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STALHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello!

Welcome to the first newsletter for all residents of Stalham.

Stalham Town Council have agreed to produce a regular newsletter to keep you informed on what is happening in your community and keep you up to date with the work of the Town Council.

If there is any information you would like to see in a future issue, please get in touch with your Town Clerk, Sarah Hunt, or Assistant Town Clerk, Lolly Dawson.

Email: clerk@stalhamtowncouncil.org

Sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine.

In support of the Ukrainian people, Stalham Town Council would like as many people of Stalham as possible to grow a sunflower.

1. Pick up a sunflower pack from the Town Council
2. Plant your sunflower seeds
3. Send in lots of progress photos
4. Send in your final photo and the height of your sunflower before Monday 29th August to enter the competition!

How to contact us

Whatsapp - 07392 965607

Email - office@stalhamtowncouncil.org

Find us on Facebook - [@stalhamtowncouncil](https://www.facebook.com/@stalhamtowncouncil)

There will be a prize for the TALLEST and a prize for the HAPPIEST sunflower!



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Written by Chris Foster, Chairman.

The Council has formed a Steering Group comprised of Town Councillors and volunteers to establish a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Stalham that will run until 2036. This project will take approximately 18 months to complete.

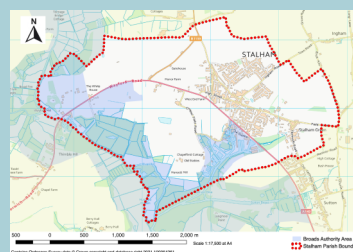


The Plan will work in conjunction with the North Norfolk District Council Local Plan and will take into consideration recent events and decisions locally about housing development, which have shown we need a voice with clear and well-argued policies for the town.

The Steering Group has talked to NNDC planning officers and employed a specialist consultant to assist with the project.

The consultation period ran through out March and volunteers have been out and about talking to various people and distributed a survey to as many people connected to Stalham as possible. The results have recently been published and a pleasing 349 people have offered their views and insights; this can now be used as evidence to support policy, thank you to everyone who filled in a survey. The steering group will discuss these results in the next few days and decide which areas of Stalham's future we need to focus on.

If you would like to join the Steering Group, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk to be involved in preparing the plan.



10-Year Strategic Plan

Written by Councillor Rachel Hood



The Town Council Strategic Planning Working Group has met twice and put together a Vision, Mission Statement and Values for the Town, based on feedback from the recent community survey findings.

Our Vision

Our Vision is for Stalham to be a leading Market Town in the local area; looking to the future, open to business and providing a safe, healthy community built on a foundation of sustainable and managed improvement.

This will be achieved through seizing new opportunities, where appropriate, to meet the needs of the Town, its residents, and visitors, and ensuring resources are in place to achieve the goals set.

Mission Statement

(How we are going to work to achieve the Vision)

Stalham Town Council will work conscientiously with the community to define and provide best value, high quality services and facilities, ensuring that Stalham is a forward-looking Market Town that respects its heritage and upholds its values, making it a great place to live, work, play and visit.

We will work to deliver services to meet our residents needs and to realise the Vision for Stalham. In this, we are accountable to our residents and the community.

Our Values (which will underpin the objectives)

- ⇒ Community
- ⇒ Economy
- ⇒ Democracy
- ⇒ Environment

The Sub-Committee meets twice a month and; next steps are to start setting out objectives in line with the values and Mission Statement to help us achieve our Vision.



Amenities Update



By Steve Toone,
Amenities Committee Chair

Stalham Town Council has an Amenities Committee which meets separately to the Full Council and discusses and manages a number of amenities within the Town. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings and agendas are published on the noticeboards and website.

The allotments are fully occupied and we hope all occupants have a successful growing season.

The Council is awaiting new gates for the Churchyard and closed cemetery.

The Burial Ground extension project is on-going, there are further plans for this site and the Council would welcome suggestions on how you would like the site to look and any facilities you would like to be considered.

The piling works and ditch clearing at the Staithe are also now completed, and it looks much improved.

The authority that manages highways, which includes; roads, pavements, footpaths and verges, is Norfolk County Council. You can report a problem online at www.norfolk.gov.uk or by calling 0344 800 8020.



Picture (left) Councillors planting flowers at the burial ground. Left to right; Melissa McGeary, Maggie Green, Rachel Hood, Phil Hanton, Steve Toone, Kevin Bayes.

Amenities

Update Continued..

Stalham Town Council manages street lighting within the Town including rectifying any faults and general maintenance. Please report any streetlights that are inoperative to the Town Clerk.

The council has a street light replacement and upgrade program in place, this is an ongoing project to ensure better lighting but also to help reduce our environmental footprint and reduce running costs.



Town Spring Clean organised by Cllr Taylor on 20 March 2022.

District Councillor Report

By Councillor Matthew Taylor



It's been roughly 5 months since I won the local election, becoming Stalham's youngest ever district councillor at the ripe age of 22!

One thing that I'm set on achieving, that I promised the residents of Stalham throughout my campaign, was to ensure that my home area was firmly on the radar of North Norfolk District Council.

I knew this would not be an easy task. Since my election I've spoken for Stalham numerous times in the council chamber. One example was asking when NNDC would be applying for a government grant to install more electric vehicle charging points; Stalham was the only town in North Norfolk not included in the recent roll-out. I will be working hard to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Speaking for Stalham is just one part of my plan to 'raise the bar', the other thing that I have been determined to do is host influential people and invite them on tours of the town to highlight some of the challenges we face as a community. I've hosted three meetings of this nature already, with senior officers at the NNDC and with senior Liberal Democrat councillors, and most importantly with our Member of Parliament, Mr Duncan Baker. All of which have been very successful in sharing the voice of Stalham.

One of the core issues I have noted is the lack of suitable parking in the town. NNDC provides a town of over 3500 people with just 18 parking spaces, 5 of which are leased out to a separate organisation reducing this to a total of 13. This is something that moving forward I want to see improved.

I want to see businesses thrive as much as they possibly can and this remains at the very top of my agenda.

We have, as a community, started to take steps in the right direction, and I can promise you all now I will not stop working for Stalham until I see our goals become reality.

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Meetings

Monday 9th May 2022	Annual Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 23rd May 2022	Finance Committee	Stalham Poppy Centre
Monday 13th June 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 27th June 2022	Amenities Committee	Stalham Poppy Centre
Monday 11th July 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 8th August 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 22nd August 2022	Amenities Committee	Stalham Poppy Centre
Monday 12th September 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 24th October 2022	Amenities Committee (Budget setting)	Stalham Poppy Centre

All meetings are held at 7pm. Agendas are available on the council website: www.stalhamtowncouncil.org

EVENTS

CEILIDH DANCE

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

£10.00
per ticket

7PM TO 10PM

Licensed
Bar

STALHAM POPPY CENTRE

Pre-Booking Required - 07392 965607 - office@stalhamtowncouncil.org



FREE
Admission

PICNIC AT THE REC STALHAM JUBILEE

All
Welcome

4TH JUNE 2022
12pm - 5pm

Family
Games

Stalls

Rides

Tombola

Kids
Entertainer



THE BIG JUBILEE PARTY

4th June 2022 - 7pm to late - Stalham Poppy Centre

COME AND SEE LOCAL BAND

CATCH TWENTY TWO!

LIVE MUSIC & DJ SET

Licensed Bar - Food Vans

Pre-Booked Tickets Only - FREE Tickets

07392 965607 or office@stalhamtowncouncil.org



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Other News

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Stalham Town Council is setting up a Chamber of Commerce, if you are a local business we would love your involvement at these early stages. If the Town Council have not been in touch with you within the next 6 weeks, please could you get in touch so we can ensure your business is included in any future opportunities and receives the information moving forwards.

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL WARM HOMES GRANT

The Norfolk Warm Homes Partnership is providing heating and insulation grants to our residents to help keep homes warm across Norfolk! If you want to keep your energy bills low and reduce your carbon emissions, installing insulation in your home is one of the best ways to keep the heat in, and the cold out.

You could be eligible.

Email energy@north-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01263 513811 for more information.

The next publication will be in July 2022.

If you would like anything to be considered for the issue please get in touch by Monday 13th June 2022.