

Town Meeting

7.15pm on 1st June 2021 at the Bowman Centre

Present:

Mayor, Cllr Andrew Williams
12 councillors
7 members of the public
Mrs Wendy Bown (Clerk)
Mrs Alice Membery (Admin Officer)

The Mayor opened the meeting and gave a presentation.

He described how the Town Council had continued its business during the past 12 months through the difficult time of the Pandemic.

New allotments have been created at Stockport Avenue, consisting of 30 plots and a community garden area.

The construction of the Amesbury History Centre has been affected by the Pandemic with delays in the delivery of materials, but should be completed in July/August.

On-going projects include:

Man Shed
Bonnymead Park upgrade
Land transfers at Stockport (Kings Gate)
Addition of names on the war memorial

Possible projects for the coming year:

Taking on Boscombe Down sports pitches
Youth provision
Neighbourhood Plan

Report from the Lady Antrobus Trust

October 2019 saw the official opening of Antrobus House following its renovations – undertaken at no cost to the public.

December 2019 – the Vintage Champagne Tea was a great success.

In 2020 the Trust successfully gained a licence to hold weddings at Antrobus House. But then the Covid-19 pandemic brought plans to a halt.

A virtual tour of the house was uploaded onto the website.

May's VE Day celebration had to be cancelled, although flags were flown from the building.

The Trust managed to celebrate VJ Day on 15th August on the rear lawns.

Monthly updates in the Stonehenge Trader kept up interest.

Repairs and maintenance continued and the grounds were tidied.

The future diary is full with weddings and parties.

A statue – Angel of Mons – is to be erected at Antrobus House between August and

November and it is hoped that this will provide an added attraction for visitors to Amesbury.

Questions were invited from members of the public.

It was reported that there had been no carnival in 2020 or 2021, but the carnival committee has working funds to prepare for 2022.

The Blue Plaque Trail project is to be resurrected with 9 plaques placed around Amesbury for interest to visitors.

It was reported that there were housekeeping issues within the town which is becoming untidy. Wiltshire Council has declared that it has no funds for cleaning the town.
The paving stones outside the Co-Op are cracked.
Litter bins are in disrepair and in need of painting.
The wall by the notice board needs painting.
There is a telegraph pole in Salisbury Street that serves no purpose.

Night-time noise/music from the pubs is an issue for residents. Checks have been made by the authorities and it has been found that the sound is above the acceptable limit.
It was asked that this be sorted out.

The spotlight from the Kings Arms is disturbing residents of Semour Gardens.

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