

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



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A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2009 AT THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, AXBRIDGE AT 7.30PM

Please also note that an exhibition on the Local Development Framework and other Axbridge Issues, including the draft Town Design Statement, Axbridge Action Group Streets and Parking Improvement Plan and Affordable Housing (generally) will take place in the Town Hall during the afternoon from 2.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence – to receive apologies and approve reasons for apologies, if appropriate, and, if necessary, declare a vacancy on the council.
2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st September 2009 and 28th September 2009 (copies available) - to approve as a correct record
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Exclusion of Press and Public – that the Council consider a resolution that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted which relates to items which may form part of a contract.
5. Confidential Item: Affordable Housing Project – Axbridge – to receive an update on the Affordable Housing Project from the Sedgemoor District Council, to discuss concerns/ask further questions relating to the project and to agree the way forward
6. Reports: County Councillor, District Councillor and Police
7. Written reports, as appropriate from

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| Axbridge Action Group (available) | School Governor |
| Axbridge and District Museum Trust (available) | Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils |
| Chamber of Commerce (available) | Somerset Market Towns Forum |
| Cheddar Valley Cluster Group Meetings | Sports and Social |
| Farmers Markets – to consider request to use stall for RAF collection | Town Trust |
| Pageant – to approve plans for signage | Other Representatives Reports |

***** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *****

8. Planning
 - 8.1 To receive minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2009 and 12th October 2009 (copy available)
 - 8.2 Town Design Statement - update
9. Administration and Finance
 - 9.1 Report of the Administration and Finance Advisory Group – October 2009 (copy available)

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- 9.2 Budget and Precept 2010/11 – to consider budget and precept for 2010/11 (copy available)
 - 9.3 Standing Orders – to agree Standing Orders to incorporate previously agreed changes, minor changes to remits and the inclusion of Council Policies as an Appendix
 - 9.4 County Councillor's Grant – to approve a proposal to apply for £3,000 from the County Councillor's budget towards the costs of Meadow Street Car Park
 - 9.5 Annual Report – to approve full report (copy available)
 - 9.6 Purchase of computer for Clerk – to agree that, if necessary, the Clerk be authorised to pay for the computer and necessary accessories on her credit card, in liaison with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Group Chairman, for reimbursement at the next meeting.
 - 9.7 Town Hall grant – to approve payment of grant £1,820
 - 9.8 Town Hall rent – to approve payment of rent £1,450
 - 9.9 Financial Monthly Report and Payment of Invoices (copy available)
10. Leisure and Recreation (to include Changing Rooms)
 - 10.1 Report of the Leisure and Recreation Advisory Group – October 2009
11. Highways
 - 11.1 Report of the Highways Advisory Group – October 2009 (copy available)
 - 11.2 Axbridge Action Group – Streets and Parking Improvement Plan – to consider supporting the proposals - being the creation of a pedestrian only area in front of Co-op and the Museum for a trial period, the creation of a number of traffic-calming “gateways” in the main through route for a trial period and the extension of the paving of the Square along Meadow Street towards the car-park, subject to the Axbridge Action Group putting these same proposals to Axbridge Chamber of Commerce and to the Town Trust, and gaining their support (Town Council support to be given at that stage)
 - 11.3 A38 Cross Junction – to consider a recommendation to support the proposals made by Compton Bishop Council being submitted to Somerset County Council for analysis – the proposals suggest the de-classification of Cross Lane to a “B” road, “no right turns” in the vicinity of the A38 Cross junction, improvements at Shute Shelf junction, a pedestrian refuge on the A38 and pavement improvements.
12. Cemeteries, Allotments and Open Spaces Advisory Group
 - 12.1 Allotment Report and report on the work of the Town Maintenance Contractor
 - 12.2 Land availability – to discuss possibility of acquiring or renting additional land for allotments
13. Personnel and Protocol Advisory Group
 - 13.1 Report of the Personnel and Protocol Advisory Group – October 2009 (copy available)
 - 13.2 Mayor's Banquet – to consider proposals for future Banquets to include an increase in the budget by £100
 - 13.3 Clerk's hours – to approve payment for an additional 16 hours worked by the Clerk on data management
14. Meadow Street Car Park Management Group
 - 14.1 Report of the Management Group (copy available)
 - 14.2 Name of Car Park – to consider a proposal that the car park be renamed “Axbridge Town Car Park to take effect when the Town Council takes over the management of the car park.
15. Green Issues/Recycling
16. Consultation documents – Electoral Review of SDC, Sedgemoor District Council Budget Consultation 2010/11 (www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/talkbudget), Redevelopment of Bridgwater Community Hospital and Hinckley C Route Corridor Door consultation study
17. Tree Planting – consider a programme of planting of specimen native trees in open spaces maintained by Sedgemoor District Council – specifically on the high bank on the north side of Jubilee Road
18. Council Drop – In Sessions – to consider a proposal from Sedgemoor District Council re the provision of a weekly drop in session in Axbridge to give advice to residents
19. General Correspondence and to note Diary Dates (copy available) including launch of Volunteer Car Scheme for medical appointments and Somerset Waste “Love Food Hate Waste” campaign

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cc: County and District Councillors, police and press representatives