

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - August 2018

Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

Year 6 children from Picklenash have been working with the Police to draw attention to drivers of the dangers of speeding.



Several pupils did a speed check outside their school with a speed gun under the supervision of a Police Officer who stopped drivers who were driving

above the 30mph speed limit. The pupils then designed posters and I was pleased to be asked to help choose three winners. The posters will be displayed at local points urging motorists to slow down. I feel this is good education for children and hopefully will instil the dangers of speeding when they take to the roads themselves.

Although the Council does not meet in August, except to consider planning applications, work continues. We have several projects underway and more of these will be published as and when available.

A Bid for Improvements at the Recreation Ground

The facilities at the Recreation Ground in Watery Lane include changing rooms and a clubroom currently housed in a separate temporary building owned by the Rugby Club.

An opportunity has arisen to replace the temporary building with a modest but permanent community and recreation facility

comprising an activity room, kitchen and toilets. The new facility would be operated by the Town Council and be available to any group that wished to hire it.

A Future for Newent

Please see the separate Neighbourhood Development Plan section under 'Council' on this website for updates on the recent consultation from July 12th to 18th when we asked local people if they were in favour of going ahead with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

About the Town Council - some FAQs.

The workings of the Town Council are a bit of a mystery to some people, so here are a few of the questions that people often ask. As space allows, further FAQs will be published.

Q - What area does the Town Council cover?

A - The civil parish of Newent.

Q - How far does Newent civil parish extend?

A - It extends way beyond the town settlement area as far as Botloe's Green, Clifford's Mesne and Malswick. There is a map in the Neighbourhood Development Plan section of this website showing the boundary.

Q - How does a town council differ from local parish councils?

A - The only difference is in the name.



Q - How many councillors sit on Newent Town Council?

A - Thirteen. Nine are elected from Newent Central Ward, three from the more rural areas and one from Clifford's Mesne.

Q - How often are they elected?

A - Elections take place every four years although, at this level of local government, seats are not always contested. The next elections are in May 2019.

Q - What are the Town Council's main areas of responsibility?

A - The Town Council looks after the open spaces such as the Lake, the Arboretum, the Allotments, and acts as The Burial Authority for Newent.

Contacting your Councillors

If you wish to speak to one of the councillors, please contact us through the clerk or from the individual details elsewhere on this website.

