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Bridlington Town Council Newsletter

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The Town Council wishes all businesses & residents a busy & prosperous summer

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Recent Town Council Resolutions

The Council has reverted to meeting on the third Wednesday every month as opposed to meeting on a six-week cycle. Meetings are held in the Town Hall and start at 7 p.m.

The Council has resolved to present Annual Civic Awards and has set up a working group to consider the awards criteria.

With regret, the Jubilee Fountain in South Cliff Garden has been decommissioned. The structure has suffered a number of vandalism attacks and it is to be filled with soil and planted up with flowers.

The Council has abolished its Skatepark Management Committee and has devolved the financial management of the Gasworx Skatepark to its Finance Committee and personnel issues to its Staffing Committee.

The Council made representation to the principal authority which has resulted in the provision of a disabled parking bay being provided in the vicinity of the Station Avenue medical centre.

The Council is continuing to press for a review of car parking charges in Bridlington. It is particularly concerned about the misleading wording on some ticket machines and the poor take up of parking space in the Moorfield Road car park since charging at this facility was introduced. So far attempts to discover how much revenue has been derived have been blocked by the principal authority under an exemption clause contained in the Freedom of Information Act.

The Council has lent its support for the establishment of a GP-led Primary Care Health Centre in Bridlington.

The Council is keen to explore the possibility of launching a 'Community Toilet Scheme' in the Old Town whereby pubs, cafes and restaurants would be paid a nominal amount to allow the public to use their facilities.

A change of use planning application is to be lodged for two new properties to be built on the site of the former Richardson's car showroom on Hilderthorpe Road. The proposal is to relocate the Council's offices to numbers one and two Hamilton Road to include the provision of a much needed committee room and a ground floor reception. The authority's administration team is currently working in cramped and unsuitable offices on the second floor of the Community Resource Centre.



Cllr Tony Padwick

I am very pleased to write this piece following my election as Mayor at the Town Council Annual General Meeting on 20 May. It is an honour and a privilege to represent Bridlington in this important position. Although I was born and brought up in Hull, my maternal grandparents were both born in Flamborough in the fishing community and we, as a family, always spent our holidays in Flamborough in a rented cottage, so maintaining a life long connection with the area.

My two most memorable duties so far have been held at our newly refurbished Spa. Firstly to see Jimmy Tarbuck's Big Night Out, secondly to attend the official opening ceremony performed by Cabinet Minister John Healey MP. At nearly £20m, the work has completely revived and renewed this remarkable venue on the East Coast. Everybody should try and visit it as soon as possible.

My chosen charity for this year is the St Catherine's Hospice, based at Scarborough, but covering the Bridlington area. If anyone is prepared to organise a fund raising event for St Catherine's please contact either myself on 01262 673831 or the Town Council Office on 01262 409006.

Parking Confusion and Fees

The practice of local authorities using excessive parking charges to raise revenue is damaging to the well-being of town centres and tourism. In 1997 local authorities made £628 million from such charges, by 2005 this had risen to £1.6 billion. We do need to restrict traffic congestion and allow for inflation but over two and a half times is excessive. Is this revenue raising due to a relative decrease in Government funding to Local Authorities?

Local business organisations have highlighted the effects, for example the regional chair of the Federation of Small Businesses, has publicly stated that "parking restrictions can be extremely damaging to local economies and ultimately Counter-productive."

In Bridlington we need to ask the following questions:-

- Why are only three car parks designated with a £ 3.50 all day (10 hrs charge)?
- Why are the signs on these car parks confusing by asking people to pay £13.00?

The words "purposely confusing" spring to mind - should the Audit Commission be contacted?

The Conservative East Riding Councillors are looking into this, but need to be encouraged to extend their questions to the Review Panel of the Council and Council Officers.

- Why should the car park charges vary

from one car park to another, all car parking should have the same charges to prevent confusion, i.e. £ 3.50 a day.
• Why should parking days vary i.e. some extend to 7.00 pm? Thus being unsuitable for people going out in the evening. This could be damaging to the revival of the Spa as it has no car park of it's own and to other venues.

• If parking is £3.50 a day then a charge of £1.30 per hour is excessive and should be reduced. Also is this in line with other car parks across the 'county'? Beverley is also a shopping and tourism location what is it's hourly charge?

• As in many other authorities should a resident's parking permit be available at one third the price of the general season ticket, to encourage residents to park in the car parks and not add to traffic congestion by circling round town to find a CPZ road slot. It would also give a truer picture of local resident parking requirements so suitable volume car parks could be built. Car parks are not just needed for summer visitors!! Remember the population has risen from 34,000 to 40,300 in the last eight years, think of the extra traffic!!

• A review of CPZ slots is also required, as one-hour slots are not encouraging people to shop in the town or use other facilities. If there was sufficient parking then two-hour slots would work well as they do, for example along Victoria Road. Other roads e.g. Sands Lane also need to have longer slots or be taken out of the CPZ.

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The Yorkshire Ambulance Service needs YOU

(FIRST RESPONDER LOGO)

The Town Council has recently hosted a meeting to explore the possibility of setting up a Community First Responder Team in the town. Volunteers (there is no upper age limit) will be fully trained and equipped to administer life saving skills within Bridlington to provide basic life support until the arrival of an ambulance. For more information please contact Paul Stevens, Yorkshire Ambulance Service on Tel: 0845 1203155.

FORTHCOMING 2008 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

July

Finance Council Planning & Environ. Newsletter

Wednesday 9th July
Wednesday 16th July
Monday 21st July
Thursday 24th July

Gasworx Skatepark Office
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Town Council Offices
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August

Planning & Environ. Council

Monday 11th August
Wednesday 20th August

Town Council Offices
Council Chamber - Town Hall

September

Planning & Environ. Finance Council Wednesday Planning & Environ.

Monday 1st September
Wednesday 10th September
17th September
Monday 22nd September

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October

Planning & Environ. Council

Monday 13th October
Wednesday 15th October

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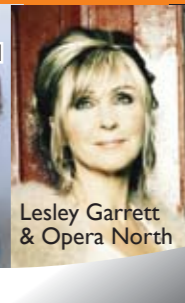
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Todd Miller at The Summer Ball



Joe Longthorne in Concert

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