

# NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

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Town Beadle Gerry Montague

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

8<sup>th</sup> October Town Projects  
10<sup>th</sup> October Planning  
22<sup>nd</sup> October Finance  
31<sup>st</sup> October Planning & Full Council

5<sup>th</sup> November Town Projects  
12<sup>th</sup> November Northam Burrows  
14<sup>th</sup> November Planning  
19<sup>th</sup> November Finance  
28<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Flag Raising at Bone Hill.  
Image courtesy of Graham Hobbs.

After a lifetime of working in the shipbuilding industry and associated trades, Local Government for me has been an experience I'll never forget, but to be made Mayor of ones own town has to be an honour second to none. Although at times the task ahead might seem a little daunting, I have to thank the Clerk and office staff along with the Maintenance Men for helping me run this well oiled machine of local democracy.

On September 3rd the Red Ensign was raised at the new upgraded Bone Hill flag pole to commemorate Merchant Navy Day also the outbreak of the Second World War. Equally on 15th September the RAF flag was raised in honour of the few who fought in the Battle of Britain. Also, I should like the same ceremony on October 21st for Trafalgar Day.

This year we remember 100 years since the end of the First World War, a horrifying conflict which changed the World and led to the tragic deaths of more than 800,000 British and Colonial service personnel.

On a more cheery note of "Entente Cordiale" between Northam, Mondeville and Büddenstedt, Jasmin and I are looking forward to doing our civic duty representing Northam at the forthcoming Twinning trip to Mondeville.

Finally I should like to thank the Maintenance Men for the brilliant flower displays in and around the greater Northam area. Also, the new murals have made a great difference to the Appledore Skate Park and I hope with the same tenacity Northam Town Council can resolve the issue of years of neglect at the Ridgeway Drive play area.

## APPLEDORE SKATE PARK

The Skate Park in Appledore has received some much needed upgrades. The Maintenance Men have replaced some of the wooden panels as needed and painted the surfaces ready for the new artwork. The new murals were created by local graffiti artist Daniel of Silk Crystal Street Art. He chose a nautical theme with King Neptune as the main feature along with a mermaid, turtle and jellyfish. The pictures really speak for themselves, you can view the gallery on the website. We hope to arrange a small celebration event in the Skate Park, the date and time is to be confirmed and will be published on the website and our Facebook page.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The steering group has been meeting once a month and is moving forward well with the draft policies. You can view the minutes of the meetings on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

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## TOWN PROJECTS UPDATE

At the August meeting of the Town Projects committee, it was resolved to use up the remaining stock of free dog bags and then remove all the dispensers. This is due to the vast quantities we have supplied since April 2017 and the expense has been significant. We estimate the current stock should last about another 10 weeks.

At the same meeting, the Committee also considered an e-mail that had been received from a parishioner which is quoted below. The Committee were delighted to read the kind comments and expressed their thanks to the Maintenance Men for all their hard work for the Council.

“Just wanted to say well done and thank you to the ground team. The village is looking really lovely and clean. The past year has really changed, even to the point that in the snow the roads were salted really quickly. Well done again guys and thank you.”

## WATER FOUNTAIN

The committee also recently approved a project to install a water fountain in Churchfields car park in Appledore. With the permission of Torridge District Council, the new fountain was installed alongside the shower on the toilet block. It was installed by one of our Maintenance Men, Dean, who is a qualified plumber. During the installation, he also fixed the shower (belonging to TDC) which had been out of action for some time. The fountain has a drinking spout and a taller tap for refilling your water bottle. The committee hope that this project will help reduce the use of single use plastics in the area.



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