



OYEZ!

March 2018

News from your Town Council

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Come to have your say about the future of Axbridge. Saturday 7th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm in the town hall. Comment on the results from previous community contacts, look at previous survey results, ask questions, then you can fill in a questionnaire whilst enjoying coffee and cake!

This is the re-arranged consultation to replace the one cancelled because of the snow at the last Farmers' Market day.

If you are unable to get to this session there will still be an opportunity to see the displays, and give your views, as they will be on show in the Church daily for the following week.

Mayoral nominations

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Axbridge for the 2018-19 year will be elected and installed at the Mayor Making ceremony to be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th May. At the March council meeting Councillor Barbara Wells was nominated for the post of Mayor, and Councillor Kate Browne as Deputy Mayor.

Library Consultation

Somerset County Council's period of public consultation regarding possible changes to the library service under budget pressure has been extended to 13th June.

Proposals for Cheddar Library involve developing community involvement to enable it to remain open, or if this is not possible, services would instead be provided either through outreach in community venues or through additional stops by a mobile library.

Members of the public, businesses and organisations are asked to read the proposals and complete a questionnaire online at:

www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation

Any questions about the proposals, or the consultation process, can be sent by e-mail to:

librariesmail@somerset.gov.uk

Full details of the proposals for Cheddar can be found online at **<http://bit.ly/2DwATxw>** and scrolling to page 30 & 31 (Area 9, options a, b & c)

At its March meeting Axbridge Town Council nominated Councillor Andy Corp to represent it at meetings relating to the Library Service.

Axbridge Carnival

The Carnival this year will be on Saturday 22nd September. The Carnival AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April in The Lamb dining room.

Axbridge Museum

As previously reported the Museum will re-open for the 2018 season on 30th March, with an official opening ceremony at 10am on 31st March. It was noted that this year is the 50th anniversary of the link with the National Trust, and one of this year's exhibitions will celebrate this.

Assistant to the Town Clerk

Axbridge Town Council is seeking an assistant to the Town Clerk who is affable, willing to learn new skills and interested in the work of the Council and its community.

The job will involve assisting with all council business, including website maintenance and integration of social media. This new post is for a fixed term of one year, for 20 hours a month.

Interested? Full details are available on the council's website or from the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*).

The deadline for applications is Monday 28th May.

New Councillor

At its March meeting the Council co-opted Laura How to a vacant place on the Council. She signed her declaration of office, and will be welcomed to her first full meeting in April.

An additional application for co-option will be considered by Council at its April meeting.

Grant to the Sea Cadets

Members considered a request from the Sea Cadets for a grant to enable the purchase of drumming training equipment at a cost of £60. Council agreed to make a grant.

Another Oyez deliverer needed

Oyez is distributed to all homes in the town by a team of volunteers. A request in last month's Oyez brought a new volunteer forward, but another has had to drop out. It would help to ensure that every home gets a copy on time if we had one or two additional volunteers willing to take over a delivery round or to be on call to help with a delivery round if illness, holidays or other causes mean the usual volunteer is unavailable.

If you would be willing to join the team of volunteers in this way please contact the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*)

Pageant secretary needed

As reported last month Axbridge Pageant Association is beginning the two-year period of planning and

preparation towards the next production of Axbridge Pageant, and later this year will be recruiting people to serve on the management group, to take on the many backstage tasks and, most especially to join the cast. However the committee is anxious to fill the vacant role of Secretary as soon as possible. The Secretary will be a full member of the management committee, and responsibilities will include organising committee meetings and taking minutes.

Anyone who might be interested in this role is asked to telephone 01934-732103 for further information.

Allotments vacancy

Two allotments have become available. Anyone interested in taking up one of these vacant plots should contact the Town Clerk (*contact details below*)

Recycling & refuse collections

Fly-tipping is a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment, a blot on Somerset's lovely landscape and a potential threat to human health and that of wildlife and domesticated animals through injury or by polluting the environment. There is no excuse for fly-tipping and we all need to fight it together. For advice on what to do if you see fly-tipping go to this page:

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/article/1000/Fly-Tipping

To report a fly-tipping incident, or information about fly-tippers, contact Sedgemoor District Council using the following e-mail address or phone number:

clean.surroundings@sedgemoor.gov.uk
0300 303 7803

Pot holes hot line

Council noted that the recent cold spell is likely to have worsened the problem of pot holes in the roads.

The best way to report potholes and other problems with the roads is:

1. Go to the Somerset County Council website at www.somerset.gov.uk/
2. then click on *Roads, Parking & Transport*
3. then click on *Potholes on the road*
4. finally click on *Report a pothole or road defect*

This leads to a page which you can use to report problems online. Alternatively potholes and other faults can be reported by phone between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday on **0300 123 2224**

Town Maintenance Contractor

The contractor worked 7 hours during March, and carried out tasks including:

- Removing litter, clearing the gully and hedge works at the car park.
- Removing litter, leaves and rubbish from The Furlong
- Tidying up Back Lane

Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed at Council in March include:

- Parish Path Liaison Officer role (Councillor Page)
- Training for new councillors
- Repairs to the public conveniences
- Reading of meters at the allotments
- Coffin Lane developments
- Loose bricks in The Square
- Financial monthly report
- Play area and Furlong safety check
- Possible changes to refuse & recycling

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 next meeting will be on Monday 16th April 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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