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The Town Council wishes all readers a healthy and happy Easter

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FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

• All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

April 2009 - June 2009

Finance & General Purposes	- 8th April 2009	- tbn	
Full Council Meeting	- 15th April 2009	- Town Hall, Council Chamber	7pm
Planning & Environmental	- 20th April 2009	- Council Offices	1pm
Newsletter Meeting	- 23rd April 2009	- Council Offices	2pm
Annual Parish Meeting	- 6th May 2009	- Town Hall, Council Chamber	7pm
Planning & Environmental	- 11th May 2009	- Council Offices	1pm
Full Council	- 20th May 2009	- Town Hall, Council Chamber	7pm
Finance & General Purposes	- 27th May 2009	- tbn	
Planning & Environmental	- 1st June 2009	- Council Offices	1pm
Full Council	- 17th June 2009	- Town Hall, Council Chamber	7pm
Planning & Environmental	- 22nd June 2009	- Council Offices	1pm

COUNCILLOR PETITION - Apologies to Flamborough

In the Winter Newsletter the editor made an error so apologies must go to Flamborough Council they have 13 councillors not 16 as stated. This means there residents are represented at a ratio of one parish councillor for every 138 of the electorate (this means those eligible to vote not the total population which is of course much higher), In Bridlington the situation is less democratic our ratio with 12 councillors, is one councillor for every 2,395 of the electorate. As the main function of the Town Council apart from statutory duties is putting forward your views to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and other Government agencies this gives us and you a very difficult task. Thus we have developed a petition to ask for more councillors to do the tasks which are being devolved more and more down to a local level. Please can you fill this in to get you a more efficient service. At present a D band property pays £17.23 p.a. in Bridlington as against £60.94 in Flamborough for its Town/Parish Council Services - they obviously think it's worth it! Please note that Town Councillors are not paid and receive no expenses, they are volunteers who use their own resources to help the community. Thus there is no extra charge on the Town Council budget - the precept and budget will remain the same as your council tax leaflet. **The petition is available at the council offices at present and will be distributed to further outlets after Easter for ease of access.** If anyone would like to help with the petition please let us know.

WE ARE MOVING SOON

**GRAND OPENING FRIDAY 17th APRIL 7.00pm,
62 QUAY ROAD (opposite Station Avenue)**

Ground floor offices - Reception and Meeting Room. This is much more accessible than our present third floor offices.

Thus the public can attend committee meetings which has not been fully possible before. It also means that people can pop in during the morning and arrange to see councillors a lot more easily. It also enables us to arrange surgeries more easily and with less room hire costs. Don't worry about contacting us we will still be on our old website and e-mail systems. Plus when we move councillors contact details stay the same. See you soon.



Cllr Liam Dealtry,
Mayor of Bridlington

Spring is here, O Joy of Joy the lambs are leaping and all that stuff.

Well this is my last address to you all in this news letter as your Mayor, may I first off say that it has been my absolute pleasure to be your Mayor, me and Michelle have loved it.

This is a vital summer season for us all due to the credit crunch and we as a Town Council wish everyone the very best for the season. I believe that Bridlington is the number one UK seaside resort with Blackpool and Scarborough being in our shadow. Many people will laugh and ask if I have been drinking when I wrote this coming out with such a remark, but I believe it to be true, I am so proud of this town and it is the best, and if all of you start believing then the visitors will too! When you are asked a question, smile, when you are dealing with someone, smile, answer politely, with a bit of humour. Always remember how you feel when you are on holiday and the people that are dealing with you are bad tempered, sour faced or unprofessional. This is our time to excel and I know you can all do it.

Once again I thank you for letting me serve you all - I will hold it dear forever!

PARKING CONFUSION - STRIKES AGAIN

We were amazed at the complexity of the proposed parking charges as submitted to the Free Press by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Many thanks to the Free Press for their continuing parking fee campaign. We feel that these charges do four things:

- 1) Confuse and infuriate residents and visitors alike, there are 3 different rates for the first hour, additional hours and all day parking.
- 2) Make it difficult for workers to park within a reasonable distance of their work - no annual permits in central car parks. Also annual permits are now car park specific !!
- 3) Reduce the number of people coming into Town and the time spent on shopping and business services
- 4) Alienate disabled people wanting to visit or use services in the town. As the only two flat central car parks (Palace and North St.) are expensive and will not have annual permits, plus both the Marine Drives will not have annual permit provision.

We have written to the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Parnaby to protest against these proposed changes. We feel that there should be at least three FREE car parks; including Moorfield which has a maximum of 40 cars a day at present; and that there should be much better disabled parking. Plus:-
- In a credit crunch period these charges will cause business closures
- These charges will put off business from relocating to the Town
- From the complexity of the charges the Council (ERoYC) know which car parks are used the most and also are worried that they have sold too few permits (guaranteed income) SIMPLIFY !! as follows:-
Annual Permits to be useable in all parking areas
Annual Permits thus to be at one price - £300 with a non-business Residents permit of £100 available. This would encourage longer stays in our Town. To seriously consider Disabled badge holders to have free parking
All day parking to mean just that - 9.00hrs to 17.00hrs at £ 3.50 per day in all car parks.
Three free car parks e.g. Moorfield, Flamborough Road, Old Town and any suggestion you wish to give us.
No parking charges after 17.00 hours to

Red Nose Day 2009



FANTASTIC CHARITY EFFORT BY THE MAYOR

During his term of office Cllr. Liam Dealtry has taken part in many fun ways to raise funds for his chosen charities.

Thanks to all who supported him.

promote later shop opening and leisure facilities, restaurants e.t.c.

If you agree with any of these proposals please let us know and also please answer the questions in 'YOUR SAY' which are designed for us to send statistics to the ERoYC. We also would encourage you to contact our ERoYC Councillors on The Parking Review Panel - the decision has not been made yet
Cllr. R Burton and Cllr. J Wilkinson
The Parking Review Panel
c/o Democratic Services, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA
The other towns and villages have sent in a 20,000 signature petition to the Council asking for their car parks to remain free. If we do not protest Bridlington will remain the main parking "cash cow" for the whole county -ACT NOW