

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CHANGES TO THE TEAM

Members express thanks to Pat Ashcroft who stood down in December 2016 for her many years of service to the Council and welcome Bernie Newton as a new co-opted member. Bernie looks to be a link for residents of Stalbridge and to encourage a bright and healthy future for the town through engagement with the younger generation, whilst seeking a balance with the traditional values that make Stalbridge a great place to live. Keep up to date with Town Council business on the web site: <http://www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/>

WHATS ON AT THE HUB EVENT



To Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Information Office the team are hosting an event on the Saturday 8th April from 10am -2pm, to showcase the many and varied groups that use The Hub. The Library will be extending their opening hours for the event and there will be a pop up café & raffle, with profits donated to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

FROM THE STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE GROUP

It doesn't seem like nearly three years since a small group of people got together to collect and preserve old photographs and historical documents of Stalbridge. We are grateful to The Town Council who have given us storage in The Tim Stone Room at the Hub where we meet every week to catalogue the growing amount of material that has been so generously given to us. The Stalbridge Archive Society has now been formalised with Chairman Ann Moore, Treasurer Christine Foster-Pegg and Secretary Lesley Wood and four other committee members. We will be displaying some photographs and documents showing "100 years of Schools in Stalbridge" at The Hub on 8th April. Please come along – if you have something interesting, we'd love to see it.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

at The Hub on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm.

Every English Parish must have a meeting annually.

This is not a Town Council meeting, although it is the duty of the Town Council to organise and fund the meeting. This is a meeting for the Town, in order to allow people to come together and celebrate activities and discuss matters which effect the town. Proposals can be put forward for inclusion on the agenda and voted on at the meeting. The Town Council endeavour to ensure that all groups that we are aware of are invited to the Annual Town meeting. However, if you, or a group you represent would like to be involved or you wish to have an item listed on the agenda please contact the Clerk by 9th May.

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SHEEP WORRYING

There has been a recent incident of sheep worrying by dogs off leads in Stalbridge. It is vital that you keep your dog on the lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come to call. It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep. Worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep and, in some circumstances, farmers are legally entitled to destroy dogs if they are endangering their sheep. Owners and dogs must keep to the public footpaths at all times.

USE OF TOWN BINS FOR DOMESTIC REFUSE

It is against the Law to use public litter bins for domestic waste. In particular we have an issue with the waste bin at the path from Dikes car park to Pound close. This is being filled to the brim every week with household waste. Should this continue to be an issue the TC may consider removing the bin. 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.



FINANCE The Council has set its precept of £106,500.00, resulting in an increase in charge per month of 21p pence on a band D property, for the Town Council's part of the total Council Tax bill. For this part of the council tax bill the Town Council:

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

The Council is in process of obtaining ownership of Station Road car park and the allotment land at Pond Walk from North Dorset District Council and will be considering highways verge and road signage maintenance in the coming year.

MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2017/18

All meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Planning meetings start at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning Meetings
Wednesday
April 12th & 26th
May 10th & 24th
June 7th & 21st

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April 12th
May 10th
June 7th

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