

Our Hailsham

FEBRUARY 2019

BECOME A TOWN COUNCILLOR

Ever thought of becoming a town councillor? Perhaps you're already involved in local affairs and want to take the next step? Or maybe you just like the idea of doing something worthwhile and rewarding to help your local community?

Elected for a term of four years, town councillors are responsible for, take an active part in, or are consulted on many things happening in your local area that affects you and your family.

Town Clerk John Harrison said: "Most people's impression of what a town councillor does is just attending council meetings. This is not the case. The majority of town councillors find that the day-to-day contact with residents in their own community is the most important element of being a local councillor."

"As a Town Councillor you will need to listen and be a voice for your community, act as an ambassador for your town and keep everyone aware of local needs and concerns."

"Becoming a town councillor is both a rewarding and privileged form of public service. and, by putting your name forward, you could be in a position to make a real difference to the quality of other people's daily lives and prospects in Hailsham."



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q. Could I be a town councillor?

A. If you care about the area you live in and the issues facing the people who live or work in the town..... Yes!

Q. Why should I become a town councillor?

A. There are several reasons, but they may include wanting to be involved in shaping the future of Hailsham, wanting to ensure that their local community gets the services needed, or wanting to represent the views of residents, businesses and community groups and ensure that local community interests are taken into account.

Q. Who can be a town councillor?

A. Almost anyone, so long as you are British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, are 18 years of age or over and are registered to vote in the area or if you have lived, worked or owned property here for at least 12 months before any election.

To find out more about what the role of Town Councillor can offer you or for any general query regarding putting your name forward in the May 2019 elections, please contact John Harrison on 01323 841702 or by email:

john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk

Nomination packs for prospective candidates in the Hailsham Town Council elections will be available from 18 March. People interested in becoming a candidate should email Wealden District Council's elections team on elections@wealden.gov.uk - and they will be sent a nomination pack at the appropriate time.

If you would like an informal chat about the role of town councillor in the meantime, contact John Harrison, Town Clerk, on 01323 841702.

Information on the Town Council's objectives, policies, standing committees and services to the community can be found at hailsham-tc.gov.uk

TOWN COUNCIL TAKES OVER POST OFFICE FRANCHISE

The Town Council is pleased to announce that it has been successful in its bid to win the franchise for Hailsham's Post Office.

Work on the agreement of the lease for new post office premises, terms of contract and other legal processes is under way and will be completed soon, before the fitting out of the new post office and eventual opening in the Spring.

In setting its budget last year, the Town Council agreed to take over the Post Office if other franchise applications were unsuccessful, in order to protect the service and the staff.



The current plan and the basis of the Town Council's application to the post office, is for the new service to run out of no.10 High Street.

"The post office is an essential component of our community, and indeed

any local community," said Town Mayor Cllr Nigel Coltman. "By taking the opportunity to apply for the franchise and being successful in doing so, your Town Council has ensured that our local post office is safeguarded and has a sustainable future for residents and local businesses."

Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman Cllr Grant De Jongh said: "It's a rare thing for a town to run its own post office, but by taking this on we are ensuring an essential service every resident deserves is maintained in our town centre."

"I would like to personally thank all the officers involved with making this happen, in particular the Town Clerk, as well as all our town councillors who supported taking on the Post Office and its responsibilities."

Town Clerk John Harrison commented: "There is now a tremendous amount of work to be undertaken and I would encourage residents to be patient over the coming weeks as the setting up of a post office facility is not an easy process and takes time."

"However, we will endeavour to keep the public updated on the acquisition of suitable premises and provide announcements as and when new developments arise."

HAVE YOUR SAY AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Town Council invites residents to attend the next Annual Town Meeting which takes place at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall in Vicarage Lane on Wednesday 10th April.

The main part of the meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be presided over by the Town Mayor and Chairman, Councillor Nigel Coltman.

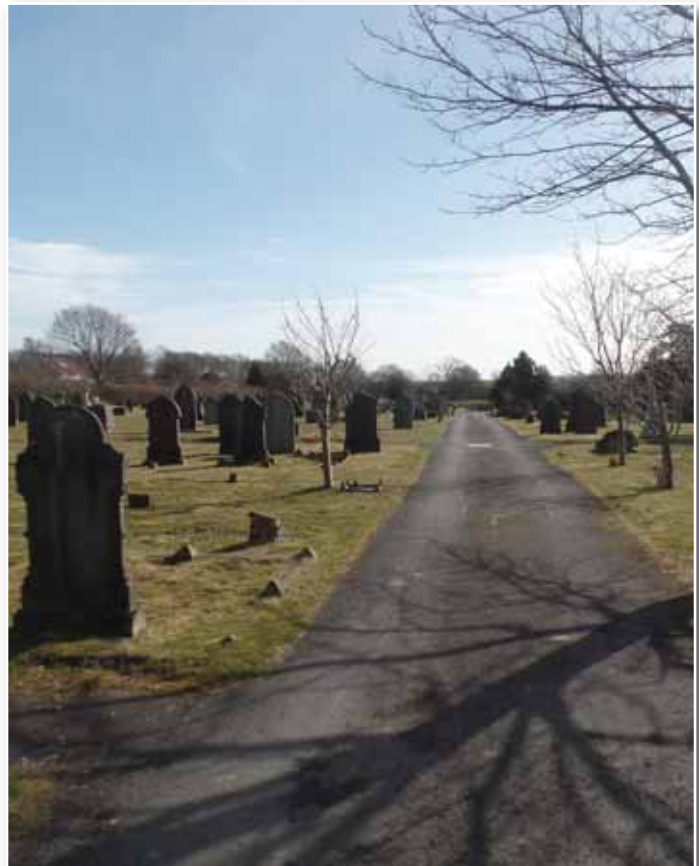
Prior to the main residents' meeting there will be an opportunity for you to view information stands from local groups and talk to representatives of those organisations from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.



Encouraging residents to attend the Annual Town Meeting, Mayor and Chairman Councillor Nigel Coltman said: "The Annual Town Meeting gives you the public an opportunity to put forward your views on what you like and dislike about the town as well as to put forward ideas on things that could be done to improve the town for everyone."

"This is your meeting, at which your needs and concerns are addressed, so please do come along and make your comments and suggestions. Your town councillors will be there to listen and help."

If members of the public wish to submit a question for discussion, please advise the Town Clerk in writing (Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham, BN27 2AE) or email john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk by no later than Friday 5th April 2019.





NO INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX FOR HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Hailsham Town Council has agreed to a 0% rise for its share of the council tax.

The Town Council adopted the recommendation put forward by the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee for the next financial year (April 2019 to March 2020) and agreed a precept of £1,059,811.

This means that council tax for a Band D property in Hailsham will be £138.55, which represents a 0% increase on the previous year on the previous year.

In making the recommendations for the budget, the Town Council aims to provide continuing security for essential services for residents and visitors alike with value for money improvements where possible.

"The Town Council has agreed to not increase its share of the council tax for the next financial year," said Councillor Chriss Triandafyllou, chairman of the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee.

"All local authorities have a public duty to keep council tax increases to a minimum and, despite having the same financial pressures as all other local authorities, we have shown that, with careful financial planning, we can achieve a no-increase council tax precept without compromising essential services for the community."

"Our focus for the next year will be to continue to ensure all services are run as efficiently as possible, including the running of the franchise for the new post office and additional grass cutting."

Council taxpayers should be aware that only a small percentage of the council tax demand goes to Hailsham Town Council - the remaining percentage goes to Wealden District Council, East Sussex County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Service for the services they provide.

Locally, the Town Council is committed to supporting community-based initiatives and voluntary organisations, and throughout the next 12 months, will continue to work hard and drive forward initiatives to promote the town as a key location to live, work and visit, helping to boost the local economy.

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PLANS FOR SUMMER EVENTS UNDER WAY

'Hailsham Sussex Day' will take place in the town centre on Saturday 15th June and organisers are pleased to be working with the town centre shops once again, many of which will be offering discounts off their goods and special promotions on the day.

If that was not enough, Hailsham Summer Market returns on Saturday 20th July and Vicarage Field will be home to street market stalls selling a range of locally sourced food, as well as gifts and accessories.

A specialist French Market will be trading on the day, plus there will be live music, including performances from The Sussex Stompers.



Councillor Chris Triandafyllou, vice-chairman of the Town Council's Communities Committee said: "Summer 2019 will be an exciting time for Hailsham and I'm delighted to again be part of organising the festivities scheduled. This year, we're aiming to do something even bigger and better than before." "Whilst only some of the arrangements are in place, we are confident that the summer events organised by the Town Council will be well received by the public and offer fun for residents and visitors alike."

For further information on event, please contact Karen Giddings on **01323 841702** or by email: karen.giddings@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

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HAILSHAM MARKETS IN 2019



Hailsham Street Market and Hailsham Farmers' Market continue to attract shoppers from within and outside the town.

Stalls are setting up pitch in Vicarage Field from 8.30am to 3pm every Saturday and items on sale at Hailsham Street Market include fresh fruit and vegetables, sausages, crafts and jewellery, jams and chutneys, confectionary and more.

The continuation of the Hailsham Street Market, which was launched in August 2013, is just one of many projects being carried out by the Town Council's Communities Committee, aimed at improving retail opportunities locally and increasing footfall within the town.

PITCH HIRE FOR THE STREET MARKET IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR TRADERS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH 2019.

To book a stall please call **01323 841702** or email **christian.letschka@hailsham-tc.gov.uk** for more information and to access the market trader application forms.



Then there's Hailsham Farmers' Market which takes place at the livestock market site in Market Street on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-12.30pm. With free, easy parking, traders are just a few minutes-walk away from the town centre and producers offer fresh meat, fruit and vegetables, dairy products, honey, bread, cakes, eggs and more!

For more information or to book a stall at the Farmers' Market, please call **01892 852168** or email **info@hailshamfarmersmarket.co.uk**.

"By supporting local producers, growers, suppliers and offering them the opportunity to sell locally - markets are an ideal way of showcasing the diverse range of products available in Hailsham and I'd encourage people to come down to both the Hailsham Street Market and Farmers' Market and support independent trade," said Deputy Town Clerk & Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Cairra.

"Returning traders are welcome back at both markets and we would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a market stall trader in the future."



HAILSHAM Heritage TRAIL

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Learn more about our heritage and history by walking the Hailsham Heritage Trail.

Copies of the Hailsham Heritage Map & Guide are available for members of the public to purchase (cost £1) at the Town Council offices in Market Street.

Interactive copies of the Trail can be downloaded from the Hailsham Town & Shopping Guide, details of which can be found at www.hailshamforward.co.uk.



Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan back on track

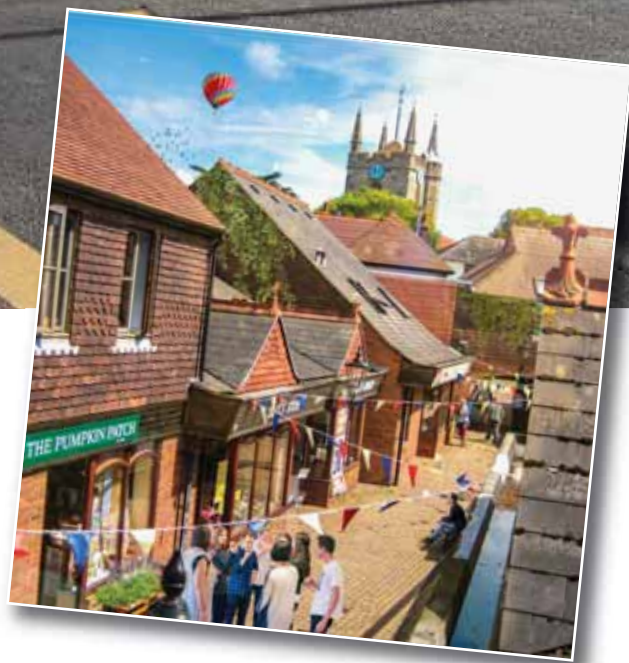


The final steps towards the publication of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hailsham are coming ever closer, following a recent meeting held between town council representatives and district council officers.

The Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, written by a group made up of members from the community and from Hailsham Town Council, proposes a number of policies relating to what infrastructure and development is needed to sustain future housing growth in the Hailsham area, taking into consideration local environment and sustainability, design, housing type, traffic and transport, economy, services and facilities.

Although the publication of the Neighbourhood Plan for Hailsham has been delayed in recent months due to environmental assessment requirements (which will be finalised soon), things are now back on track and an estimated timeline for the final phases has been set.

Following the Town Council's submission of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to Wealden District Council, the next step in the process will be a leaflet drop to all households in Hailsham in the near future, outlining final infrastructure and other proposals.



Once the required legalities have been met and the environmental assessments are complete, it will be the responsibility of Wealden District Council to collect any comments and representations from members of the public in accordance with Regulation 16, which will then be submitted to an independent examiner for inspection of the Plan documents before proceeding to referendum later this year.

"It's been a very long process and there has been a lot of hard work involved to get this far with the development of a neighbourhood plan for our town," said Councillor Mary Laxton, vice-chairman of the Town Council's Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

"Despite the delays to progress of late, I'm delighted that we can now move things forward with the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. After the referendum and once adopted by Wealden District Council, our Neighbourhood Plan must be given due weight and consideration in future planning applications."

To find out more about the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, its progress and latest announcements, visit www.hailshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE A PRIORITY FOR 2019



The Friday Night Project (FNP), which is funded by the Town Council and Safer Wealden Partnership and works in partnership with Knockhatch and Hailsham Community College, continues to grow in popularity.

A variety of activities have been planned by Hailsham Youth Service (HYS) in the coming months including dry-slope skiing at Knockhatch Ski Centre (skiing lessons for beginners available), ice skating at the Guildford spectrum and ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure, as well as abseiling and zip wire at the PGL Centre in Windmill Hill and trampolining at Urban Jump in Heathfield.

Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at Hailsham Town Council said: "The activities organised for young people as part of the Friday Night Project are guaranteed to be enjoyable and there's bound to be something for everyone."

Young people aged between 12 and 17 years are welcome to attend outings organised by the Town Council's youth project team. For further details, contact **Andy Joyes on 07546 388180**. Alternatively, visit **www.hailshamyouthservice.org** or their Facebook page for more information.



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TRIBUTES FOR RESPECTED TOWN COUNCILLOR

It is with deep sadness that Hailsham Town Council received the news that Councillor Glenn Moore had passed away on Friday 1st February.

Councillor Moore was a well-respected and active member of the local community, having been elected onto the Town Council in May 2015. He represented Hailsham Central & North ward and served on various committees, including the Town Council's Planning & Development and Neighbourhood Planning Committees, the latter of which he was chairman since its establishment.

A design, planning and historic consultant by trade, in his role as town councillor, Mr Moore was instrumental in establishing a neighbourhood plan for Hailsham and has worked with fellow councillors and other stakeholders to represent and further the interests of Hailsham and its residents.

Town Mayor Councillor Nigel Coltman offered his condolences on behalf of Hailsham Town Council: "Glenn was a very popular and respected town councillor, having served the community for many years and caring passionately about Hailsham and its residents. We are all greatly upset by the news that our friend has passed away."



"I know I speak for all my colleagues at the Town Council, as well as the wider community, when I say that Glenn will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time."

John Harrison, Town Clerk said: "I can only add to the many wonderful messages which have already circulated about Councillor Moore - this is such a huge loss for Hailsham and for everyone who knew him."

"We've lost someone who has made a big contribution to the life and well-being of the local community in which he lived and served."

SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Wednesday 10 April (Hailsham Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane) (meeting starts at 7.30pm – information displays 6.30pm-7.30pm)

TOWN COUNCIL (FULL): Wednesday 27 March; Wednesday 15 May (Annual Council Meeting) (meetings start at 7.30pm)

FINANCE, BUDGET, RESOURCES & STAFFING COMMITTEE: Wednesday 24 April (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

STRATEGIC PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Wednesday 20 February; Wednesday 17 April (meetings start at 7.30pm)

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE: Monday 4 March; Monday 1 April (meetings start at 6pm)

STRATEGY COMMITTEE: Monday 8 April (meetings start at 7pm)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Tuesday 19 February; Tuesday 12 March; Tuesday 2 April; Tuesday 23 April (meetings start at 7pm)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE: (meeting dates to be determined as required)

*All meetings are held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber and are open to the press and public, unless otherwise stated.