



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



Summer Newsletter 2015

Message from the Mayor, Stan Lumley

My wife, Angela, and I are now well into our fourth term as Mayor and Mayoress. It is always a pleasure and a privilege to represent you all and we hope that we will be able to uphold the interests of the parish during this term. One aim I am keen to follow on from last year's Mayor, Mike Holt, is to support as many of our local events as possible, so please get in touch!

I do believe that communication with parishioners is important and for this Newsletter we are trying a different method of distribution which I hope will mean that more people are contacted. But communication is a two way affair so we would like to hear from you, as otherwise how can we judge whether we are meeting your aspirations?

Town Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Council Chamber on King Street, starting at 7.15pm. Parishioners are entitled, and indeed encouraged, to come and sit in at these meetings. The agenda is published three days in advance both on the council's website and on the parish notice board opposite the Post Office; at the beginning and end of each meeting is a short session when parishioners can make comments, suggestions or indeed criticisms so this provides an ideal way to let us have your views.

Parish Councillors

There are 11 councillors on the Town Council (which is non-political) and they are elected usually every four years. The next local elections in Pateley Bridge will be in May 2016, and current councillors will have to resign and put themselves up for re-election if they want to be re-appointed. Whilst some continuity and experience is desirable fresh views and ideas are always welcome. So, although it is still a little way ahead we do hope that some of you will consider putting your name forward, and as mentioned above why not come and sit in at a meeting to see what goes on? Details of the eligibility criteria and process of nomination and election are available from the Clerk.

Compactor Lorry

This visits the Show Ground every first Saturday in the month (except for January) from 9.00am to 1.00pm; residents can dispose of the following items: furniture, bric-a-brac, paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books, glass, cans, foil, scrap metal, textiles and clothes, fluorescent tubes, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, large and small appliances and tyres (four per customer per visit) so there is really no excuse for fly tipping! Pateley Bridge is fortunate in that it is the only parish to have this facility - however it is not available for commercial users.

Large Local Developments

Harrogate Borough Council has recently approved one major planning application and turned down another two. The longstanding one for Glasshouses Mill has been approved but the two outline applications for housing on either side of Low Wath Road have both been rejected, although it is expected they will go to appeal.

Recycling

Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) has been pleased with the support for recycling and it has saved £700,000 by avoiding landfill taxes since the kerbside recycling scheme started. But as many of you may have noticed there have been problems with the recycling centre on the lower Southlands Car Park, caused by people dumping brown cardboard and household waste. This not only contaminates the waste which is then rejected for recycling, but the piles of rubbish also obstruct the wagons which cannot get close enough to the bins to empty them; this exacerbates the situation and means that other contractors have to come from Harrogate to clear the rubbish left on the ground. Please do not put brown cardboard in the recycling mixed papers/card bins but take it to the Compactor Lorry – see below. Dumping of other rubbish is not only disrespectful to the community but constitutes illegal fly tipping, and the Council has supported HBC in supplying details of people who have left their rubbish there.

One Stop Shop

Progress is well under way on the ‘one stop shop’ comprising the Library, Tourist Information Office and Nidderdale Plus, located in the former Fish Shop premises on Millfield Street. There will be an increase in weekend opening hours, and against expectations, the Library will have professional employees working there for two days a week.

Field Adjoining the Cemetery

This field was bequeathed jointly to Bewerley Parish Council and Pateley Bridge Town Council under a complex legal agreement to be held until required as an extension to the Cemetery. HBC have estimated that spaces in the Cemetery will be used up within the next few years, so in the not too distant future the two Councils will enter into an agreement with HBC over the transfer of this land.

Possible Councils Merger

Bewerley Parish Council and Pateley Bridge Town Council recently met to discuss a possible merger in the light of many shared interests and with a view to possible financial savings. However there was no consensus that emerged from the meeting and the idea has again been shelved.

Nidderdale Community Transport

A community car is available to residents who have no access to public or private transport, and who require door-to-door assistance with local transport needs. It can be booked by phoning Nidderdale Plus on 01423 714953. Journeys are dependent upon availability of volunteer drivers, and charges will be calculated on a mileage basis.

Anti - Social Behaviour

Regrettably there have been some recent examples of mindless damage, notably in the Bus Shelter and on the Millennium Green. More seriously the Scout Hut was broken into in July and a huge amount of damage caused to its interior and contents. The Police have made a thorough sweep of the site and it is hoped that the culprits can be identified. In the meantime, if anyone has information as to who might be responsible please contact one of our councillors.

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