

Stokesley Town Council Newsletter



Councillor Resignation – We are sorry to advise that Councillor Lewis has tendered her resignation from the Council. We thank Carol all her hard work, particularly in improving the Allotments and in developing the role of the Stewards in the Town Hall.

Annual Town Meeting - This will be held on Thursday 16 April 2020 at 7 pm in the Town Hall. All electors are invited to attend and speak at the meeting. Please see the website or notice boards for details of the agenda. Refreshments will be provided.

'Happy to Chat' Bench - Following a suggestion from a resident who attended a Town Council surgery Stokesley Town Council has introduced a Happy to Chat Bench. The bench, on the High Street near the pelican crossing, has a sign saying 'The 'HAPPY TO CHAT' bench, sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say "Hello"'. Do stop by and say hello!

Food Fest 2020 – Will take place on **Saturday 22 August 2020**. The one-day event will have food demos taking place in the Town Hall with the Northern Dales Farmers Market co-ordinating the food stalls on the Plain. The theme would be 'Best of British'. Please contact the Town Clerk if you wish to be involved.

West Green Car Parking - Following correspondence from residents the Town Council consulted residents and businesses to review the parking arrangements on West Green on the triangular area from the Masons' building northwards. Based on replies received the Town Council has concluded that the layout of this area will remain as is, with no marked parking bays.

Accessible Toilet Refurbishment – The Town Hall Trust has received a Hambleton District Council (HDC) Making A Difference grant of £3,000 towards improving the accessible toilet facilities in the Town Hall.

Climate Action - The Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Group also received an HDC Making a Difference grant for £1,000, to promote climate action in Stokesley and surrounding villages. Earlier in the year the Town Council provided a £200 grant to support the group's activities. To find out more visit the group's website at <https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org/> or email info@climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org

Shrubs and Hedges – The Council has now put in place a service level agreement for the regular maintenance of all the shrubs and hedges on the land for which it is responsible, with a specified outcome for each area.

Bus Services – The Town Council has made a number of submissions to North Yorkshire County Council for improved bus services to and from Stokesley under the recently announced Government initiative 'Better Deal For Bus Users' to provide additional funding support for socially necessary services.

Dog Fouling – Please report any incidents of dog fouling to Hambleton District Council providing as much information as possible including description of the person committing the offence, name, address, vehicle, model, colour, registration; description of the dog; photographs; date, time and location. For more details see www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20122/animals_and_pests/35/dogs/2

Parking on Pavements – If you have issues about vehicles obstructing pavements in Stokesley then please take a photograph and call the police on 101 at the time of the obstruction and provide full details of location, vehicle registration etc.

Surgeries – The next monthly Town Council surgeries will be held in the Town Hall at 1100 hours on **Saturday 4 April 2020**, and **Saturday 2 May 2020**. The Farmers' Market on The Plain will be held on the same days.

Craft Fairs – The Craft Fairs in the Town Hall are also held on the first Saturday of each month. The dates in the coming months are **4 April, 2 May and 6 June 2020**.

Forthcoming Town Hall Events – Friday 24 April 2020 The Fabs - £10. Tickets available from the Town Hall (Tel: 01642 710270). We are now able to accept payments by debit and credit cards.

Children's Easter Party – will be held in the Town Hall on **Sunday 5 April 2020** from 3pm to 5pm, £5 which includes a soft drink and an Easter Treat.

Town Council Meetings – The next meetings will be held on **Tuesday 14 April 2020** and **Tuesday 12 May 2020**. Each meeting starts at 7.00pm and opens with a public session where residents are invited to speak.

Why become a Town Councillor? – The process has now started for the appointment of a new Town Councillor. As a town councillor you will be an unpaid volunteer to whom our community looks for help, guidance and support; a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of Stokesley. Seeing Stokesley change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make, provides a sense of achievement and pride. You do not have to be connected to a political party. Please have a word with the Town Clerk or one of the current councillors to find out more.

Coronavirus – Please note all events are subject to revision / postponement or cancellation due to Coronavirus control measures.