



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Residents Turn Out to Ask Questions at Annual Town Meeting

20 April 2016

Future housing development, infrastructure requirements and town centre traffic and parking were among the items raised at Hailsham Town Council's Annual Town Meeting held at the Civic Community Hall on Tuesday evening [19 April], at which over 120 residents attended.

The meeting was chaired by the current Town Mayor and Chairman, Councillor Nigel Coltman. Representatives from East Sussex Highways, Wealden District Council's planning department and the Hailsham Neighbourhood Policing Team, among other organisations, provided information and answered questions from residents before the formal meeting.

Councillors and Council officers responded to a number of issues raised by Hailsham residents including the planned levels of housing development throughout the town and forthcoming transport improvements to the town centre.

At the meeting, the Town Mayor presented the 2016 Hailsham Hero Award, the first in what will be an annual award to someone who has served the Hailsham community. The recipient, Mike Weller (chairman of the Royal British Legion Hailsham Branch), was chosen by a committee made up of town councillors and residents from nominations submitted earlier this year.

Town Mayor Councillor Nigel Coltman said: "One of the highlights of the civic year is the Annual Town Meeting which is an opportunity to speak to the electors of Hailsham and answer their questions. I'm grateful to the many residents who took the time to come along, and have their concerns addressed."

Town Clerk John Harrison said: "In summary of the past year, there have been some challenging times to which the Town Council has responded with a positive outlook, hard work and commitment from members and staff."

"The Annual Town Meeting provided an opportunity for people to participate in discussion on town issues and local services."

Hailsham Town Council will next be holding its Annual Council Meeting which takes place at the Town Council offices in Market Street on Wednesday 25th May from 7.30pm. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend and witness the election of the Town Mayor and Chairman for the coming year (2016-2017).

<Ends>

For all enquiries relating to this press release, contact:

Terry Hall
Communications/Public Information Officer
Hailsham Town Council

Inglenook
Market Street
Hailsham
East Sussex, BN27 2AE

Tel: (01323) 841702 | Email: terry.hall@hailsham-tc.gov.uk