



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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Town Council Elections

Elections for the Town Council are to be held on 5 May 2011. All 18 seats on the Town Council are up for election. The elections are conducted by West Dorset District Council and nomination papers are available from the District Council or from the Town Council.

The deadline for receipt of nominations in the West Dorset District Council Elections Office, Dorchester is 12 noon on 4 April.

If required, the elections for the two Bridport Town wards, North and South, will take place on 5 May between 7am -10pm.

If you wish to find out more about the work of a Town Councillor, please contact Bob Gillis, Town Clerk, contact details below.

Winter Weather

The Town Council's outside staff worked hard during the bad weather prior to Christmas, to help out with gritting and snow clearing in emergency cases. The Town Council, District and County Councils will now be looking at how we can work together to co-ordinate our efforts in the event of extreme conditions next winter.

The Town Council's Highways Sub Committee will be receiving further reports during the year, on the arrangements being put in place to manage the response in future years.



Market

The market has done exceptionally well this financial year and there has been a marked increase in the number of stalls on both Saturdays and Wednesdays. The market is managed by the Town Council and, as well as attracting people into the town, it also provides an important income stream for the Town Council.

Bridport to March in honour of the Rifles Regiment

Bridport is to mark its historic links with the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment by extending the Freedom of the Town, which was originally awarded to that regiment in 1967, to its successor regiment, The Rifles. This will take place as part of a Freedom March of town organisations on Saturday 26 March. The march will head off from Mountfield at 10.30am and travel down to take part in a service at St Mary's.

Whilst the soldiers themselves will not be able to attend, as they are on active duty, the Regimental Salamanca Band will be leading the march and Brigadier Toomey will accept the honour on behalf of the Regiment.

Community Justice Panels

The Bridport Local Community Justice Panels are now beginning to hear cases, following the successful recruitment and training of a number of local volunteer facilitators.

A Partnership of Bridport Town Council, Bridport Police, Magna Housing, Raglan Housing and West Dorset District Council has been established to manage the project to introduce community justice panels in the Bridport area.

Funding and support has also been provided by these bodies, to ensure that the panels can continue as a pilot for the next financial year 2011/12.

Multi Use Games Arena

The Town Council has agreed to look at a scheme for a multi use games arena in Bridport. Subject to funding being identified, there is a possibility to consider installing a multi use games arena on land to the south of Bridport Football ground, on the site of the old training pitch. A project proposal is being drawn up for discussion with potential funders and will be reported back to the Town Council.

Lengthsman

The Bridport Area Lengthsman continues to work around the town. He is also now providing services for Bradpole, Puncknowle and Swyre, Bothenhampton and Symondsburry parish councils.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5 April at 7.00 pm in Mountfield. This is an opportunity for everyone in the town to hear about the work of the Town Council and also to raise any issues that you may wish to discuss. All electors in Bridport parish are welcome to attend.

Town Hall

Building work on the Town Hall Heritage and Conservation Project is continuing. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and with support from West Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council, the driving force of the project is to open up the Town Hall for everyone to visit and enjoy. Dedicated newsletters are being produced by the Town Council on the project and more information can also be seen at www.bridporttownhall.org

Use of Bucky Doo Square

The compound for the Town Hall works has slightly restricted the room available on Bucky Doo Square. However, the Town Council will still be making spaces available for music and charity groups during the works. There will though be a slight reduction in the numbers of organisations that can use the square at any one time.

New Allotments

The Town Council has begun letting new allotments in West Allington behind the medical centre. The land has been very kindly leased to the Town Council by Amanda Streatfeild for twenty years and will enable almost forty new allotments to be made available.

Magna Housing Move to Mountfield

From 1 May, Magna Housing will be moving their local area office from Downes Street into Mountfield. They will share the ground floor reception with West Dorset District Council.

West Bay Regeneration Scheme

West Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council have been working together to prepare designs for environmental improvements and traffic management proposals in West Bay. The plans are on display in Mountfield and can also be viewed at www.dorsetforyou.com/westbay

The deadline for responses to West Dorset District Council is 8 April.

Your Town Councillors South Ward

G.J. Ackerman	31, Crock Lane.	458098
P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburry	07918 188497
K.A. Day	Delapre Lodge, St Andrews Road	425465
J.D. Hunt	8, Meadow Court, Folly Mill Lane	422719
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
K.G. Wallace	The George, 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
C.D. Wild	Flat 3, Montrose, 91, Crock Lane	420808
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street.	459433

North Ward

Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
N.K. Cast	217, St Andrews Road	456861
Ms R.C. Kayes	4 Gore Terrace, Bradpole	427902
P.J. Lathey	83 Orchard Crescent	456776
Ms F.K. McKenzie	204, Orchard Avenue	425068
M.P. Parsons	3, Sparacre Gardens	456697
C.M. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
Mrs M.J. Ray	9, St Andrews Road	459095
R.J. Stoodley	Rogers Cottage, 88 St Andrews Road	456797

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Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Mountfield at 7pm unless shown otherwise and there is a Public Forum at the start of each meeting.

Environment & Social Wellbeing Committee
23 March 2011 at 7.00pm

Finance and General Purposes Committee
30 March 2011 at 7.00pm

Highways and Transportation Sub Committee
31 March 2011 at 2.30pm

Plans Committee
4 April 2011 at 7.00pm

Full Council
19 April 2011 at 7.00pm