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# Bridlington Town Council Newsletter

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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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4) Install, with match funding from the Regeneration pot, 14 flag poles, 12 at South Cliff Garden, one at Pembroke Garden and one at Sewerby. To date we have obtained sponsorship for 11 poles at £400 each, in return for a permanent plaque on the pole.

**Grateful thanks to the sponsors of our flagpoles including:-**

- Bridlington/Millau Twinning Association
- Derek North Memorial
- HSBC Bank
- Boyes Department Store
- West Building Supplies
- Councillor Cyril Marsburg
- Wishart Family Memorial
- Headlands School
- Tony Warburton Trust
- Martyn Coltman, Burlington Gallery
- Brian Farrar Memorial

5) Accepted the responsibility for the joint maintenance of a children's playground at Bessingby Gate on West Hill.

6) With match funding from the Regeneration budget installed town entry signs on the four main entry roads.

7) In conjunction with the Bridlington Shore Anglers Club initiated an Annual Junior Open Fishing Competition for the Mayor's Trafalgar Cup.

**Council resolutions which were unsuccessful:**

- 1) Objection to the town's CPZ.
- 2) Objection to Moorfield Car Park charging policy
- 3) Applications to the ERYC and the Electoral Commission for an electoral review to increase the number of councillors to 19 and revise town ward boundaries.
- 4) Application to the ERYC to assume responsibility for King Street Market
- 5) Opposition to Winter car park charges for areas previously free.

**Gasworx Skatepark**

The Council has reaffirmed its backing for the Gasworx Skatepark project and is committed to deliver the preferred design which the User Group (local skaters and BMX riders) gave their backing to following the receipt of tenders in December.

Nick Johnson, the Council's Project Manager, has already identified new potential funding streams and is confident that he can attract the necessary capital to instigate the construction of the concrete skatepark and to build an astro-turf sports pitch

alongside.

Nick Johnson said, "I know that the delay to the project is a disappointment but if we can deliver the preferred design it will be appreciated by local users and be a marketable asset as a tourist attraction in its own right. The Gasworx will be the best skate-park in the north of England and should be viewed as another piece of the jigsaw in the regeneration of Bridlington."

**VACANCY**

This newsletter is a quarterly publication and the Council's aim is to deliver over 16,000 copies so that every household receives a copy. The newsletter is currently distributed alongside the Gazette & Herald free newspaper but there are a number of gaps in the newspaper's distribution network, primarily the new property north of Marton Gate, Sewerby village and a couple of areas off Quay Road.

The Council estimates that four hours of delivery time is required to fill the gaps. If you are interested in applying for this part-time post please contact the Clerk in the first instance. Mr Smith's contact details can be found on back page.

**Representation of the People.**

Should you wish to stand as a candidate for the Town Council on May the 3rd you will need to be aged at least 18, registered in the ward in which you intend standing, or have resided or worked for 12 months in or within 4.8 km outside the town's boundary. Persons ineligible to stand are, bankrupts, you have served a three month prison sentence (including suspended sentences) within the last five years, you have been disqualified under legislation relating to illegal or corrupt practices or you work for the Council. Nomination papers will be available from the Electoral Services Unit (01482 393311/2/3), the Town Clerk, or Customer Services at the Town Hall, from the 27th March. To be returned by noon on the 3rd of April to the Electoral Services Unit or the Town Hall. You will require nomination by two electors in the relevant ward. You may spend £600 plus 5p per elector for the ward on electoral expenses. You have to submit an expenses report form whether you are elected or not.. If you find it difficult to attend your polling station you can obtain a Postal Vote from the

Electoral Services Unit, the sooner the better. If you lose or indeed do not receive a Polling Card you still have a vote provided that you are on the Electoral Register.

**Schedule of meetings of the Town Council.**

- **Full Council meeting**, every month except August. (1 ½ to 2 hours.)
- **Finance and General Purposes Committee**, every second month (1 ½ hours)
- **Planning and Environment Committee** every two weeks. (1 hour)
- **Staffing Committee**, occasionally as required. (1 to 2 hours.)
- **Newsletter Committee**, four meetings per year (1 hour)
- **Skatepark Management Committee**, held as required, (1 to 2 hours) All times are approximate

In addition, individual councillors are appointed to represent the council on outside committees, for example the Town Improvement Forum, Arts Festival and Bridlington in Bloom.

**Councillors remuneration**

Town and parish councillors may be paid. Your present council has opted not to be paid. The Mayor receives an allowance to fulfil civic duties. All councillors are entitled to a travel allowance when representing the council outside the boundaries of the town.

**Parish & Town Council Charter**

The Charter should be an agreement between the principal authority (ERYC) and the Town Council laying out the powers and scope of the Town Council. A draft Charter was issued by the ERYC in January 2005, no further progress has transpired.

**Aims and Objectives.**

In 2004 we established some Aims and Objectives for the Council. They were:-

**Aims**

- 1) To act as a watchdog and pressure focusing Group on behalf of the residents of Bridlington. In general we feel that this aim has been fulfilled.
- 2) To be consulted by the ERYC on policy and decision making at the earliest opportunity affecting the town. This has not always been the case.

**Objectives.**

- 1) To investigate the discharge of raw sewage into the harbour at the times of high rainfall. The sewage system is designed to discharge to sea, when the Sewage Works is unable to cope with added heavy rainfall when holding tanks overflow to the sea.
- 2) To become involved in the Local Plan for Bridlington at an early stage. This did not happen
- 3) To investigate the Special Expenses charged by the ERYC on Bridlington. This charge is made by the principal authority (ERYC) for carrying out duties normally carried out by a town council. Grass and gardens maintenance, cemetery, CCTV. None of which have ever been offered to the town council.
- 4) To establish the profit and loss of running certain of the town's services which could be devolved to the town council. There has been no action on this matter.
- 5) To recommend that the number of elected councillors be increased from 12 to 19. Rejected by ERYC and the Electoral Commission.
- 6) To investigate the sponsorship of additional sea front shelters. No action.
- 7) To support an integrated transport system and the establishment of a park and ride scheme. There is no sign of establishing an integrated transport system and the council were not consulted as to the location of the park and ride now proposed.
- 8) To investigate the provision of town entry signs on main access roads. Signs have been erected.
- 9) To establish an ongoing tree planting programme for suitable open spaces and roadside verges. We initiated a programme which was taken over by Regeneration.

**Some Milestones**

In 2004 the Council were partners in the town being awarded a Gold Certificate in the Britain in Bloom competition.

In 2005 the Council obtained a Home Front Lottery grant with which we organised a Victory Parade (60th anniversary of the end of WWII) and a Tea Dance at Leisure Work. Also funded visits to Eden Camp for the Town's Primary Schools.

In 2006 the Council transferred the Honorary Freedom of Bridlington to the 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards) from that held by the Green Howards since 1945.

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