



Annual Council Meeting: 23rd May



Long-standing councillor Nigel Coltman has been elected Town Mayor and

Chairman for a fourth term at the Town Council's Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May.

Cllr Grant De Jongh has taken over from Cllr Amanda O'Rawe as Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman, and the following committee structure was agreed for 2018/19:

- Finance, Budget, Resources and Staffing

- Strategic Projects
- Communities
- Strategy
- Planning & Development
- Neighbourhood Planning

Full details about the Town Council's committees can be found on our website:
www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk



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Message from the Mayor & Chairman

On accepting the chain of office, Town Mayor & Chairman Cllr Nigel Coltman stated that his long-term vision is for a town that is more community driven and 'people focused' and will continue working towards an improved town that will become an attractive focus for the growing population of Hailsham.

It's an absolute honour to continue my role as Mayor of this wonderful and diverse

town. With the post comes the responsibility of acting as ambassador to the people of Hailsham, which I will undertake in a positive way and to the best of my abilities on behalf of all the residents.

I feel very lucky to be living here in the town of Hailsham and, for this reason, being mayor is very important to me.

During my year of office ahead, I look forward to the many opportunities to

recognise, celebrate and support dedicated people working in the voluntary, business, education, and
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local government sectors. I am at your disposal and if I can be of assistance to you in any way, please contact me via the Town Council Offices in Market Street.

The Town Council has been busily working away for the good of the town and its residents, making

great strides in our efforts to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Hailsham. Of course, in the year ahead, we will be overseeing the final stages of the Plan, which will go out to referendum soon.

There are additional improvements to be made within our local community.

Over the course of the next year, my colleagues at the Town Council and I will do everything in our power to work with you to attract future development and investment in our town and make Hailsham an even stronger and better place to live and work.

New Community Centre Opening Soon in Hailsham



Residents and local community groups can soon benefit from a new community hall in Hailsham, which opens its doors to the public in the coming weeks.

The James West Community Centre, located on the recent Welbury Farm development in north Hailsham, can be hired for community events, sports, business meetings, training sessions, youth groups and other events, as well as private function hire.

The provision of a community hall and sports facility was made as part of the initial planning agreement between Wealden District Council and Welbury Farm developer, Taylor Wimpey.

The Town Council, which agreed to take on responsibility of the new facility, considered various proposals for the design of the building in 2013 and formally agreed a design plan which will allow the Council to accommodate a wider variety of users

and to provide improved facilities which help meet the demands of the local sports clubs and community groups.

The James West Community Centre consists of an 18m x 11.7m hall and is able to accommodate an audience of approximately 200 seated for licensed public performances.

The building also includes two meeting rooms (10 and 16-person capacity), a large kitchen, store rooms, toilets, changing rooms and a P.A. system.

“We’re very excited about the new community centre,” said Town Mayor Councillor Nigel Coltman. “Not only will this new space expand our opportunity for community and local sports activities in Hailsham, but also meet the growing need for community hall hire space in the area.”

Hailsham Hero Community Award Recipients Priased



“Our hope is to offer community and sporting groups low cost hire space, along with providing a quality and accessible new venue option for wedding receptions and other private function hires.”

Deputy Town Clerk & Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Caira commented: “Hailsham has needed a new sports and community hall facility to cater for the increasing population locally.”

“This new purpose-built centre will play a key role in enabling Hailsham to fulfil its potential as a vibrant and inclusive town and we hope that the centre will be a hub of community life, offering a broad range of activities that meet the requirements and interests of sports clubs, businesses, community groups and public-sector organisations, as well as private hirers.”



Local residents Janet Simes and Ron Lloyd have been recognised as “Hailsham community heroes” for their dedication to local community life and passion to help those in need.

The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field, presented both with the Hailsham Hero Community Award at the Annual Town Meeting held at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall on 25th April.

Janet Simes, a coordinator of the Town Farm Residents’ Association is a well-known figure for her work with Environment Hailsham in the past.

Ron Lloyd, chairman of the Town Farm Residents’ Association is a volunteer at the St Wilfrid’s Hospice charity shop in Hailsham, the manager of which states that Ron is “her rock” and is always there to lend a hand to customers.

Mayor Cllr Nigel Coltman said: “This award is a fantastic way to commend and celebrate all those individuals who selflessly work throughout the year to help others in the community.”

“I would like to personally congratulate all who were nominated and, of course, Ron and Janet, the joint recipients of this year’s award. Well done to you both!”



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Celebrate Hailsham DAY

Spend locally and support local businesses!

Saturday
30th June

9am-3.30pm | Vicarage Field

PROMOTIONS, DISCOUNTS
and **SPECIAL OFFERS**
at participating
shops!

MARKET STALLS WITH LOCALLY SOURCED **FOOD, GIFTS & MORE!**

SENSORY TENT | CANDY FLOSS (provided by Hailsham Lions)

LIVE MUSIC BY **THE SUSSEX STOMPERS** & **THE MEMPHIS FLYERS!**

FREE **FACE PAINTING** (by Christchurch Hailsham) | **HAILSHAM FM - LIVE!**

ACTIVITY STALLS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS & **MUCH MORE!**



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A COMMUNITY EVENT ORGANISED BY HAILSHAM TOWN
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New Strategic Plan for Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has established a new strategic plan, which sets out the aims and objectives for the Council for the next four-year period.

The Strategic Plan, which was adopted at a meeting of Full Council held in April, is “a statement of the Council’s vision, purpose, aims, objectives and values, said Town Mayor & Chairman Cllr Nigel Coltman.

“It is the first such document produced by the Town Council in recent years and is the result of several meetings and a lot of hard work from a specially appointed ‘Strategy Working Group’ consisting of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council’s standing



committees, as well as extensive input from the Council’s dedicated officer team.”

The Plan provides an overview of the Town Council and its committees, finances, staff structure, objectives and key services, as well as clear action plans relating to the Council’s asset management, corporate services, youth services and business enterprise activities. It will influence the content of all other strategies and

resources of the Town Council (particularly through the budget process), will be regularly monitored, reviewed and updated.

The Strategic Plan can be found on our website (www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk). Alternatively, hard copies are available at the Council offices in Market Street.

We welcome any feedback from the people of Hailsham on the content of this Plan, which should be directed to: John Harrison (Town Clerk), Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham, BN27 2AE.



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Our Responsibilities

Street Lighting • Public Open Spaces and Common Land • Recreation Grounds and Playing Fields • Allotments • Children’s Play Areas • Cemeteries and Burial Grounds • Square Youth Café and Youth Advisory Services.

For all enquiries relating to the above listed responsibilities, please contact Hailsham Town Council on 01323 841702 where a member of staff will be happy to advise you.

Country Park Now More Accessible

Resurfacing work at the Hailsham Country Park car park has been completed in a bid to make the site more disabled friendly.

The Town Council has been working with The British Disabled Angling Association to create easier access for disabled users at the Country Park lake and, in response to the 'Walk and Talk Access' audit carried out by the Association, the car park accessed via Gleneagles Close has been re-surfaced, replacing the original surface which was showing signs of deterioration with new tarmac.

The work undertaken, combined with the removal of hedges and marking of vehicle parking spaces has created some additional car parking spaces on the site.

In addition, the tree canopy at the entrance to the car park has been cut back to prevent damage to vehicles carrying wheelchairs in roof boxes or wheelchair accessible vans.

Designated parking bays have been introduced with appropriate markings to prevent disabled visitors being obstructed by other visitors.



Safety fencing will be installed soon, and work will be undertaken to renew the pathways from the car park to the disabled fishing area.

The Town Council is hoping to gain further funding in the future to continue to improve facilities for disabled users at Hailsham Country Park.

Councillor Richard Grocock, chairman of the Strategic Projects Committee, said: "The existing surface of the car park had deteriorated to a point that it was fairly uneven and held a lot of water following rainfall. Park

users, including those who are disabled, have been asking for improvements to the car park and the new surface, with designated disabled parking bays, will be much smoother."

"The Town Council will strive to enhance our green spaces in the future and I'm sure the recent and future improvements to the Country Park will help make visits even more enjoyable."



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HAILSHAM SUMMER MARKET

SATURDAY 28TH JULY
9am - 3.30pm | Vicarage Field

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. SEE YOU THERE!

HARVEY'S OF LEWES BEER & WINE TENT
OUTDOOR SEATING AREA | LIVE MUSIC

plus

**MARKET STALLS OFFERING A RANGE OF
LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD, CRAFTS, GIFTS AND ACCESSORIES**

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Fishing Season Tickets

Summer is now here; and so is the onset of the fishing season!

Angling enthusiasts can take advantage of the best coarse fishing and cast a line on the Town Council's waterways.



Fishing is currently permitted on season at two Town Council managed sites: Hailsham Country Park lake (off Gleneagles Drive) and Hempstead Pond (adjacent to Tilehurst Wood). Both fishing areas are well-stocked with fish including carp, bream, roach, rudd, tench, perch and pike.

Daily fishing permits can be obtained from MFC supplies in Station Road and yearly season tickets are available from the Town Council offices.

£40 adult
£25 senior citizens, disabled and children under 16 years

A current Environment Agency rod licence and passport photo must be produced when purchasing permits.



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Fleur de Lys

Town Council Offices ■ Market Street



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HAILSHAM FARMERS' MARKET

2nd Saturday of the Month

Cattle Market | 9am - 12.30pm

www.hailshamfarmersmarket.co.uk



Over £12k Grant Funding Awarded to Community Groups



The Town Council has awarded grants to a wide range of community groups that aim to introduce

improved facilities, activities or projects for the benefit of the town's residents.

Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou, chairman of the Finance, Budget & Resources Committee said, "Our yearly grant scheme is the main way in which the Town Council provides funding and support to the voluntary sector. Most of the time, voluntary groups

and charities survive on the generosity of donations from the public, fundraising and the willingness of volunteers to give up their time."

The next deadline for grant aid applications (2019/20) will be the end of January 2019. Please call 01323 841702 or visit our website (www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk) for further details and an application form.



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Community groups and voluntary organisations across Hailsham are set to benefit from £12,450 worth of grants after recommendations from the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee were ratified by the Town Council.

These grants form part of the 2018/19 Community Grant Scheme.



Organised outings on Friday evenings for 12-17s... (yrs 7-12)

**GO-KARTING | CANOEING & SAILING | BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES
JUMPING PILLOWS | ROLLER SKATING | WAVE RUNNER AND MORE!
PLUS, 'THE BIG EVENT' @KNOCKHATCH ON FRIDAY 13TH JULY**

For further details, including bookings and programmes, call 01323 841702.

Alternatively, visit www.hailsham-fnp.org

Afternoons
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri
3.15pm-5pm
(Yrs 7, 8, 9)

THE SQUARE YOUTH CAFE
1 MARKET SQUARE HAILSHAM www.squareyouthcafe.com

Evenings
Mon-Fri
6.45-9pm
Yr. 8 +



Friday Night Project Activities for Young People

The Town Council's youth services continue to grow, providing a range of opportunities and activities for young people in Hailsham between the ages of 12-17.

A variety of fun activities for young people have been planned for the Friday Night Project (FNP) for the first half of summer including kayaking at Buzz Active on Eastbourne seafront, trampolining at Urban Jump in Heathfield, ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure, as well as go-karting, bungees and giant pillows at Knockhatch Adventure Park, and roller skating at My Skate World in Eastbourne.

There will also be the chance for young people to attend a special FNP 'Awesome Event' at Knockhatch in July, where young people can participate in bungees, go-karting, giant pillows, Laserquest, Gladiator Challenge and brave an inflatable assault course.

The Friday Night Project, which is funded by Hailsham Town Council and the Safer Wealden Partnership, works with Hailsham Community College and Knockhatch



to help create alternative recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings.

Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at Hailsham Town Council, said: "The Friday Night Project gives young people an opportunity to experience the fun and challenge of different recreational activities with the aim of reducing boredom and anti-social behaviour, as well as raising self-esteem whilst showing young people in a favourable light. I'm confident it will continue to be successful well into the future."

Further details, including bookings and programmes/activity schedules can be obtained by contacting Andy Joyes on 01323 841702 or by email: andy.joyes@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

Alternatively, for more information visit: www.hailsham-fnp.org

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FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

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Postal addresses of councillors are available at The Town Council offices or via www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk

Forthcoming Meetings

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Meetings start at 7.30pm and take place at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall

- Wednesday 18 July
- Wednesday 26 September

FINANCE, BUDGET & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meetings start at 7.30pm

- Wednesday 25 July

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Meetings start at 6.00pm

- Tuesday 2 July

STRATEGIC PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Meetings start at 7.30pm

- Wednesday 27 June
- Wednesday 8 August

STRATEGY COMMITTEE (new)

Meetings start at 7.00pm

- Monday 9 July



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meetings start at 6.30pm

- Tuesday 26 June
- Tuesday 17 July
- Tuesday 7 August
- Tuesday 28 August
- Tuesday 18 September

[All meetings are held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room and are open to the press and public, unless otherwise stated.]



JOB CAFE is a new initiative offering free, informal advice for 16 to 25 year-olds on

CVs APPRENTICESHIPS TRAINING INTERVIEW SKILLS

Fridays 11am - 2pm The Square Youth Cafe 1 Market Square Hailsham

For more information please contact Nina Santi on 01323 841 702

or by email at nina.santi@hailsham.tc.gov.uk

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