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April 2018

News from your Town Council

Mayor Making

All residents of the town are invited to the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making to take place on Monday 14th May at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Town Hall. Councillor Barbara Wells has been nominated as Mayor for the coming year, with Councillor Kate Browne as Deputy Mayor.

The Church Fete

The following statement about the Church Fete was made to the April Council meeting:

The Axbridge Parochial Church Council would like it to be known that the traditional Church Fete in June will not take place this year. This decision was taken after much deliberation and with regret. The Planning Team found themselves with insufficient volunteers to help with the considerable workload and so recommended the only realistic option was to cancel this year.

However, it is hoped that the event will return in 2019. For this to happen the PCC would love to hear from people who would be prepared to help to organise this event, which has been part of the Axbridge calendar for many years.

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.

Pageant secretary needed

As reported earlier 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 to express interest and for further information.

Axbridge Museum

Council received a report from the Museum Trust including the following points:

- A new activity sheet for children 'You are a museum detective' to encourage children to hunt out certain items around the museum and earn a 'Museum Detective' sticker.
- The first temporary exhibition this year is focused on '50 years of the National Trust and 550 years of the building.'
- A new National Trust style guidebook for the museum is being produced.

Car meet

Council was informed that the Chamber of Commerce is organising a car meet in The Square with associated entertainments & refreshments on Sunday 23rd September.

Axbridge Town Trust

150 Club winners

- 1st winning number (£50) = 57
- 2nd winning number (£35) = 4
- 3rd & 4th winning numbers (£25) = 5 & 72
- 5th & 6th winning numbers (£20) = 81 & 33

Town Hall improvements

- Council understands that the Town Trust is planning the renovation of the Town Hall floor. It is hoped that the work may be done during August when Town Hall is less busy.
- The Trust is also considering replacement or renovation of the main doors.

Allotments vacancy

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

Town Maintenance Contractor

The contractor worked 12 hours during March 2018. Work undertaken included:

- Removing litter from The Furlong
- Removing litter from the car parks
- General tidying, strimming and clearing dog mess in Back Lane
- Cleaning of the changing rooms

Members noted the amount of time spent on litter picking and were supportive of a suggested scheme to clean up Axbridge.

The Town Maintenance Contractor will also be asked to tidy up the Church Steps.

Mayor's Banquet

The Mayor's Banquet was a success, and the Mayor has made a donation of £275 to the Children's Play Area Fund.

The Furlong

Damage

Members noted that an incident of damage done by a car being driven over The Furlong had been reported to the police. Criminal damage will not be tolerated.

Dogs on lead

Council noted that The Furlong has been designated as a dogs on lead area. Sedgemoor District Council will be providing some signs as part of a Public Spaces Order. Residents are reminded that dogs must be kept on a lead in this area.

Defibrillator

The footballers wish to place a replacement defibrillator on the outside wall of the changing rooms. The council was happy for the clubs to pursue this.

Road closures

- As mentioned last month there will be daytime closures of High Street during May to enable external repairs to King John's Hunting Lodge.
- There will be continuing work with traffic lights by Bristol Water along the by-pass as final work on the new pipeline.
- Saturday 16th June The Square and the roads feeding into it will be closed from 10.00am to 10.00pm to enable the Axbridge Day community party to take place.

Sheltered Housing Support Consultation

People across Somerset are being invited to share their views on potential changes to the way support is provided to sheltered housing residents.

Somerset County Council contributes funding to sheltered housing providers to provide tenants with day-to-day support. Contracts come to an end in October and Somerset is seeking views on proposals to provide support its Community Connect arrangements. Under the proposals support may be extended to others as well as sheltered housing residents.

The consultation period ends on the 30th May. Anyone affected by this or interested can find more details, and submit their views online at:

www.somerset.gov.uk/shelteredhousingconsultation

Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed at Council in April include:

- Cheddar Library Consultation
- Refuse and recycling
- Cross to Axbridge safe route
- Parish Path Liaison Officer
- Health & Wellbeing meeting with Axbridge Surgery
- Co-option to Council
- Final abandonment of the Second Cheddar Reservoir project
- Risk assessment & management document
- Support for the Parochial Church Council's Access for All project
- Old cycle racks and covers in The Square
- Dropped kerb in Old Church road
- Graffiti on Townsend bridge

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 21st May 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:

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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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