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BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

I can't believe three months has passed since the last Newsletter was issued. It has been an enjoyable summer and the weather has been good to the town and the school children on their summer holidays. I have personally seen lots of visitors and residents enjoying our beaches and spending in the local shops. There have also been the summer events, fireworks and festivals which have further entertained and delighted the crowds. The Town Council is pleased to sponsor and provide grant funding to many of these events, something we hope the Town Council will continue to do over the coming years.

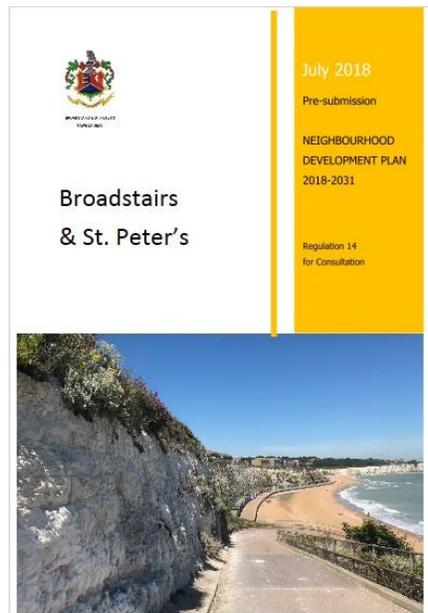
Despite all of the summer fun, it has been work as usual at the Town Council....

Danielle Dunn, Town Clerk

Neighbourhood Plan

Work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Broadstairs & St. Peter's started in the later part of 2014, when a number of public workshops were held to see whether residents in the

town wanted to produce a plan, and if so, what geographical area it should cover. Move on four years and the first draft of the NDP has been published for consultation!



As some of you may be aware my professional background is in planning, I spent 10 years at Ashford Borough Council as a planning officer prior to becoming the Town Clerk. This expertise has helped the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee focus the evidence



Danielle Dunn: Town Clerk

they had gathered and ensure that a thorough and justified plan has been produced in a reasonable timeframe.

The consultation on the NDP will run to the 17th September 2018, 12:30pm. To view the plan and comment online please visit www.broadstairs.gov.uk/consultations

Alternatively, we are holding two consultation events where you can come and meet members of the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee and discuss the plan: 10th September 2018, 6-8pm at St. Peter's Church Hall and on the 11th September 10am-12 noon, Pierremont Hall.

It is really important that the community gets behind the plan

and provides the sub-committee with feedback. Once we have read the comments, and, where necessary made amendments to the plan, it will be submitted to Thanet District Council and an independent Planning Examiner. This is one of the last chances for the community to make a real difference.

Community Assets Committee

At the Council meeting of the 23rd July 2018, it was formally ratified that a new committee, the Community Assets Committee, would be established to oversee the refurbishment and management of Town Council owned assets. Initially this will include Pierremont Hall and Retort House, but also any future assets that may be taken over. This new committee will mean that decision making will be more streamlined and projects delivered more effectively.

Retort House

Renovation work has now started at Retort House. You may have seen the scaffolding being erected on one of the end elevations? Work is underway to repair a leak in the roof, re-point areas of brickwork, paint the end elevation and remove the trees that are growing out of the guttering!



We will also be repairing the broken glass in the windows and making some changes to the electrics internally.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the Town Council has been looking at the possibility of commercially letting part of the building, and this work will enable this to happen. The Commercial tenant will ensure that much needed income is available to retain and maintain the remainder of the building for the community.

We are now undertaking the final discussions with a potential tenant and a full statement and press release will be issued when the legal documentation has been signed.

Once the tenant is in situ, work will begin on improving the facilities in the sports hall area, all of which were set out in the June Newsletter.

Community Hall and Park Hall

Listed Building consent to demolish the Community Hall has now been granted and the final schedule of works is being drawn up by the project managers. In accordance with the conditions on the consent, the site will be converted to grass and will provide a much more attractive back drop to Pierremont Hall.

Listed Building consent for the demolition of Park Hall has now also been submitted to Thanet District Council. The Town Council has worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to establish a solution to refurbish Park Hall. However, the ongoing anti-social behavior, including break-ins and small fires has meant that the building is now beyond repair. The tough decision was made at the July Council meeting that an application for demolition be submitted and it is

hoped that residents of the town support this decision.

Looking to the future, it is hoped that a quality, community building/s will be built that will replace both the Community Hall and Park Hall.



Pierremont Hall

Listed building consent is being sought from Thanet District Council to replace the lead on the roof of Pierremont Hall with zinc. Making the building 'lead-free' will ensure that future thefts are alleviated and damage to the tiles prevented. It will also stop some of the leaks that are coming through the ceiling after years of neglect.

Building work on the Music Room and the former DVLA building is now in the pipeline. Once these have been completed work on the main building will begin.

Cleary Fund – The Georgian Group

This time last year the Town Council was successful in obtaining a £1000 grant to repair and paint the original shutters in the Council Chamber. Unfortunately, when this work began it was soon discovered that one of the shutters was completely missing, it was probably

taken off to be repaired at some point in the past and never returned!

Subsequently, the grant was used to repair and replace the missing shutter and the painting of the shutters will be undertaken with the wider decoration works of Pierremont Hall. We would like to thank the Georgian Group for all of their help with this project. www.georgiangroup.org.uk

Asset of Community Value Application

Thanet District Council has formally accepted the Old Boathouse on the Harbour as an Asset of Community Value. This means that should the building come up for disposal it can be bid for at a lower community value and there is now limited scope for it to be sold off commercially. Broadstairs Town Council and the Harbour and Seafront Group will continue to work together on this project so that the building is retained for future residents and generations of Broadstairs. All the updates regarding this project will be relayed via the Newsletter.

Toilet Facilities

It was set out in the previous Newsletter that the Town Council was looking at options for providing a portaloos at Kingsgate Bay over the summer holidays. Unfortunately, after extensive work a solution regarding the siting of the portaloos was unable to be achieved. The Town Council will be looking at alternative options for this over the coming years.

The issues with other public toilets in the town are also being looked into further by the Councillors.

Grants

Don't forget the deadline for grant applications for the 2019/20 civic

year has been set as midday on the 9th November 2018.

Anyone who has received a grant this year, please don't forget to complete your end of year grant monitoring report.



Defibrillator

The new defibrillator has now arrived. Updates regarding its installation in the Chandos Square Phone Box will be made on our social media pages.

Viking Ward Councillor Vacancy

At the end of August Cllr Taylor-Smith resigned as Councillor for Viking Ward in order that she could spend more time with her family. Cllr Taylor-Smith was elected at the last local elections and has been a valued asset to the Council, including undertaking the role of Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2016-17. We thank her for all of her hard work representing the town, especially Viking Ward and wish her all the best for the future.

A decision will be made at the Council meeting of the 24th September to decide if the Council will co-opt a new Councillor or hold a bi-election.

New Notice Board

The new notice board for Nuckell's Garden has now arrived, this is the new style of board that has already been installed at the Jetty and in

Victoria Gardens. This will be installed as soon as the contractor has a free time slot.

Unfortunately, the notice board in the Albion Street car park has now also fallen off. A decision will be made at the next Finance and General Purposes as to whether we will replace this board.

CCTV Cameras

The second phase of CCTV cameras were installed at the end August. There is now CCTV coverage around both the front and rear elevations of Pierremont Hall and the Music Room. The CCTV is monitored daily by the Town Council and we are starting to see decreases to the level of anti-social behaviour in the park.

Residents Parking Vouchers

The trial of selling parking vouchers was a success and there was high demand for the vouchers. However, we have continually struggled to get a supply of vouchers from Thanet District Council. We are currently trying to work on a solution to ensure that we can stock the vouchers in the future.

Card Payments

Following direct feedback from residents. The Town Council is now able to accept card payments from all major credit and debit cards. So, whether you need to pay your allotment rent or purchase tickets to the Mayor's Events, remember that the facility is here

We are now also working on providing the facility to collect online payments, updates will be provided in future Newsletters.

Town Forum- Calling Community Groups

At the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee it was decided that there should be a new and improved Town Forum that would enable community groups to discuss and share what they have been doing, events that they are holding and raise any issues that they feel would improve the Town. The Town Forum will meet twice a year, in spring and autumn at 7pm in Pierremont Hall.

If your community group is not already represented and you would like to attend please email town.clerk@broadstairs.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.

The next meeting of the Town Forum has provisionally been set for the 8th October 2018, 7pm at Pierremont Hall.

Local Heritage Assets Survey

Some of our social media followers will have spotted that the Town Council advertised for a student to undertake a survey of locally listed buildings over the summer. This piece of work is needed to help support the Neighbourhood Development Plan and is a joint project with the Broadstairs Society. We currently have a student from Norwich University of the Arts working on this survey for us and we are hoping that all buildings will have been surveyed by the end of September.

Mayor's News

The annual Garden Party was held at the end of July and in glorious sunshine. 58 people attended the event, including a Deputy Lieutenant, and 9 visiting Mayor's and Chairman. It raised £600 for the Mayor's charities

Thanks to Reverend Jan Durrans for her help and the use of her garden and kitchen.

The next event in the Mayors' diary is the Annual Civic Service which takes place on the 9th September, 11am at the Church of St. Peter in Thanet. Everyone is invited to attend.

For further information on the post of the Mayoralty, to invite the Mayor to an event, for information on fundraising events or to contact the Mayor, please telephone The Mayor's Secretary at Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council on 01843 868718 or send an email to: mayor@broadstairs.gov.uk.

PUBLIC NOTICE: INVITATION TO BID

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council is seeking a supplier/s for the following two major works contracts at Pierremont Park, Broadstairs CT10 1JX:

Replacement roof to listed building:

To replace the entire roof of Pierremont Hall, following vandalism and lead theft, roof to be replaced with slate tiles and flashings in zinc. DEADLINE 14th September 2018.

Demolition of two single storey outbuildings:

Demolition and removal of debris to the Community Hall and Timber Shed (aka Park Hall) at Pierremont Park, DEADLINE 1st October 2018.

For full details of the projects and specifications please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

9th September, 11am Annual Civic Service, Church of St. Peter in Thanet

21st September, 7pm for 7:30pm Mayors Quiz, Upton Junior School.

5th November Fireworks, Viking Bay, 8pm

9th November Grant Application deadline.

11th November Remembrance Service, Broadstairs War Memorial

11th November WW1 Beacons of Light to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, Victoria Gardens 7pm

2019

11th March, 7:30pm Annual Town Assembly, Crampton Tower Hall

30th March 2019, Mayor's Spring Ball, Broadstairs Pavilion

From the archives: 9th October 1950, Minute 662:

Read letter (6/10/50) From Trinity House referring to a concrete and iron object ashore at North Foreland Point...that the object has now been identified as War Office property and that the Admiralty has undertaken its removal but cannot commence the work until 1951 and possibly not until 1952, and intimating that, pending the removal of the object, an un-lighted green can buoy will be placed nearby.

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