

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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STATION ROAD NORTH PLANNING APPLICATION

The Town Council are in the process of engaging with planning consultants to respond to an outline application to erect up to 160 No. dwellings on the north of Lower Road. The decision not to support the application was made based on the cumulative negative effect on traffic & highways safety, lack of sustainability, detriment to the Conservation Area, poor pedestrian & cycle connectivity, unsuitable location, loss of rural character and potential flooding.

STALBRIDGE YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Its' looking highly likely that the youth club in Stalbridge will re-open in September on Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm run by 'Youth Connect South West'. To assist them we have a capable band of willing local volunteers to whom we are very grateful.

VACANCY

There are two vacant positions which are eligible for co-option to Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and would like more information, please contact the Town Council Office.



TOWN FUTURE VISION (FTV)PROJECT

In 2006, a process was started to identify; how the community viewed itself at the time, how it wanted to develop and, what it needed to do to make it happen. Known as the **Town Plan** it was finished in 2008 and covered many aspects, including community life, the local economy and the environment.

In 2014 another document titled **Shaping Stalbridge** was produced, picking up some of the remaining actions from the 2008 Town Plan.

The Town Council has commenced the **FTV** project to ensure the management of the Town is fit for purpose in a growing future community. A working party have been looking at the elements contained within the proposed "Portfolio Structure". Each portfolio will have a specific and individual relationship to the towns existing needs and future developments and will contain a mix of; legal, democratic and town affairs. The next stage will be to detail the roles Councillors will be expected to contribute within the new portfolio structure and the Terms of Reference for how these new portfolio groups will operate going forward. The portfolio's are titled;

- Place

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- Amenities & Commerce
- Town Promotion, Heritage & Culture
- Estates & Environment

A fifth portfolio entitled Finance & Personnel will not be open to public participation. Going forward public involvement will be sought in the portfolio work. If you have an interest in shaping the place you live in, please contact the Clerk.

JARVIS FIELD PLAY AREA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The project phase has now been completed and appears to be being well used and enjoyed. Please take pride in the area and report any issues to the Clerk.

STALBRIDGE.INFO



As the smallest town in Dorset, you might be surprised at the amount that's going on and the services available. Stalbridge Town Council supports our local business, groups and organisations by sponsoring our very own community web site. The site is a wealth of easily accessible information covering events, activities, news items and a handy A to Z of shops, business & services. So, if you are a local business, group or organisation looking to engage with the community, this is the perfect place to get the word out, as it is also linked to its own social media page. Just fill in your information on the contact page. Similarly, if you are looking for goods and services or a club or event what about resisting the Facebook post 'does anybody know?' and take a look at Stalbridge.info.

OFFICE VACANCY

The position of assistant Town Clerk / admin officer is vacant. 10 hrs per week. Some flexibility required to cover holiday & occasional evening meetings. Good admin, IT & communication skills essential. Knowledge of Local Government would be an advantage, however training will be provided. Salary NALC scale LC1 SCP 7-12 depending on experience. Please contact the Clerk for information.

MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2023

All meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press.

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings Wednesday
July 12th

August 16th

September 13th

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