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The Town Council wishes all readers a healthy and happy Easter



2003 Four Years On 2007

This is the twelfth and final newsletter of the current Town Council. The publication of a newsletter is one of the conditions to qualify for Quality Council status, one that we have failed to obtain due to one reason. After May the 3rd a new council will be elected, so it's time to review the activities of the outgoing one.

up to the principal authority (ERYC) to devolve powers. None have been devolved. There is already legislation in place which allows town and parish councils to be responsible for, places of entertainment, off-street parking, cycle and motor parks, swimming pools, playing fields including golf courses, public walks, gardens and parks and commons, cemeteries, street markets, public conveniences, public shelters, war memorials, amongst others. The potential for a town council is tremendous, perhaps some will be realised by the next council.

Expansion of the Council's responsibilities:

- 1) Provision of bus shelters at:
 - Station Avenue Medical Health Centre
 - Burstall Hill
 - Matson Court
 - Bessingby Gate
- 2) Opening of Old Town public conveniences. They having been refurbished by the Lord Feoffees at a cost of £22,225.
- 3) An arrangement with Sewerby Cricket Club to open their toilets to the public in return for a maintenance allowance of £1,000 per annum. (cont.)

Bridlington Town Council's (BTC) precept has risen from £84,500 to £168,000 over the four years. This is mainly due to opening the Old Town public toilets, supporting Sewerby Cricket Club's new clubhouse and public toilet facilities, and the proposed Skatepark. BTC's only income comes from the precept, newsletter advertising and bank interest. It attempted to take over responsibility for King Street Market from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC), which would have netted £82,444 pa, to no avail. Presently BTC (about 27,500 electorate) has less powers and councillors than Flamborough Parish Council (approx. 1,700 electorate). This may change as the Government is preparing legislation for the Spring to devolve powers to local communities. As things stand it is



MAYOR'S COLUMN

How time flies, our year of office is coming to an end but we do have many memories to look back on. Such as the Honorary Freedom of Bridlington to the new Yorkshire Regiment, the Lions Club bonfire and magnificent fireworks display, the Christmas lights switch on with Chico and the Old Town Dickensian Festival to name just a few. During our civic year we have made many friends and received a great number of letters and cards wishing us well. It is our aim to carry on fighting for a hostel for the homeless with the help of various local churches where a petition is doing the rounds. Please help me to help the homeless by signing the petition. Finally, we would like to express our thanks to everyone who has helped to make our year a memorable one

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FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: • All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

Month	Date	Time	Committee	Location
MARCH	Mon 26th	2 pm	Planning & Environmental Committee	Community Resource Centre
	Tues 27th	7 pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Community Resource Centre
APRIL	Tues 3rd	7 pm	Council	Town Hall
	Thurs 5th	10 am	Newsletter Committee	Community Resource Centre
	Tues 10th	2 pm	Planning & Environmental Committee	Community Resource Centre
	Tues 17th	7 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Child & Family Centre, Christ Church
	Mon 23rd	2 pm	Planning & Environmental Committee	Community Resource Centre
MAY	Tues 15th	7 pm	Council (Annual Meeting)	Town Hall

Town Council Budget

Contrary to reader's letters which have appeared in the local press following the announcement of the Council's 2007-08 budget, it is a fact that by far the majority of the £168,000 will be allocated to providing services for the benefit of Bridlington residents. The overall cost of the Council's administration (31.5% of budget) is one of the lowest of all the town councils in the East Riding and the staff hours engaged in administering the Council are also in line with the overall budget and compare favourably against neighbouring town councils.

Unlike small parish councils it is not practical to run the Council's affairs from a private home. However, the office of Town Clerk is still a part-time post. Rather than knocking their local council the energy of the critics would be better deployed in lobbying the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to devolve some of its services so that the representatives of Bridlington residents can have more influence over the standard of services in their town.



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