol Water to carry out lead replacement work.

M5 Junction 23

Roundabout works to improve traffic flow at Junction 23, north of Bridgwater on the M5. The works are to begin in early October and last until the spring. The work is part of a series of infrastructure improvements in connection with the Hinkley Point C power station project. The works will continue day and night. Traffic management will be in place, but will be reduced during peak periods.

External audit

The annual audit of the Council's accounts has been signed and returned by the external auditor with no comments made. Council congratulated the Clerk on her hard work.

Town maintenance contractor

The contractor worked 19¼ hours during August. Work done included:

- Clearing the Hillside steps, opposite the Sea Cadets headquarters, from overgrown foliage
- Hedge trimming at the Furlong and car park
- Repair work to the car park entrance to the Furlong
- Litter picking
- Rubbish removal from the churchyard
- Adjustment of the gate at the allotments
- Repair to a fence at The Furlong

Christmas trees

Residents wishing to obtain brackets to display the small Christmas trees on their property should contact Mrs. Ham (tel. 732062)

Training seminar

Council agreed that the clerk, and if appropriate a member of Council, should attend a regional training seminar arranged by the Society of Local Council Clerks in order to update on recent matters, including information on social media.

The Furlong

Some funding being available, the Leisure and Recreation Advisory Group will consider and recommend to Council the purchase of a new piece of play equipment, bearing in mind the results of a recent survey.

Oyez

Council reviewed criteria for inclusion of event advertising in Oyez, and agreed that:

- Local organisations wishing to have an event mentioned should contact the Clerk, a councillor, or attend a council meeting
- This is open to local voluntary bodies or a charitable body represented locally
- The organisations aims should be in line with Council policy
- Organisations or events raising funds should be doing so for the benefit of the Axbridge community
- Key information (eg. date, time, contact) can be included. More detailed information can be provided in a flyer with Oyez.
- Inclusion or otherwise will be at the discretion of the editor.

Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed in Council in September include:

- Possible funding for improvements at the Magic Roundabout
- Traffic problems at Townsend
- Complaints about blasting at the quarry
- Problems with surface water drainage into sewers
- Maintenance of the cycle racks in The Square
- Use of recording equipment in Council meetings
- The poor state of the road surface in High Street
- Trees in Chestnut Avenue
- Trees at Axbridge First School
- Progress with the Axbridge Neighbourhood Plan
- Allocation of available allotments
- Street nameplates for Old Church Road
- Additional hours worked by the Town Clerk

Some useful contact numbers

Police	Emergency 999 Anti-social behaviour / Non-emergency 101
Dog Warden	01278 - 435210
Parking services/enforcement	01823 - 210566
Problems on the road	www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport
Street lighting	0845-6010939
Village Agent - Kirsten Rushby	07746 - 332897 kirsten@somersetccc.org.uk
Sedgemoor District Council	0300 - 3037800
Power cuts	0800 - 6783105

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 normally held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm
The October meeting will be on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm

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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