

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CHANGES TO TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The new term begins by saying goodbye and a sincere thank you to four Town Councillors: Belinda Alexandre, Jenny Cox, Jan Wardell & Bob Penfold. Welcome to new members Robert Knapp, Andy Dike, Colin Moore & Tony Bishop.

THE ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



The splendid Royal Wedding celebrations enjoyed by many; were executed brilliantly by Jenny Cox, Katie Garland and Danny Hine, with contributions from Vi Molam & her granddaughter Rachel, Pat Ashcroft, Alison Nolder, Lucy Cox, Julie Carr-Jones, Mary Bennet & Clare Clayden. Thanks to Don Murray for producing the posters, John Smith & Patrick Harries for their entertainment skills and Colin Rhymes for overseeing the day from dawn to dusk. Donations of food, drinks biscuits & ice creams were made by Dike & Son, Fudges Bakery, Hunts Frozen Foods & Stalbridge WI. Thanks to Nick Else for doing the Bar-B-Q & the Youth Club for the use of their facilities.

LAND FOR EXTENSION TO ST MARYS CHURCHYARD

The registered title of the land purchased by the Town Council adjacent to the Churchyard has been transferred to the Salisbury Diocesan Board Of Finance, thus creating an opportunity for additional burial spaces at the Church. The land has yet to be consecrated.

UNITED STALBRIDGE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DAY

The Event was a resounding success, with over 250 visitors and almost 1000 comments from visitors on the day and completed questionnaires for the School and the Youth Club. It has certainly given plenty for food for thought and actions to progress long in to the future. Special thanks go Victoria McManus, Jo Rose and Hugh de long for their energy and enthusiasm & Andrew Dike for his support & generosity.



A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR STALBRIDGE?

The creation of a community partnership is well worth considering with the level of interest from the consultation day. It would be very useful to have our own organisation that can help deliver the projects highlighted. A Community Partnership that has a clear purpose can apply for funding which is not available to the Town Council, can have the advantages of charitable status and can act as an umbrella to help groups develop, e.g. Job Clubs. Key organisations in Stalbridge need to be involved, such as Town Council, Friends of the Library, Community Office, Traders, Lights group etc., combined with interested volunteers who have specific interests and specific skills.

**IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU FEEL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED
IN PLEASE EXPRESS INTEREST TO THE CLERK.**

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SUCCESSFUL RETENTION OF OUR FREE CAR PARK

Thanks go to every single trader who supported the two year initiative. This period will give the Town Council some time to formulate a long term plan for the car park.



STALBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Weds 18th May at the Stalbridge Hall. There was a reasonable turn out of approximately 30. Reports were received from various local clubs and organisations including our local PC and a presentation on Community partnerships was given by Hugh de long.

NEWS FROM NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 13 new councillors elected to North Dorset District Council on 5 May got their first taste of life as councillors on Friday 20 May at the Annual Full Council meeting. At this meeting they elected the Leader of the Council (Cllr Peter Webb), the Chairman (Cllr Mike Oliver) and Vice Chairman (Cllr Su Hunt). They also determine which councillors will sit on which committees. Both the Leader and Chairman work closely with the Chief Executive, Liz Goodall.

Thank you, to everyone who worked at the election. It takes hundreds of people to staff the polling stations and the count over a concerted 24 hour period and there is small but dedicated team who organise the whole thing for weeks leading up to polling day.

The political make-up of North Dorset District Council is now:

Conservative	23	Liberal Democrat	6	Independent	4
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North Dorset District Council has 33 councillors and provides more than 50 services including: refuse collection, kerbside recycling, car parks, planning applications, housing and council tax benefits, environmental health, licensing and housing.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Members of the public are very welcome at Town Council meetings. Please feel free to attend. If there is something which you feel the Town Council should consider, please put this to the Clerk. The Town Council web site <http://www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk> has a feedback page or you can e-mail, write or leave a note at the community office with your contact details.

MEETING DATES SUMMER / AUTUMN 2011

All meetings are in the Town Council Office unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Meetings start at 7pm, when the Town Council meeting and planning meeting are on the same night the Planning meeting starts at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning Meetings
Wednesday

3rd & 31st August
28th September

26th October
23rd November

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings

Wednesday
13th July

17th August
14th September

12th October
9th November

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