

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Dear friends and neighbours

In the current situation we are all watching the national news and listening to messages and advice from Central Government. I am sure we can bring our thoughts back to our local community here in the smallest town in Dorset. Let's foster and grow our great local community spirit in looking after each other through this challenging time. Our local business are gearing up to help people with food & medication deliveries and if you are able I'm sure you are all thinking about your friends and neighbours and letting them know they can contact you if they need help, should they find themselves needing to social distance or stay at home.

The Town Council met on Wednesday 18th March to agree a continuity plan for the services it provides.

With my very best wishes

Keep Well

Katie Garland

Chairman Stalbridge Town Council



## THE HUB LIBRARY & PUBLIC TOILETS ARE CLOSED

From 5pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in relation to the covid-19 virus The Hub, Community Library & Public Toilets are closed

## CARBON NEUTRAL/LOW ENERGY HOUSING IN DORSET



The Town Council have made representation to our MP Simon Hoare requesting that he lobby for legislation to be altered by the department for housing and the environment that measures to be incorporated into the Design Statements for the use of carbon neutral/low energy technologies.

## TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to resignation there is a vacant place on the Town Council. Notices of the vacancy were published on the 6th March 2020 at The Hub, Station Rd notice board and on the Town Council web site. If within 14 days after the date of the notice (no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020) a request is made for an election to fill the vacancy is made to the Returning Officer, South Walks House, South Walks Rd, Dorchester DT1 1UZ by 10 electors for the Town Council, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

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## NEW SPEED INDICATOR LOCATION STALBRIDGE

The Town Council have resolved to have a third speed indicator location on Station Road near The Sidings.



## STALBRIDGE GOES WILD



The idea for planting wildflowers in Stalbridge was inspired by what some of the larger towns and cities are creating in the UK. The Town Council provided some funding and the group took advice from Dorset Council Rangers on health and safety, the best seeds to buy for the area and the group started preparing the beds at the beginning of March. The planting areas are The Pound, two eastern verges of Jarvis Way and under the Stalbridge signs on the A357. Please be patient regarding the appearance of the areas until the plants establish. If you would like to join the volunteer team please contact them via their facebook page "The Stalbridge Goes Wild Project".

## TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE

The Council has set its precept of £126,500.00, resulting in an increase in charge per month of 56p pence on a band D property, for the Town Council's part of the total Council Tax bill. For provide the following services:

- Provides Street Cleaning, public WCs and town bin emptying
- Manages open spaces including 2 play areas
- Provides allotments & a car park
- Supports local groups and organisations with grant funding
- Provides a community library run by volunteers
- Manages The Hub as a community facility

In 2020/21 the following grants will be made: Stalbridge Youth Club £1,500 (Room hire rent to Stalbridge Hall). Playingfields Management Committee £2,000 (running costs to include PL insurance). St Marys Church £5,000 (Churchyard grass cutting) . Stalbridge Hall MC £5,000(resurfacing of the main hall floor)

## MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2020

All scheduled meetings of the Town Council are suspended until further notice

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