



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF a meeting of the HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL to be held REMOTELY VIA THE INTERNET* (access details can be obtained from the Town Clerk on request, email john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk)

**In accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*

Wednesday, 24th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

1. **PUBLIC FORUM:** A period of not more than 15 minutes will be assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the Public to address the Council or ask questions on matters relevant to responsibilities of the Council, at the discretion of the Chairman.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive apologies for absence of council members
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on this agenda.
4. **CASUAL VACANCY**
 - 4.1 To receive presentations and pose any questions to those candidates who have put themselves forwards for co-option to the current casual vacancy in the office of Town Councillor (Hailsham North Ward).
 - 4.2 To consider appointing one of the candidates to the vacancy.
 - 4.3 Declaration of acceptance of office and consideration of appointment to committees for newly appointed member.
5. **POLICE REPORT**

To receive an introduction to the new Sussex Police Inspector
6. **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of Hailsham Town Council
7. **CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE**

To receive a request from the chairman of council to donate some of the chairman's allowance to organisations.
8. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meetings of Hailsham Town Council held on 27th January 2021 and 17th February 2021 (Extraordinary Meeting) may be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman
9. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

To consider the following recommendations made by committees, which are outside of their terms of reference or otherwise were resolved as recommendations to full council:

9.1 Assets Management Committee 17.03.2021 – Street Lights

9.2 Assets Management Committee 17.03.2021 – Four Market Square

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

10.1 To note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting 25/02/2021

10.2 To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee's delegated authority up to the next Town Council meeting or for a longer period of time as is required.

11. COUNCIL MEETINGS AND CORONAVIRUS LEGISLATION

To discuss the implications of the end of coronavirus legislation for future council meetings.

12. MOTION 176 – COVID MEMORIAL BENCHES

To consider a motion submitted to the Town Clerk by Cllr Laxton, seconded by Cllr Ricketts.

13. CHANGING PLACES

To reconsider the suspended resolution to purchase and install a Changing Places facility in Hailsham.

14. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To resolve that the press and public are excluded during the discussion on the next items of the agenda (**15, 16 and 17**) as they concern the terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiation for contracts, terms and conditions of employment or are otherwise confidential information.

(In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E).

15. MOTION 177 – POST OFFICE STAFF

To consider a motion submitted to the Town Clerk by Cllr Laxton, seconded by Cllr Hinton

16. OPERATION FORTH BRIDGE AND LONDON BRIDGE

To note the procedure for both and amendments made in the light of coronavirus restrictions

17. HAILSHAM ASPIRES - CONFIDENTIAL

To receive an update on the Hailsham Aspires Project.



JOHN HARRISON
Town Clerk

Report to: Hailsham Town Council

Date: 24th March 2021

By: John Harrison, Town Clerk

Title of Report: Casual Vacancy

PURPOSE:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Attached is an extract from the Local Government Act 1972 (sections 79, 80 and 81) which demonstrates the qualifications and disqualifications for being a member of a local authority.

Essentially, candidates need to have:

- 1) Lived in the parish or within 4.8km of boundary for previous 12 months; or
- 2) Owned or occupied as owner or tenant land or premises within the parish for previous 12 months; or
- 3) Main or only place or work for previous 12 months is within the parish.

And not be disqualified for any of the reasons given.

Candidates therefore must clarify they are eligible to be a member of the council according to Section 79 and 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION
(Listed in Alphabetical Order)**

Name	Confirmed eligibility
Trevor Burns	
Joanna Rose Elmer	
Stephen Gander	Y
Philip Gibbs	Y

Lewis Isted	
Ross Newark	Y

VOTING FOR CO-OPTION

The instruction around how you vote for co-option (from “Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration”):

Voting in Council on Casual vacancies

A successful candidate must have received the absolute majority vote of those present and voting. It follows that if there are more than two candidates for one vacancy and no one of them at first count receives a majority over the aggregate votes given to the rest, steps must be taken to strike off the Candidate with the least number of votes and the remainder must then be put to the vote again; this process must, if necessary, be repeated until an absolute majority is obtained.

This will mostly be a satisfactory procedure, but if several candidates have obtained the same number of least votes and the aggregate of the others is less than a normal quorum (eg 3:2:2:2:2) it may be thought wise not to strike off all those with the least votes together but, if negotiations for withdrawals fail, to strike them off one by one, in an order determined by vote.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Monitoring Officer has confirmed that the legislation set out in the Local Government Act 1972, section 83(4) (c) allows the parish council some flexibility to the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of office. So if the Council agree at the meeting, then a date can be fixed for this form to be signed and witnessed after the meeting.

The successful candidate can then still participate in the meeting as a member of the council.

Dear John

I would like to be considered in become a Hailsham Town Council in the forthcoming co option process for a Councillor for The seat in Hailsham North. I was previously a Councillor for Hailsham South & West losing my seat in the 2019 election. I served on communities committee. I would like to be re-elected so that I can continue with the work on the council. I have now got a more flexible working as I now work in Hailsham

Kind regards
Trevor Burns

Dear John Harrison

I am very interested in this position. This is something I have always wanted to do. Unfortunately due to family commitments when this opportunity has arisen in the past it would have been impossible for me to make a commitment.

My family came to Hailsham in 1823. David Catt owner of Hamlins Mill. I care and am very passionate about Hailsham.

I would love this amazing opportunity.

Kindest regards

Joanna Rose Elmer

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John Harrison
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Dear John

I wish to submit my expression of interest for the councillor vacancy in the North Ward of Hailsham Town Council.

My background is as a retail manager for nearly the last 30 years, working at various locations around the South East. This role is very challenging yet very rewarding, and it requires a good understanding of how processes and procedures are followed and how they are executed. Working to KPIs and thinking on your feet is integral to success. In 2018 I became a CIPD member which allowed me to increase my knowledge with all aspects of HR process. This includes employment law, diversity, equal opportunities and generally any issue that affects the workplace. One of my key strengths is engagement. Everyone is different and everyone has different needs, there is no 'one size fits all' solution. I enjoy talking to and understanding people, helping them to come to their own decisions and pathways giving support and encouragement along the way. I am comfortable making tough decisions and look at all perspectives and possible outcomes to help me. I have no problem either talking to individuals or groups and have good experience with this either in the town or on someone's doorstep. I have been part of local hustings and appeared on live television debates on BBC and SKY, which I really enjoyed.

Back in the summer of 2019 a good friend of mine, Charlotte Brazier, asked if I could help her set up a community interest company as co-director, with her. Sunflowers is locally based and offers support and signposts those with any mental health and well-being issues offering a variety of support groups and one to one counselling. With the COVID-19 pandemic we decided to move towards more general well-being and supporting the vulnerable in the community through prescription pickup, well-being check ins and helping with individuals shopping needs. There were many locals that were helped through this tough time and the local volunteers were amazing giving up their time to help others in the Hailsham community.

I believe in community spirit, individual responsibility, the family unit and guiding those who need a bit of help. A local councillor is someone who represents the needs of the local community and their decision making should be based on this. Great communication is needed to keep locals informed of what's going on locally and how things may affect them. I believe that at a local level there is very little need for party politics as the main goal is to represent the local community we serve and respectfully working together with other councillors is paramount. I feel I would be suitable as a councillor as I have the qualities required for the role and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Gander

Good Morning John

I have just received confirmation from the SDP of my endorsement to represent the party.

Regards

Stephen

Enquiry for co-opted position on Hailsham council

I am a 67 year old pensioner who has lived for 40 years in North Hailsham.

I was born in Herstmonceux and worked for 40 years at Herstmonceux Castle for the Royal Greenwich Observatory and then for Natural Environment Research Council (~1990 >) which took over the running of the only working telescope left at Hx when the RGO left. For the last ~10 years (2002-2012) I managed the telescope. During this period I attended many international conferences and gave numerous talks and papers as well as chairing some sessions.

Away from work I played football for Hx until I was 45 and stoolball until I was 60.

I have helped out with various youth activities – I coached football after school at Hawkes Farm School when they did not have a teacher able to do it. I also shared the running of one of Hellingly scout group's beaver packs. I was chairman of the Hailsham and Heathfield scout districts executive committee for 10 years.

I was in the past part of the North Hailsham speed watch group and have done regular street collecting for MacMillan nurses (mainly at Eastbourne Arndale Centre).

My only current involvement is with the Union Corner allotment committee.

Philip Gibbs

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Dear John,

My name is Lewis Isted.

I would like to stand as a councillor within Hailsham, I am 23 years old and have lived in Hailsham since birth.

I attended local schools Grovelands Primary School and Hailsham Community College from there I went onto study at Plumpton Agricultural College.

My mother is also a resident of Hailsham who I see fairly often.

Since leaving Plumpton I have had jobs within East Sussex.

I currently work as a retail sales assistant for a local business in Hailsham High Street.

I have always been involved with the goings on within Hailsham for example social media campaigns, councillor meetings and groups, raising awareness of defects to the town such as potholes, drainage, ditches, fallen trees, flytipping etc.

One of the most recent things I got involved with was the Common Pond area.

There are a few issues here such as the lighting, pond vegetation overgrown.

The lighting to me is quite a large issue after raising awareness to John Harrison the town clerk about the incident where a young girl was attacked on her way home.

I am also massively involved with Mill Road going onto Old Swan Lane in Hailsham I have been in contact with Wealden Environment and various county and town councillors regarding the flooding, ditch contamination, dumped trees, drainage etc.

I am a photographer also I have set up my own business where I have had some success working with the town mayor opening new stores in Hailsham when Terry the press officer isn't available, I am very passionate about Hailsham and its surrounding areas being here 23 years I like to call it my home town, I also think that Hailsham needs young people to get involved with the upkeep and bringing the town to its glory.

Thank you

Lewis Isted

Dear Councillors,

My name is Ross Newark and I am very interested in filling the Councillor vacancy in the North Ward of Hailsham. I believe that I would be a great addition to the Council based on my education and experience. This opportunity would allow me to express my passion and utilise my skills for the benefit of the community.

I was locally educated having attended Hawkes Farm and Hailsham Community College. I studied a Higher National Diploma in Computing at Eastbourne College of Arts & Technology and graduated from the University of Brighton with a degree in Software Engineering.

I'm currently employed as a Senior Software Developer and am responsible for a team that operates remotely, writing insurance & warranty IT systems for the likes of Aviva, AXA & Zurich. This has enabled me to further my knowledge of how disparate businesses operate and hone my analytical, financial & communication skills.

My job includes: digesting business philosophies, technical specifications, web design, project management and daily meetings with clients and many other stakeholders. I therefore need to communicate the right level of information to whomever I'm addressing. My profession necessitates writing documentation such as impact & root cause analysis, training manuals, estimates & management reports.

I've always been community focused; joining Hawkes Farm School as a Parent Governor, chairing the PTA and raising funds through a series of fayres, quizzes and other charity events. I helped create Hailsham Town Youth FC serving as the Chairman and a FA Level 1 junior football coach. Steve Wennington recognised my hard work and asked me to join Hailsham Active as a Director and social media consultant. Together with the Council we're helping to improve the community and keep the residents active. For the past 3 years I've organised a well attended weekly football session for men in the local community to stay healthy both mentally and physically. We were featured on BBC South East and have raised money for SANDS (The Neonatal Death Charity) and donated a bundle to Hailsham Foodbank last December.

Hailsham is my home, I've grown up here, it's where I work, it's where my family & friends live, where my children go to school, where I socialise and where my Wife runs her business. So I'm very keen for Hailsham to flourish and believe that my perspective paired with my approachable manner, and all round knowledge of our community and its current issues will make a valuable contribution to Hailsham Town Council.

My flexible working hours allow me to take calls and answer emails, so please don't hesitate to call me on 07725747556 or email: rossnewark101@gmail.com .

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Ross Newark