

Southwold Town Council News



August 2018



Town Mayor's comments from the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2018

We had a lively Council meeting on Aug 14th attended by 22 members of the public, some of whom nobly stayed to the end. An excellent piece of news from County Councillor Ladd is that a new provider has been found for the Brambles Nursery in Reydon.

Several members of the public expressed fairly trenchant opposition to the Station Yard development. One question was: why do we not simply refurbish the garage and leave everything as it is? This is not really an option because the building is derelict and will have to be demolished. But in rebuilding, why would we not improve the site and generate much-needed office and business space, and some new affordable accommodation? I think most people agree that the Council's previous effort in rebuilding Hurren Terrace has been a success. Once again I stress that we hope to accommodate the existing tenants on the site or, in the case of the garage, nearby.

I accept that we should have held our drop-in prior to the submission of the planning application, and for that omission I apologise. We also noted the objections to the appearance of the proposed building viewed from Station Road and we have asked the architect to revise this. We will post any revised plan on our website as soon as we receive it.

Those who left early missed an interesting discussion about the Town's favourite topic, parking. We are planning to hold a public meeting to discuss some ideas on the way forward and will also be putting out a questionnaire.

Having held a minute's silence for Matthew Horwood at the beginning of the meeting, we sadly had to choose a new Deputy Town Mayor, but I'm pleased to say that Councillor Ian Bradbury has been elected to serve until May 2019.

Tickets for my 'Tour of the Night Sky' event at the Golf Club on Sept 12th at 7.30pm, which will include a buffet dinner, a drink of fizz on arrival and the telescopes of the Darsham and Surrounding Hamlets (DASH) Astronomical Society, are on sale at the Town Hall and the Golf Club - £15, (£7.50 for under 12s).

A TOUR OF THE NIGHT SKY

Wednesday 12th September 2018

7pm at
Southwold Golf Club

Tickets £15 a head
(£7.50 for under 12's)

