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March 2019

News from your Town Council

Peter Yusen

Council held a one minute silence in memory of Mr Peter Yusen who was a former Mayor of the town, and more recently served as the Town Bailiff.

Axbridge Museum

The Museum will re-open for the new season on the 6th April, with training for new custodians on 23rd & 26th April. More new custodians would be welcome! School exhibits will take place in June and July.

Community Health & Well-being

The Town Council would like to make Axbridge a dementia friendly town. Information/training sessions run by the Alzheimer's society have been arranged for those interested. If you would like to know more, or to book places please contact Barbara Wells at:

- barbara.wells@axbridge-tc.gov.uk
- or phone 01934-733779

Six 45 minute sessions have been arranged - remember you only need to attend one of them:

Sat. 27th April (Church Rooms) at 10am or 11.15am
Mon 29th April (Town Hall) at 7.00pm or 8.00pm
Fri 10th May (Axbridge Surgery) 2.00pm or 3.15pm

Mayor's Club Fair

The Mayor's Club Fair will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 4th May. Tea and coffee will be available, and proceeds will go to the Carnival. Any groups or clubs wishing to promote their activities at this event should contact the Mayor, Barbara Wells (*contact details above*)

Axbridge Pageant Exhibition

- Saturday 6th April 9.00am - 1.00pm

Axbridge Town Hall (During the Farmers' Market)

A look back at past Axbridge Pageants from 1967 to 2010.

Axbridge Pageant Presentation

- Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm or at 6.00pm

An opportunity to hear about Axbridge Pageant 2020, to hear from people who have taken part before, to ask questions and to sign up to take part on stage (you don't need to be an actor) or backstage to help with preparation over the next 18 months. Take part now or wait until 2030!

New Mayor & Deputy

At the March meeting nominations were sought for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20. Following a signed ballot Councillor Kate Browne was nominated as Mayor and Councillor Graham Page as Deputy Mayor. The formal appointment takes place at the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making ceremony on Monday 13th May 2019, 7.30pm for 8pm start at the Town Hall. Residents are welcome to attend

New Town Bailiff

Mr Francis Ferguson has been appointed as the new Town Bailiff.

Land South of Houlgate Way

The Clerk had written to Sedgemoor District Council, as agreed, expressing concern at the on-going delay in dealing with this planning application, which the Town Council opposed. The response from the planning officer had been made available to Councillors and will be published on the Town Council's website.

Gas-powered stand-by power station

An new application for the development of a gas-powered standby generation facility and associated infrastructure had been received, to the south west of Townsend Farm, Prowses Lane (west of the chicken farm buildings). Although now within the Parish of Compton Bishop it is an unusual application, close to the parish boundary, and will be considered by the Town Council at its meeting on 15th April. Members of the public have until 18th April 2019 to respond - details on Sedgemoor Planning Online at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/planning_online type in application no. 21/19/00002)

Men's shed initiative

Members were updated on the Men's Shed initiative, and a suggested siting on The Furlong between the car park and the side of the garages. This would be an ideal opportunity to improve the car park. Further meetings will be held to consider costings, design, permissions, etc.

Public conveniences

Works to refurbish the public conveniences will begin soon. The disabled toilet will remain as such and the other three cubicles will all be unisex, with one offering a baby changing facility.

Town maintenance contractor

The maintenance contractor worked 10.5 hours in February, carrying out tasks including:

- Litter picking on The Furlong, car parks, the steps by the Sea Cadets base and The Square
- Clearing gullies & clearing leaves in the car park

- Clearing leaves from the Cemetery steps & path
- Trimming hedges in the car parks & Furlong
- Cleaning the bus stops

Townsend junction

Members considered a proposal that the Council to seek funding for a project to look at safety issues at Townsend.

The project document outlined the wishes of the Town Council to contract a qualified person or company to examine the highway safety problems at Townsend, and produce a comprehensive report for Council. It was understood that this feasibility study could attract funding from the Hinkley Mitigation fund. The Axbridge Community Partnership may also be able to assist with funding and who to approach.

The Council supported this project, as this junction was a major area of concern, but also discussed the benefits, or otherwise, of extending the scheme to cover a wider area of Axbridge.

126 Bus

Sunday services resumed for the summer on this bus route from 31st March 2019.

Allotments

Several allotments will become available shortly. Anyone interested in taking an allotment should contact the Town Clerk (*contact details below*).

Civic service donations

The Mayor proposed that a £50 donation be made to both Cheddar Guides for their hard work in serving tea and cake at the Civic Service and Axbridge Parochial Church Council to thank them for their hard work and the printing of the order of service in particular.

The Mayor advised that £407 had been collected at the Civic Service towards the Dementia Friendly

initiative. She proposed that a donation of £100 from the collection be made to Singing for the Brain, a group which met in Axbridge, whose funding had recently been reduced.

Somerset Waste Partnership link

For information on waste collection and disposal and recycling go to www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

Please note that plastic collection arrangements have not changed.

Hinkley Point

The Environment Agency is holding a consultation relating to cooling water at Hinkley Point. NNB Genco no longer wants to install an acoustic fish deterrent at Hinkley Point C

Comments can be made online at: <http://ow.ly/TWYh30nVm6q> by 4th June

Axbridge Fun Day

Planning is underway for the Axbridge Fun Day which will be held on Saturday 13th July on The Furlong. If anyone would like to be part of the entertainment, please contact Pauline Ham on 07901 717142.

Drivers turning right

Drivers are reminded not to cut corners but to stay on the left hand side of the road when turning right into side roads etc.

Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed in Council in March included:

- Axbridge Community Partnership
- Neighbourhood Plan Group
- Parish Path liaison Officer
- Street Lights
- Graffiti on the bridge
- Safety surface & play area equipment

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 at 7.30pm, normally on the 3rd Monday of each month.
The March meeting will be on Monday 15th March.***

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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