



Northam Town Council

Councillors, Staff
and Office Details



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Winter Newsletter 2016

Upcoming Meetings

5th December	Town Projects
7th December	Special Full Council
10th December	Christmas Carols
12th December	Human Resources
14th December	Planning & Full Council
19th December	Finance

9th January	Town Projects
11th January	Planning
16th January	Northam Burrows
23rd January	Finance
25th January	Planning & Full Council

Agendas are published 6 days before the meeting and can be found on the website and in notice boards around the area. Committee meetings (Town Projects, HR, Finance and Burrows) commence at 10am and are held in the Committee Room. Planning meetings start at 6pm* and are held in the Council Chamber. Full Council follows at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

*The start time for Planning is variable depending on the size of the agenda. Please check the agenda details for each meeting.

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Please note that the office will close at 1pm on 23rd December and reopen at 9am on 3rd January.

Councillors

Northam Ward

Cllr D Berryman	07989825931
Cllr H Brading	470488
Cllr J Himan	422227
Cllr R Hancock	07581203493
Cllr R Miller	474658
Cllr Mrs J Whittaker	472315

Appledore Ward

Cllr K Davis	472136
Cllr A Eastman	474550
Cllr B Edwards	477441
Cllr P Hames	421065

Westward Ho!

Cllr M Durkin	422002
Cllr R Tisdale	474703

Orchard Hill

Cllr C Leather	425940
Cllr O Sherborne	700948

Staff

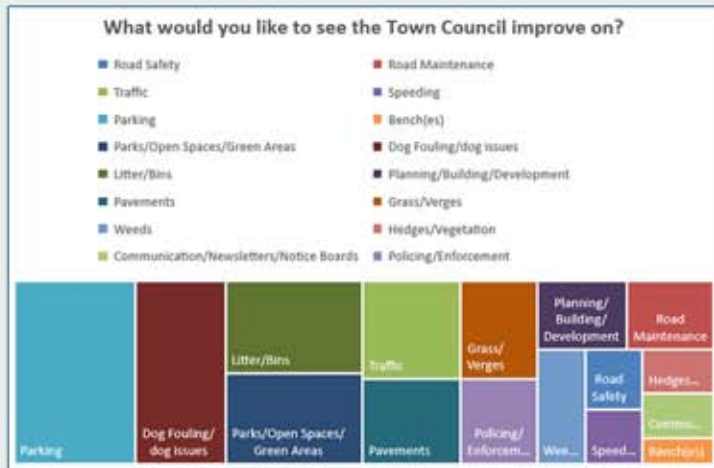
Town Clerk	Mrs M J Mills MILCM
Assistant Clerk	Mrs P Moores
Admin Assistant	Miss A Kendall
Maintenance Team	Tim Martin
	Ivan Heuze
	Dominic Callebaut
Town Beadle	Gerry Montague

The Staff and Northam Town Councillors would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I have chosen this photograph of Anchor Park in Appledore for our Winter Newsletter because we have almost completed our significant improvements. The new path connecting Scott Avenue and Yeo Drive, and the re-surfacing of the existing paths has been well received. The repair of existing, and the additional play equipment and renewal of the safety surfacing, has also been a major improvement. We have a small extension to the play area and some new swings yet to install. The two picnic benches are an addition, and we can add more sponsored seating, and perhaps another couple of picnic benches. We are now firming-up a specification, and funding, for both Appledore and Westward Ho! festoon lighting schemes. Both should be installed and operational in 2017. Your Council are investigating various traffic management proposals for the area, possible 'rumble strips' and pedestrian refuges have been mentioned for specific places. Please contact the Town Hall with any suggestions or concerns you may have, on any issue, which we can consider. I hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a kind Winter. Mayor, Cllr Chris Leather. Photograph courtesy of Cllr Hancock.



Survey Results

The results of the survey we circulated with the Summer Newsletter have now been collated. 355 responses were received in total and a number of concerns were raised. As you can see in the chart above, the most common issues raised include parking, dog related issues, litter bins and parks/open spaces. A summary of the results has been posted on the 'Notice Board' on the home page of the website. You can also view the full report online. The results were considered at a recent meeting of the Town Projects Committee and they will be used to help compile a four-year Parish Plan.

Benches and Sponsorship

The Town Council is currently in the process of taking on the benches on Appledore Quay from the District Council. The Council has recently put a scheme in place for the sponsorship of benches. There will be an option to purchase a new bench, or you can pay for an existing one to be refurbished. Currently, we are making a list of interested parties and will contact everyone who has enquired after the transfer of the Quay benches is complete. If you are interested, please contact the Town Hall.



Maintenance Men

Since the last Newsletter, Tim, Ivan and Dominic have been busy as usual. The hanging baskets have now been taken down to make way for the Christmas Trees and they are busy preparing them with lights ready to go up on the local shop fronts. Since the last newsletter, they have been busy with their usual litter picking and grass cutting duties as well as weed spraying, hedge cutting and maintenance to Anchor Park, including installing two new picnic benches. They have also refurbished our notice boards and cleaned and painted our bus shelters.

Notice Boards

A new notice board has been installed in the Orchard Hill ward recently; it is located next to the bus stop at the entrance to Hanson Park. The notice board will be used to display our agendas and other Council notices. We now have a notice board in each of the Council's Wards. Our other notice boards are located at Northam Library, Appledore Library and Westward Ho! car park. You can also find the agendas and minutes of meetings published on our website. Agendas are published 6 days before the meeting. You can find a full calendar of meetings on our website.

Card Payments

The Council has recently set up facilities to take payments via credit or debit card. We hope that it will make it easier to pay for things like hiring Northam Hall and Manor Passes when the time comes. A charge of 5% of the total amount due will be payable to cover the costs of the transaction fees. Please contact the office for more information.



Town Council Website

The results of the survey suggest that few people are using the Council website to obtain information and we would like to remind everyone that our website contains the following information:

- Current meeting agendas
- Minutes of meetings
- Calendar of Council meetings
- Contacting the Town Hall via the 'Contact Us' page
- Contact details for all Councillors
- Recent and past newsletters
- Sign up to receive e-mail Newsletters
- Downloading forms for Grants and Manor Passes*
- Provisional diary and details for booking Northam Hall
- Updates from the local PCSO team and other Community organisations

*These forms will be available online at the appropriate times. Grants - September-October and Manor Passes - March onwards.

Carols

The Town Council's annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on Saturday 10th December at St Margaret's Church, Northam, starting at 3.30pm. Everyone is invited to join in with singers from the local Schools. Father Christmas and the Appledore Band will also be in attendance.