

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As I said back in June last year the smallest town in Dorset has surely not disappointed in showing its true community spirit. Members join me in saying a big thank you to all those individuals, business and organisations who went that extra mile to help and to the town folk for the stoic way they have dealt with this pandemic. As we move hopefully forward to the next phase of getting back to a new normal we can look back and say we did it together as a community.

NO PRECEPT INCREASE FOR STALBRIDGE 21/22

The Precept is Stalbridge Town Council's share of your Council Tax. This part of the Council Tax is to maintain local services that the Town Council are responsible for: Maintaining and delivering open spaces and play facilities in our parks, Street cleaning, Waste & dog bins, Public WC facility, street furniture and Grit bins.

This year members recognised the potential difficulty of financial pressures that may be experienced by Stalbridge residents and wishing to demonstrate appreciation of the community that has elected them and the communities', heart-warming support it was agreed and voted upon by a majority not to increase this charge to the community of Stalbridge.

In 2021/22 the following grants will be made: Playingfields Management Committee £2,500 (running costs to include PL insurance). St Marys Church £5,100 (Churchyard grass cutting). Stalbridge Youth Club £1,500 (Room hire rent to Stalbridge Hall) carried forward from 20/21.

MRS DIANA (DANNY) HINE



We say a sad goodbye to Danny. This photo was taken of Danny when she cut the ribbon at the official opening of The Hub in 2013, like everything else in her life she did it in style. For many years Danny served the Town as Town Clerk and then Council Member and was involved in many local groups and organisations including the Playing Fields Management Committee and Royal British Legion. Danny respected the past

and embraced the future and will be surely missed for her knowledge, humour, practical good sense and dedication to the welfare of Stalbridge.

STALBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Legislation states that meeting of the Town be held between the 1st March and 1st June. To date we do not know if this will be possible in 2021.

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STATION ROAD PUBLIC WC'S

The refurbishments have now been completed to provide a single covid 19 safe facility with a one ways system and touch free sanitizer, soap, tap, and flush. We plan to re-open on the 8th March 2021.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR STALBRIDGE

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

If you are interested in being involved in the team please contact the Clerk.



NEW SPEED INDICATOR LOCATION STALBRIDGE

The third speed indicator location on Station Road near The Sidings has now been installed this will be on a six week rotation with the two other sites at Thornhill and Church Hill.

MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2021

Moving forward in conjunction with Government guidelines it is hoped that a return to public meetings will be possible. To date the Town Council is still operating in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020 and holding meetings via Microsoft teams. Members of the press and public are welcome to join the meetings via a telephone link. Please contact the Clerk in accordance with the instructions on the agendas.

Planning meetings start at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning meeting are subject to the Town Council being consulted on planning applications.

Planning Meetings
Wednesday
April 7th & 21st
May 5th & 19th
June 2nd & 16th

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