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Recent Council Resolutions

The new Code of Conduct for Town & Parish Councillors has been adopted in its entirety.

Members of the public now have a 15 minute session for public participation during meetings of the Council.

Council will host a Freedom Parade by the 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards) on Saturday, 21st June 2008.

Council has lobbied the principal authority to have Sands Lane and St Anne's Road removed from the controlled parking zone.

Council has expressed its concern to the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership over the lack of adequate parking spaces in the town centre and the need for a multi-storey car park.

Council has written to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency regarding the restrictions on the Yorkshire Belle's sailings to Scarborough.

Council has resolved to subscribe as a member of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Council has added its name to The Royal British Legion's 'Honour the Covenant' campaign.

Council has signed up to play its part in tackling climate change (see the article on this year's Christmas Lights)

Council has resolved to write to the principal authority to conduct a Parish Review with a view to increasing the democratic representation in Bridlington. Such a review may lead to an increase in town councillors. The average ratio of electors per councillor throughout the East Riding is 1,000 but in Bridlington the ratio is more than double this figure.

Council has written to the principal authority to express its concern over the maintenance of the town's War Memorial.



Cllr Ray Allerston

My duties as Mayor have kept me busy since the last column was written. One event which I must report was the recent protest march to Bridlington Hospital. Residents are disturbed and alarmed at the progressive closing of various services at the hospital, so much so that some 3,000 people marched behind me to protest. This strength of feeling cannot be ignored.

We are now on course with the building of the skatepark. I have attended the digging of the first turf and expect the facility to be open before my term of office ends next May.

I was recently able to help with arranging for the War Memorial to be cleaned. Time was short but the work was done before the Remembrance Day Service, showing due respect to the fallen.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Lights switch-on and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A very Happy Christmas to all residents from the Town Council

Skatepark begins

Construction is underway on the Gasworx Skatepark in Bridlington.

Revolutionary in concept, the proposed 'Gasworx Skatepark' provides a vast, supervised, state-of-the-art park for skateboarding, rollerblading and BMX biking, with a skills-support centre alongside it offering help to young people in job-seeking and personal development. The facility will be one of the largest facilities of its type in the country, and able to host national events and is fenced, floodlit and landscaped.

The Gasworx which is expected to be open Easter 2008. The project will transform a contaminated and disused stretch of Bridlington's 'Dukes Park' into a vital outlet and support centre for local youth. Integral in the design is the youth centre, offering young people access to a chill out area as well as advice on career choices, drug, health and crime education, and the opportunity to undertake leadership awards and other professional qualifications; such as First Aid, Youth Work etc.

Nick Johnson at Bridlington Council is driving the £500,000 project which has also had extensive support from the local community and special thanks go out to the voluntary 'Skatepark Steering Group' who developed the project for a number of years before handing the project over to the Council last April.



Graphic of the Gasworx skatepark under construction

The hunt is now on for a main sponsor for the site, able to exploit the significant publicity arising from such an innovative new development although many local businesses have already come on board as smaller sponsors, typically by joining our 'Skate Buddies' scheme."

Skate Buddies will pay £250 per annum and the funding raised by the scheme will be used to ensure this much needed facility is fully sustainable and will support skate and sports events / festivals for the people of Bridlington and the surrounding area

Anyone wanting more information on the above scheme or about the Gasworx should contact:

Nick Johnson, Gasworx Manager via general contact details on back page

Christmas Lights 2007

Bridlington Town Council has contracted with MK Illuminations Limited to install new displays of festive lighting on King Street and on three buildings in Manor Street and Chapel Street. In a bid to reduce the Council's carbon footprint the new lighting is predominantly powered by light emitting diodes, which will dramatically cut the consumption of electricity. LEDs are also more reliable and should reduce the costs associated with engineer callouts.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

• All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

January

10th Jan	Newsletter	14:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.
14th Jan	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.
15th Jan	Full Council	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
22nd Jan	Fin./Gen. Pur.	19:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.

February

4th Feb	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.
25th Feb	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.
26th Feb	Full Council	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall

March

4th Mar	Fin. & Gen. Pur.	19:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.
17th Mar	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Community Resource Centre, Vict. Rd.

Applications for Grants

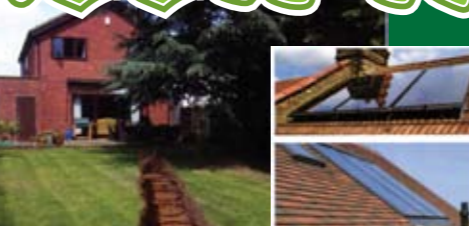
Voluntary organisations desiring a grant towards a specific project are advised to lodge an application by Monday, 7th January 2008 to the Clerk to the Council whose address can be found on the back page. Grant applications will be considered on their merits later that month. An application form can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.bridlington.gov.uk

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