Hailsham Town Councillor Biography:

Stephen Potts

Grammar school educated in Manchester, I joined the Royal Navy in 1964, where I undertook a 5-year apprenticeship to qualify as an electronic engineer. During my 16 years' service, I served in many regions of the world, including a spell with NATO. I left the Navy in 1980 and joined Thorn EMI Electronics as a trials engineer operating on warships and submarines before moving into Project and Business Management.

I relocated to Hailsham in 1988 to manage an international engineering company, where I remained as managing director until I retired in 2014. Since retirement, I have chaired my local residents' association and coordinated a speedwatch community group. I have also previously served on Hailsham Town Council, sitting on committees for Finance, Strategic Projects and Communities. I was also a cemetery warden.

I chose to become a town councillor because I see many things in Hailsham that need attention. Some of these may not be the responsibility of HTC, such as the deplorable state of our roads, but they are matters where the town council, as a whole, can bring pressure to bear on those who are responsible.

My priorities are to address the unacceptable delays in the implementation of the MASHH report, the third world state of our roads, the parking issues in residential streets around our schools, excessive building of new homes without the necessary infrastructure and the protection of our green spaces.