



Town Council Committee Re-structure

A restructure of the Town Council committee membership has recently completed, reducing current standing committees down from all 14 Councillors who previously attended each meeting, to a core group of 7 Councillors per committee.

It is hoped that the revised approach will make future meetings of the Full Council more interesting for those parishioners wishing to attend.

As a result of the re-structure, meetings of the Planning Committee will now commence at 6.15pm on the publicised scheduled dates.

To view the revised membership make-up of the Council's three standing committees,

please visit www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Serving-Councillors/Town-Council/

Town Councillors Contact Numbers

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

5th March 2018 (Finance, Resources & General Purposes and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

19th March 2018 (Full Council)
Baptist Church Hall – Bovey Tracey

28th March 2018 (Annual Town Meeting)
Phoenix Hall, St John's Lane – Bovey Tracey

9th April 2018 (Recreation, Parks & Property and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

23rd April 2018 (Finance, Resources & General Purposes and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

8th May 2018 (Annual Meeting)
Baptist Church Hall – Bovey Tracey

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Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey

Bovey Tracey Town Council is seeking nominations for the honorary title of **REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LORD OF THE MANOR OF BOVEY TRACEY** for 2018/19.

This is awarded annually at the Town Council's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2018 to a Bovey or Heathfield resident, who in the opinion of the Town Council, for whatever reason, has made a significant voluntary contribution to the Parish of Bovey Tracey over the past 10 years and should be publicly recognised for those actions.

If you know of someone who should be considered for this award, please contact the Town Council Office for a nomination form and the criteria for nomination.

Completed nomination forms should be returned by 16th April 2018 to the Town Clerk.

Community Centre – Update

Since edition 57 of the Quality Update (October 2017), Bovey Tracey Town Council has formally applied for Planning Permission from the Planning Authority (Teignbridge District Council) to build on the site of the Old Thatched Inn. The Town Council is currently eagerly awaiting determination of the submitted application. Over the winter, the Town Council has extended the appointment of the architect and has formally appointed the rest of the project team. Tender specifications are being prepared for the appointment of contractors.



As grant funders continually change their criteria, applications for external funding continue to be submitted whilst discussions are ongoing with the Information Centre Trust to consider options for any temporary relocation of the centre in readiness for when construction starts on site.

To keep up to date with developments as they happen, please visit www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Community-Centre-Building/Town-Council/

In 2017, Bovey Tracey Town Council resolved to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Bovey Tracey, which includes Brimley and Heathfield (see map), under powers given in the 2011 Localism Act. The process of creating a neighbourhood plan involves extensive consultation to identify community views about local development, scrutiny by an inspector and a parish referendum before it comes into force. Once adopted, the plan becomes part of the formal planning policy for the parish and will hold much more weight than the observations that the town council currently makes when it is asked to comment on individual planning applications.

A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, consisting of five town councillors and eight community representatives, was formed last December and has met monthly since. Its role is to oversee the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and to engage with the local community to ensure that the plan is truly representative of the ambitions of those who live and work in the parish. The steering group will maximise support for the neighbourhood plan by ensuring high levels of community consultation throughout the plan-making process.

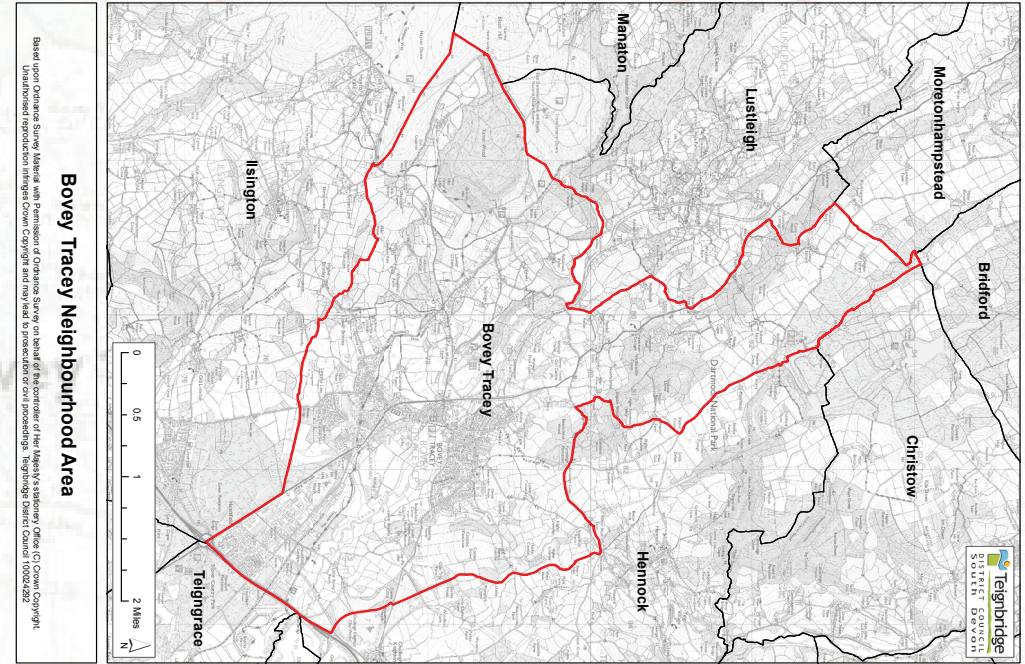
Have your say about the future of our parish

Enclosed with this edition of Quality Update is a questionnaire designed by the steering group to gather the views of all those who live and/or work in the parish about its development over the next 15 years. There are four very good reasons for completing it:

- The neighbourhood plan will reflect the principal issues revealed in the responses to the questionnaire. Therefore the greater the number of responses, the more accurately the plan will mirror local views.
- The neighbourhood plan, once adopted, will give statutory force to the community's wishes on local development.
- The completed plan will also increase the Town Council's share of the money paid to Teignbridge District Council on local housing developments, giving the Town Council additional funding for the benefit of the parish.
- A neighbourhood plan, like any other planning policy, may be subject to challenge. However, a plan that can demonstrate high levels of community input will be more difficult to overturn so it is important that our plan is based on a high level of response to the questionnaire.

Want to know more about neighbourhood plans?

- See Page 1 of the enclosed questionnaire.
- Visit the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group table at the Community Groups Festival from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 10 March in the Methodist Church hall.
- Go to www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2.
- Details of Town Council and Steering Group meetings relating to the Neighbourhood Plan may be seen at www.boveytracey.gov.uk>> Town Council>>Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- A recently completed local neighbourhood plan - for Abbotskerswell - can be read at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/media/5294/final-abbotskerswell-plan-referendum-2016-2033.pdf.
- The planning policy that currently covers the parish is set out in the Teignbridge District Council's Local Plan 2013-2033, which may be found at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-and-policy/teignbridge-local-plan-2033/. A copy is held in the library.



Fair Trade Event

Saturday 3rd March 10.30am
 Speaker from Tea Co-op in Kenya.
 Baptist Church, Hind Street, Bovey Tracey
 Fair Trade Draw & Stalls



Annual Town Meeting

You are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the Phoenix Hall, St John's Lane, Bovey Tracey on Wednesday 28th March 2018, starting at 7.00pm.

Please come along to hear what has been happening in the Parish over the past 12 months. This will include reports from local organisations and there will be an opportunity to ask Councillors questions you may have or discuss issues facing the Parish. There will also be presentations to this year's nominees for the Young Citizens of the Year.