



BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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Monthly Newsletters

The Town Council will now be issuing monthly newsletters, which will be published on all the Town Council's notice boards, and be available in the Town Council's offices and the library. They will also be published on the Council's Web site. In addition, the Town Council will continue to issue an annual report, which will be delivered to all households.

Climate Change and Energy Awareness Week

Following the success of the event in 2008, the Town Council is once again promoting awareness of climate change and energy use, as part of its Climate Change and Energy Awareness Week 2009. The Town Council will be represented at the Food Festival on 27 June and the Charter Fair on 4 July, where people can find out more about the Town Council's services and what can be done locally to conserve energy. In the middle of the week, Energy Day in the Arts Centre on 1 July (10am to 3pm) will have stalls with information on recycling, renewable energy and transition towns.

Last year the Town Council signed the Nottingham Declaration, which committed it to "develop plans with our partners and local communities to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change.." Over the summer it will be consulting on its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Bridport Town Hall

The Town Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop its plans to open up the Town Hall and make it more accessible, with a new ground floor community space. The latest plans have been subject to wide consultation, including two public open days.

There has been widespread support for the project, although there have been comments about the need to provide replacement town centre toilets. West Dorset District Council has given a commitment to provide new town centre facilities. Locations currently being considered are Wykes Court Car Park or South Street Car Park.

Discussions have also been held with the District Council about re-locating the Tourism Information Centre into the new ground floor of the Town Hall, although this remains subject to further discussion and agreement.

The aim is to submit the planning application by early July and then to submit the application for capital funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund, by the end of August. The Town Council will know in December if it has been successful with its funding bid and, if it is and the planning application is approved, it hopes to start work in the Spring. The plans can be viewed at the Town Council offices.

West Bay Play Area

The Town Council has been successful with an application to the County Council's PlayBuilder Scheme for £50,000 to go towards new play facilities in West Bay. Consultation will take place with young people on the scheme. The detailed proposals will then be reported back to the Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee in September. It is hoped that work will take place in early 2010.

Town Plan

The Town Council has a Town Plan which sets out objectives for its work and service delivery and lists a number of projects to achieve the overall objectives. Many of the projects in the Town Plan are now complete and the Town Council will be reviewing the Plan over the summer. There will be public consultation as part of the review.

One of the projects recently completed is the provision of a new family shelter on Plottingham.

Park and Ride

Once again this year, the Town Council, with support from West Dorset District Council, will be providing a park and ride service to run during the summer holiday between West Bay and Bridport. The Town Council is also looking at possible extensions to the service in future years, to cover other areas of the town.

Allotments

The Town Council provides allotments in the town and over the past year has provided additional allotments at Skilling, St Swithins and the new Community Orchard on Priory Lane. The allotments in Bridport were featured recently in "Allotment and Leisure Gardener", the magazine of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners.

There is a growing demand for allotments in the town and the Town Council continues to look for new sites.

Grants

Bridport Town Council awards grants each year to local organisations that work for the benefit of the town. The grants are intended for charitable, voluntary or similar bodies and not for private organisations or individuals.

A copy of the application form and criteria can be downloaded from the web site or obtained from the office. The deadline for the completed applications is 31 July and organisations will be notified of the outcome by 25 September.

Forthcoming Meetings

Plans Committee
29 June 2009 at 7.00pm
(Mountfield)

Highways & Transportation Sub Committee
2 July 2009 at 2.30 pm
(Mountfield)

Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee
8 July 2009 at 7.00 pm
(Mountfield)

Plans
3 August 2009 at 7.00 pm
(Mountfield)

The Town Council has a number of sub committees, which meet regularly during the year. This includes a Highways and Transportation Sub Committee and a Market and Business Liaison Sub Committee.

A full list of all Town Council meetings is available from the Council Offices or can be downloaded from our web site.

Members of the public are welcome at all meetings and may speak in the Public Forum. Agendas for meetings are posted on notice boards around the town.

Annual Accounts 2008/9

The Town Council has approved its accounts for the year 2008/9. These are open for public inspection and a summary will also be included in the Town Council's Annual Report, which will be delivered to all homes in the parish during July.

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	Honeylands, Long Bredy	482276
P.J. Lathey	5, Allington Mead	458125
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

Annual Appointments 2009/2010

At the Annual Council meeting in May, the following appointments were made for the Town Council's municipal year, until May 2010:

Mayor: Cllr C.M. Ray
Deputy Mayor: Cllr G.A. Ackerman
Leader of the Council: Cllr D.G. Rickard