

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Hub@Stalbridge on 27th May. Thirty people were in attendance and reports were received from local groups and organisations, on their activities throughout the past year. The request for a community diary at last year's meeting had been addressed via [Stalbridge.info](http://Stalbridge.info). The overall message received from all the reports is that the last year has been one of progression and achievement which helps to make Stalbridge a great place to live.

## USE OF TOWN BINS FOR DOMESTIC REFUSE

Advice has been taken for the Dorset Waste Partnership on the issue of public waste bins being used for domestic refuse in Stalbridge. It is against the Law to use public litter bins for domestic waste. If you are in doubt about the collection dates for your area they are available on The Dorset For You Web site <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/recycling-and-rubbish-collections> and at the Hub.

## DOGS AT THE PLAYING FIELDS

In the near future the Council will be considering a request from the Playing Fields Management Committee that dogs are banned from the Playing Fields. A working group will be set up to consider this issue and reports will be considered at Town Council meetings throughout the summer. Should you wish to be kept up to date with this please refer to meeting agendas on the Town Council web site [www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) and posted at the Station Road notice board and at The Hub.



## TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL YEAR 2014/15

During the past year the Council has also made contributions to the important, emerging District Wide plan and has been consulted on 37 Planning Applications. Alterations have been made to The Ring to facilitate easier and more cost effective maintenance. Our current community project is the creation of a wheeled recreation facility, and enhancement of the Play area and sports Pavilion.

The Council has resolved to take the freehold ownership of the Station Rd car park and adjacent open land and there have been preliminary discussions in relation to the land at Wood Mills, the allotments, and trees at Pond Walk.

The Hub is now fulfilling the objective of its creation as a multi-purpose community centre for the town. During the first 6 months of this year it has been used for over 80 hours by counselling and support agencies and local groups.

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We say goodbye and thank you to John Smith & Bill Batty-Smith, who stepped down as Town Councillors in May and we welcome newly elected Councillor, Pete Brember and Bob Penfold, as a returning councillor.

Thanks to the Library Management Group who are to be congratulated for the excellent service they continue to offer and for maintaining the volunteer numbers it takes to facilitate this.

Last year saw the launch of stalbridge.info, the community web site for Stalbridge. Thanks to the Information Team members who have been involved in to this excellent web site and special thanks to John Fieldhouse, for his guidance and expertise. Recognition must go to the Hub volunteers for the way they always step up to the plate.

Thanks also to The Lights Group for all their hard work and successful fundraising events.

**FINANCE** The Council has set its precept of £87,000, resulting in an increase in charge per month of 34p per month on a band D property. This represents the Town Council's part of the overall Council tax bill. Capital reserves from the bequest to the Town Council and the sale of 8 Ring Street stand at £53,148.03. From this £45,000 has been earmarked for the community project at the Playing fields, leaving an unallocated balance of £8,148.03. The capital reserves have been used to build The Hub, pay off the Stalbridge Hall loan, instal new windows at the Hall and a contribution towards the new WCs at the Church.



Don't forget to take a look at the Stalbridge Community Web site for everything that's going on in Stalbridge [www.stalbridge.info](http://www.stalbridge.info).

## **MEETING DATES      SUMMER / AUTUMN 2015**

All meetings are at The Hub and are open to public & press. Meetings start at 7pm, when the Town Council and planning meetings are on the same night the planning meeting starts at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

**Planning Meetings**

**Wednesday**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings**

**Wednesday**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**

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