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EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Members of East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council are summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** to be held at the Village Hall, East Hoathly on **25th March, 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Signed *Malcolm Ramsden* (19th March, 2024)

AGENDA

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2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

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5.1.1.2 Website improvements

5.1.1.3 Church Marks Lane pavement

5.1.1.4 80th Dday anniversary events

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6.4 Account signatory update

6.5 To consider grant to the War Memorial Trust Sports Ground

6.6 To consider authorizing clerk to allow dispensations

6.7 To consider Planning Committee membership

6.8 To consider moving away from org.uk to ~~org~~-uk for emails

6.9 Email policy *gov*

7. PLANNING

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

7.1.1 Update

7.1.2 2021 census figures 'discrepancy'

- 7.2 WDC response to discharge of conditions 18 and 19 at Paddock Green
- 7.3 To consider Redrow offer re. Paddock Green 'play area'
- 7.4 To consider response to District draft Local Plan
- 7.5 To note District Council and Planning Inspector decisions to date

8. PROPOSALS/REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

- 8.1 Correspondence
- 8.2 Woodland footpath remedial action update
- 8.3 To consider May annual village assembly content
- 8.4 To consider making Tree Protection Order applications
- 8.5 Garden Plots update
- 8.6 Kings Charles portrait
- 8.7 Clerk's progress report
- 8.8 District Council Conference update covering Civility and Respect training and Climate Change policy

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

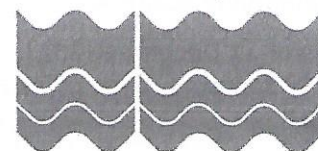
To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 29th April, 2024 at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly

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Summary of County Council achievements 2023/24



This summary sets out some of the key achievements of East Sussex County Council (ESCC) in 2023/24 (up to February 2024) under the four strategic priorities of the Council:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/your-council/about/key-documents/council-plans

The Council Plan for 2024/25 will be on our website from 1st April 2024.

Driving sustainable economic growth

Following a competitive tender process, a **new contract for highways and infrastructure services** with Balfour Beatty Living Places Ltd, began in May 2023. In June 2023, the Council approved additional one-off funding for highways in 2023/24, including £2.5m for carriageway patching work, £3.1m for drainage works and funding for carriageway repairs. Over the first three-quarters of the year, **70 road improvement schemes** were completed, over 19,000 potholes repaired, 132 patch works were completed across 62 sites, around 100 road signs were replaced and around 150 minor drainage schemes were completed.

As part of the Council's **Bus Service Improvement Plan** a number of projects have commenced including the roll-out of reduced price bus tickets, improvements to bus stops including the implementation of QR plates at all bus stops which can be scanned to receive next bus information, £10.5m of conventional bus service improvements to increase the frequency and running times of some services and the Flexibus service which now covers nearly 90% of East Sussex. 10,000 passengers have taken a trip on the Flexibus. In November 2023, a public consultation was launched on the draft **Local Transport Plan**. The plan looks ahead to 2050 and sets out how we will connect people to places through the county by walking, wheeling and cycling, using public transport, traveling by car, or by new ways to travel. In May 2023, the Council was awarded £1.22m from Active Travel England's **Active Travel Fund 4** to support schemes that encourage people to become more active and help reduce carbon emissions.

The **broadband** project eSussex completed its final build in 2023. Together with commercial investment this brings gigabit-capable coverage (1000 Mbps) to 67% across the county, with 98% of premises receiving superfast speeds of >30Mbps. In addition, the Council hosts the new South East Grid (SEG) network, which contributes to the provision of ultra-fast data network connectivity throughout the county.

The Turner Prize exhibition opened at the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne in September 2023 with 1,200 people in attendance. The prize, which was awarded in December 2023, has been instrumental in showcasing the county to a wider audience. In June 2023, the Council-led **Sussex Visitor Economy Initiative** and **Sussex Modern** launched the **Sussex Wine Tourism Plan for Growth** which sets out how the Sussex wine sector could grow from bringing £25m of value to the economy currently to nearly £300m by 2040, creating over 3,600 jobs.

Promoting **employability and skills**, over 1,000 pupils attended Open Doors workplace visits over the first three quarters of the year, supported by Industry Champions to gain experience of a real workplace. 226 Industry Champions were supporting schools and colleges by the end of December 2023. In addition, in October 2023, the East Sussex Careers Hub hosted the online 'What Next?' event connecting young people and their families with careers experts and local employers. The Youth Employability Services was re-commissioned with the new contract, which has a focus on young people Not in Education, Employment or Training, starting in October 2023. Over 1,600 people enrolled on Family Learning Programmes at East Sussex Libraries over the first three-quarters of the year. In addition, since 2019, the Council has committed over £1m from its apprenticeship levy to support local small and medium sized employers take on an apprentice.

Keeping vulnerable people safe

An **inspection of the Council's Children's Services** by the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) took place in December 2023. The inspection report published on 6 February 2024, found that the lives of the most vulnerable children in East Sussex are improved by 'consistently strong and effective' support. The help, protection and care children and young people are receiving from the Council earned an overall 'good' rating, while inspectors found the experiences and progress of children in care to be 'outstanding'. This report is set against the context of rising demand for Children's Social Care services and increased complexity of needs. Increases in costs have been particularly acute in looked after children's care costs, in particular external residential costs (with average costs increasing by 13% between quarters 1 and 2) and support for children with the most complex needs.

Following extensive engagement activity with clients, carers and families, the Council published a new **Adult Social Care Strategy** in 2023; 'What Matters to You'. The strategy guides residents' understanding of what adult social care is, outlines six priorities and sets out how these will be taken forward.

The delivery of the **Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme** over summer 2023 was the biggest yet with over 21,000 sessions attended by more than 4,200 young people. 75 providers ran activities at 118 sites reaching more areas of the county than ever before. The Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) element of the programme also grew with 14 specific SEND providers. Also over the summer, funding was made available to deliver positive activities to support young people with low attendance at primary school during their **transition to secondary school**. 313 young people participated with 86% saying they felt more excited about starting their new school.

Trading Standards were involved in over 1800 interventions over the first three-quarters of 2023/24 to protect vulnerable people, including installing CCTV and call blockers to try to prevent people from falling victim to telephone scams and as part of support sessions and training for vulnerable groups.

As of 31 December 2023, 1,762 guests had arrived in East Sussex under the **Homes for Ukraine** scheme, hosted by 812 sponsors. Over 600 people have subsequently moved into private sector accommodation.

Helping people help themselves

In 2023, the Council opened 11 **Family Hubs**, including in Eastbourne, Lewes, Hailsham, Peacehaven, Uckfield, St Leonards and Hastings. Visitors to the hubs can get support and advice from midwives, health visitors, early communications support workers, early years practitioners and more. Activity sessions give children, parents and carers the chance to socialise and support their children's development. In addition, the Council was successful in securing £7m of Youth Investment Funding to upgrade **youth facilities** in Heathfield and Peacehaven.

Reablement services are provided to help people to regain mobility and daily living skills, especially after a hospital stay. Between April and December 2023 95.1% of people who received short-term services did not request further support and between April and September 2023, 93.5% of older people discharged from hospital to reablement or rehabilitation services were at home 91 days after discharge.

Work continued on the **integration of health and social care** in 2023/24. A joint five-year Sussex Shared Delivery Plan was endorsed in June 2023 by the Council. The plan brings together delivery milestones for 2023/24 and a roadmap for years 2-5. This includes delivery of integrated community teams, operating initially in Hastings.

15 **road safety** schemes were completed during the first three-quarters of 2023/24 to improve road safety infrastructure. Over 3,700 people have also benefitted from 'Bikeability' courses.

In September 2023, ESCC partnered with The Tribe Project, an online platform and app that connects **volunteers** with local opportunities. There are now over 175 roles across the county. The Tribe Project offers volunteers flexible positions accommodating availability, location, and skillset. The Council's External Funding team responded to 220 enquiries over the first three-quarters of the year from the **voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE)**. The team has helped organisations secure £389,361 in funding over the same period.

Annually the Libraries team take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, to encourage children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading over the summer holidays. This year East Sussex saw its largest uptake since 2018, with 7,198 participants. **Libraries** also provide free computer and internet access, alongside volunteer led 'IT for You' sessions to support people to develop IT skills. So far during 2023/24 over 1,729 adults have participated.

Making best use of resources in the short and long term

The Council's **budget and Council Plan** for 2024/25 were approved at the meeting of Full Council on 6 February 2024. Councillors approved a £538m net revenue budget for 2024/25 with no new cuts to services. The decision not to reduce services was taken despite the rising cost of providing them and funding not keeping pace. In setting a balanced budget, Councillors agreed to use £14.3m of the Council's limited financial reserves to meet the shortfall and to increase council tax by 4.99%.

The Council participated in a Local Government Association (LGA) **Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC)** in June 2023 with the aim of further improving the Council's work. The subsequent independent report found the Council to be well-run and well-managed, open and approachable as well as a trusted and respected partner. The Council was also found to be financially prudent with a good record of financial stability and on the delivery of savings.

Over 2,000 people took part in a **survey on the Council's priorities and spending** from October to December 2023. 70% of people felt the Council's priorities were the right ones, with 60% of people suggesting that highways should be the priority for any additional investment.

The Council has continued to work with partners to deliver carbon reduction and our **climate change** plan. In 2023/24 this has included securing £245k to develop a plan to provide people with the skills to enable the retrofit of domestic properties to reduce their carbon emissions, £4.4m to support the installation of electric vehicle charging points in over 280 locations and nearly £300k of Forestry Commission funding for tree planting projects. Sixteen **energy efficiency** projects were completed on Council buildings during the first three-quarters of the year, including 4 LED lighting projects and 5 solar PV energy generation schemes. Total energy use in quarter 2 of 2023/24 was down 9% on the same period last year and down 25% on the baseline year 2019/20.

The Council spent £307m with 853 **local suppliers** over 2023, equating to 64% of total contract spend. In addition, during the first three-quarters of the year, 11 contracts were awarded which were in-scope of the Social Value Measurement Charter. These contracts had a total value of £4.9m with £1.3m of **social value** commitments secured, including apprenticeships, work experience, creation of local jobs, and local volunteering initiatives. This equates to an outturn of 27% of applicable procurement spend, against a target of 10%.

In September 2023, the **East Sussex Pension Fund Team** won the Governance Award at the Local Authority Pension Fund Investment Awards.

5.1

DRAFT ONLY – NOT YET APPROVED

EAST HOATHLY with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council on **26th February, 2024 at 7.00pm.**
(Draft) MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs. Butcher, Cole, Freezer (chair), Magness, Pope, Thatcher and Whitlock.
Also participating: Malcolm Ramsden (clerk), Verne Heath (rfo) (via Zoom) and two members of the public.

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1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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A Halland resident expressed how difficult it had been to talk, either face-to-face or by telephone, with a Highways representative regarding the blocked drains in Halland causing difficulties to pedestrians wishing to move about the village. His only, with a member of the Balfour Beatty team in Yorkshire, had failed to see the problem resolved. Cllr. Thatcher handed the gentleman a telephone number of the County Highways team and, in the absence of County Cllr. Bennett, the clerk offered to investigate on his behalf and report findings.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Clerk referred members to County Cllr. Bennett's previously circulated report. District Cllr. Draper had not provided a report.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllr. Pope declared his continuing interest in matters relating to his association with Church Marks Green Management Co. Ltd. and Cllr. Freezer regarding her membership of the Carnival Society.

4. APOLOGIES – to receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Cllr. Bennett.

5. MINUTES

5.1 To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 29th January, 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Cllr. Cole asked to have a paper copy of the email detailing forthcoming road works at Hollow Lane.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Thatcher and seconding by Cllr. Cole

0652 **RESOLVED** to approve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 29th of January, 2024 be taken as read and be signed by the Chair.

5.1.1 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise covered by agenda items

5.1.1.1 High Street pavement cherry trees

Clerk reported that he had chased the preferred supplier but had heard nothing and would chase again. Chair remarked that the time for planting trees would soon be upon us. Carried Forward.

5.1.1.2 Website improvements

Cllr. Thatcher reported that discussions would be continuing with James Langley pointing out that a number of the current areas of functionality weren't being used and that improvements could be made to achieve easier use and provide a more intelligent feel to the site. Cllr. Butcher added that the site needed to look more interesting and chair asked members what would be considered critical that didn't currently appear, inviting members to look at the Ringmer Parish Council website. Responding to a question from Cllr. Magness, chair stated that there was no plan to change our existing email provider. Cllr. Butcher asked that a map showing the boundary of the parish be included. Chair and Cllr. Thatcher to continue to investigate and provide visuals for comment.

- 5.1.1.3 Church Marks Lane pavement
Clerk updated members that Highways had responded to our concerns and that the preparation works had been carried out for a follow up surface treatment which would provide a uniform finish to the footpath. Clerk to chase progress regarding the dropped kerb re-instatement and raised metal cover near 15a.
- 5.1.1.4 Application for 'listed' status of bow bell mile markers
Historic England advise that for the markers to be 'listed' they would need to be the originals and dated before 1840. Clerk advised that this did not apply to those in our parish.
- 5.1.1.5 80th Dday anniversary events
Clerk reported that he believed the Carnival Society would be discussing, at their next meeting, the possibility of a beacon lighting. Clerk to contact the groups originally approached, as well as the vicar, and remind them of Council's grant scheme.
- 5.1.1.6 Wildflower verge markers/licences
County yet to respond to questions relating to the requirement for a licence to replace the 'daisy' markers that County no longer provide. Clerk to chase.
- 5.1.1.7 County gras cutting schedule
Clerk reported that an additional cut, above the two cuts provided by Highways, would cost £1,056.08 +vat.

6. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1 To approve/note payments payable/paid January, 2024

Cllr. Cole raised a question relating to a payment noted in last month's minutes. In response to Cllr. Whitlock's question, chair explained that 'warm bank' funds had been put aside to provide lunches for parishioners during the cost of living crisis.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Pope

0653 RESOLVED to approve/note payments payable/paid January, 2024 totalling £4,958.27 (See appendix A).

- 6.2 To note income/expenditure-vs-budget and approve, if necessary, overspends/under-receipts not previously approved

Noted. Last month's minutes, previously circulated, highlighted that overspends in the areas of village furniture, pavilion consumables, insurance, staff training, professional fees and grants had previously been reported and approved.

- 6.3 To note Bank Account Reconciliation

Noted. Chair had signed the bank statements and related cashbook summaries noting that the Cambridge Building Society was only a screen grab and did not clearly indicate that it related to Cambridge Building Society funds. Clerk/RFO to provide letter headed evidence of balance.

Balances as at 31st December, 2023:

Current - £7,748.86, Deposit - £56,082.78, s106 - £7,891.77,

Camb. BS - £30,342.08, Camb. & Count. - £81,608.11 and Redwood - £82,126.96

- 6.4 To appoint vice-chair

Necessitated following the resignation of Cllr. Vaughan.

- Following a proposal by Cllr. Cole and seconding by Cllr. Pope*
- 0654 RESOLVED** to approve Cllr. Butcher as vice-chair.
- 6.5 To appoint Council representative to the Village Hall Committee
*Necessitated following the resignation of Cllr. Vaughan.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Freezer*
- 0655 RESOLVED** to approve Cllr. Thatcher as Council representative to the Village Hall Committee
- 6.6 To consider authorizing an additional bank account signatory
*Necessitated following the resignation of Cllrs. Bradley and Vaughan. RFO and Cllr. Pope to obtain the necessary papers/emails to enable changes to be made.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Magness*
- 0656 RESOLVED** to approve Cllr. Whitlock as an additional signatory to accounts.
- 6.7 To approve increase in level of Fidelity insurance cover
*Balances have increased as a result of CIL receipts and will increase further when the first half of the precept monies will be received.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Freezer*
- 0657 RESOLVED** to approve an increase from £200k to £325k in the amount of cover for Employee Dishonesty at a pro rata cost of £142 per annum.
- 6.8 To approve payment of WM charity invoices containing vat from Council funds
*Internal auditor has confirmed that sole managing trustees can pay and reclaim vat for expenditure of the trust. RFO to combine Council and Trust finances relating to the Trust for reporting purposes.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Thatcher*
- 0658 RESOLVED** to approve payments of WM charity invoices containing vat from Council funds
- 6.9 To review Garden Plot rents
*Chair referred members to RFO's previously circulated report showing surpluses in recent years with Cllr. Pope reminding members that surpluses were to be used to re-imburse Council for the original start-up costs which were in the region of £45,000. Members noted that what were thought to be the five vacant plots were in the organic section and either waterlogged or rocky and near the tree line.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Butcher*
- 0659 RESOLVED** to approve the continuation of the annual rent for 2025/26 at £50.
- 6.10 Grant policy
*Members were referred to the previously circulated updated policy and clerk summarized the changes.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Pope and seconding by Cllr. Butcher*
- 0660 RESOLVED** to approve the updated version as circulated .
- 6.11 Email policy
*Chair referred members to the previously circulated policy. Cllr. Pope expressed his concern at the somewhat Draconian feel of the document reminding that Councillors were, in the main, non-corporate volunteers and wished to see the inclusion of a clause absolving members of transgressions if best efforts to conform had been applied. Concern was also felt that there was no control over individual's equipment, virus protection or other loaded programmes. Cllr. Magness noted that there was no reference to communication systems in place in the event of hardware/software problems and outages.
 Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Butcher*
- 0661 RESOLVED** to obtain details from our system suppliers as to how the robustness of members equipment could be confirmed.
- 6.12 Individual Councillors not able to commit Council
Chair reminded members that we act as body and that decisions and assurances can not be made by individuals on behalf of Council. Cllr. Butcher clarified the emailed response to clerk's request for confirmation received from ESALC as Council can not delegate responsibility or authority to an individual Councillor. It may only delegate to a committee, sub-committee, officer or another authority and never to an individual Councillor.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

Chair noted that the Regulation 16 consultation period had closed at 5pm.

7.1.1 Update/Examiner selection

Clerk reported that our chosen examiner, Christopher Lockhart-Mummery, had been asked by WDC to commence the examination on the 18th of March, 2024.

7.1.2 District Council (draft) Local Plan update

Chair reported that WDC Full Council had approved that the consultation commence in March, 2024, noting that a Consultation event had been scheduled for East Hoathly on the 22nd of April, 2024.

7.2 WDC response to discharge of conditions 18 and 19 at Paddock Green

Clerk confirmed that there had not been a response from District. Cllr. Pope asked that in view of Redrow's forging ahead with open days and especially in view of the rumours that they will be selling houses with sewage being tankered off site, the lack of response be escalated to Dist. Cllr. Partridge. Chair mentioned that complaints regarding the generator running through the night had been lodged.

7.3 To consider Wheatlands access/bus shelters plan

Chair reported that Council had been approached asking if we would like to adopt the two bus shelters proposed at the entrance to the Wheatlands site. Clerk reported that failure to adopt would result in poles being installed to indicate where buses should stop. The planned site access conflicts with the 'Circle' access and should be brought to the attention of District planners.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Thatcher and seconding by Cllr. Butcher

0662 RESOLVED to approve the adoption of the bus shelters.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Butcher

0663 RESOLVED to express concern to District planners regarding proximity of access to the 'Circle' development.

7.4 To consider Redrow offer re. Paddock Green 'play area'

Chair referred members to the recently emailed Paddock Green play area adoption proposal. Members agreed that further information was required regarding the boundary, the exact amount available to Council and possible staggering of payments mentioned and the lack of timeline triggers. Cllr. Magness reminded members that we had previously, when funding for the sports field was refused, been of a mind to not adopt a play area on the development site. Clerk reported that Redrow were trying to arrange a meeting between us and District to learn more of just what might now be possible.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Freezer and seconding by Cllr. Thatcher

0664 RESOLVED to defer the decision until more was known.

7.5 To note footpath 7a (part) diversion

Noted.

7.6 To note District Council and Planning Inspector decisions to date

None notified.

8. PROPOSALS/REPORTS FOR APPROVAL, DISCUSSION OR NOTING

8.1 Correspondence

Noted. (See appendix B)

8.2 Woodland footpath remedial action update

Clerk reported that he was still waiting for quotes to provide a boardwalk specification. Carried forward.

8.3 To consider May annual village meeting content

Cllr. Butcher suggested refreshments be provided to encourage people to attend. The local societies and grant recipients could be invited to attend and report to residents. Clerk suggested that the APM and AVM dates needed to be separated. Members to provide clerk with groups/societies that should be invited.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Pope

0665 RESOLVED to approve the change of date of the Annual Village Assembly (date still to be agreed).

8.4 To note WDALC meeting (draft) minutes

Cllr. Pope noted that District called for reports relating to open spaces which might result in funding becoming available. Our sports field being compromised by poor drainage should be reported.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Butcher and seconding by Cllr. Pope

0666 RESOLVED to approve the reporting as requested.

8.5 Clerk's progress report

Clerk updated progress against his previously circulated report. Cllr. Magness to contact Jacqueline Bradley regarding the plans that she had been preparing. Noted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 25th March, 2024 at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, East Hoathly

Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Appendix A

Date	Payee Name	Amount
31/01/2024	HMRC	£747.85
31/01/2024	Natl Allotment Society	£66.00
31/01/2024	Peter Crawford	£260.00
31/01/2024	Salaries/expenses	£2,587.60
31/01/2024	Wealden District Council	£858.00
31/01/2024	Chris Bartholomew	£187.06
31/01/2024	Ashdown Solutions Ltd	£92.76
31/01/2024	Play Inspection Co	£99.00
31/01/2024	CPRE	£60.00
	Total	£4,958.27

Correspondence: 29th January, 2024 to 21st February, 2024

1. WDC: Agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 7th February, 2024
2. Healthwatch East Sussex - January 2024 Newsletter
3. NALC events: 30Jan2024 (already forwarded to members)
4. ESALC: LNRS: briefing Parish & Town Councillors on Monday 26th Feb @ 6pm (already forwarded to members)
5. WDC: Newly published decision: Approval of the NNDR1 Form 2024/25
6. WDC: Newly published decision: Estimate of the Collection Fund Surplus for Distribution
7. WDC: Newly published decision: Local Plan Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) - 2022/23 period
8. WDC: Newly published decision: Brownfield Land Register 2023
9. Hallmaster Newsletter | January 2024
10. Edukit: Grants to promote racial justice, support YP and older people and more
11. WDC: Media release: Improvements made to Sports Hall at Crowborough Leisure Centre
12. The Rural Bulletin - 30 January 2024
13. WDC: Minutes for Standards Committee, Tuesday, 19th December, 2023
14. NALC newsletter: 31Jan2024
15. WDC: Newly published decision: Infrastructure Funding Statement (CIL Governance) December 2023 (Recommendation to Full Council)
16. SEE Newsletter - January 2024
17. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 25th January, 2024
18. WDC: Supplement: Officer Updates to the agenda for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 1st February, 2024
19. WDC: Supplement: Agenda supplement: Appendix to Item 9 and Report and Appendices to Item 10 to the agenda for Cabinet, Wednesday, 7th February, 2024
20. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Thursday, 8th February, 2024
21. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin 01Feb2024
22. WDC: media release: Business park in Crowborough given green light
23. Wealden Weekly Commencing 5 February
24. WDC: Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 22nd January, 2024
25. ESALC: Information for Councillors : Personal Security Briefings 2024 (already forwarded to members)
26. AirS Rural Housing Enabling Service – How can we help you?
27. CPRE: This could be a huge win for our rooftop solar campaign
28. The Rural Bulletin - 6 February 2024
29. NALC events: 06Feb2024
30. Edukit: Grants for health inequalities, making sure children get the best start in life and more
31. WDC UK Shared Prosperity Fund Newsletter- Cuckoo Trail
32. ESCC: Growing Connections Project, Coventry University are offering growing trees from seed Biosecurity and Record Keeping Training
33. NALC newsletter: 07Feb2024
34. Edukit: Up to £200k to support mental health for YP
35. WDC: Decision sheet for Cabinet, Wednesday, 7th February, 2024
36. AirS Rural Housing Enabling Service – How can we help you?
37. WDC: Newly published decision: Constitution Review 2023 (Recommendation to Full Council)
38. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin 07Feb2024
39. WDC: Media release: Downlands Farm Appeal
40. WDC: media release: Wealden Community Lottery celebrates its first birthday
41. WDC: Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 1st February, 2024
42. Minutes for Planning Committee North, Thursday, 1st February, 2024
43. Minutes from the WGod Meeting held on the 31st January 2024
44. Media release: New chair appointed at Wealden

45. Wealden Weekly Commencing 12 February
46. WDC: Media release: Draft Local Plan approved and consultation due to start
47. Edukit: Up to £200k to help women get out of poverty and prevent domestic abuse
48. NALC events: 13Feb2024
49. WDC: Minutes for Local Plan Sub-Committee, Monday, 29th January, 2024
50. Edukit: Grants for social welfare, YP's power to make change and more
51. The Rural Bulletin - 13 February 2024
52. WDC: Agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 21st February, 2024
53. Discover London Gatwick
54. Gatwick Airport FASI South ACP Update Briefing - January 2024 Presentation and Documents
55. WDC: media release: Life Saving Kit installed in Vicarage Field, Hailsham
56. Wealden Weekly Commencing 19 February
57. NALC Chief Executive's bulletin: 15th February, 2024
58. NALC Newsletter: 14th February, 2024
59. NALC events: 19Feb2024
60. Grey Matters Newsletter
61. Don't Forget - Let Us Know How Your Town or Parish Council is Taking Part in the #GBSpringClean!
62. WDC: Supplement: Agenda supplement: Questions from the Public to the agenda for Full Council, Wednesday, 21st February, 2024
63. The Rural Bulletin - 20 February 2024
64. Edukit: Grants for youth development, addressing social problems and more
65. On behalf of Halland resident – cc of WDC email: Stavertons Nursery Re: WD/2022/3294/FR
66. South East Water Want Your Views
67. WDC: cc Response re. 65 above
68. NALC Newsletter: 21st February, 2024
69. Edukit: Up to £200k of funding to address systemic economic inequalities
70. WDC: Agenda for Planning Committee South, Thursday, 29th February, 2024
71. WDC: Media release: Council Tax increase
72. NALC Chief Executive's bulletin: 22nd February, 2024
73. Garden Plots chair: Garden plots
74. WDC: King's Portrait - Town and Parish Councils
75. ESALC: D-DAY 80 Flag of Peace – Town and Parish Councils
76. Cc'd Response to 67 from 65

31 Pecuniary interests in matters considered at meetings or by a single member

(1) Subsections (2) to (4) apply if a member or co-opted member of a relevant authority—

(a) is present at a meeting of the authority or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the authority,

(b) has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered, or being considered, at the meeting, and

(c) is aware that the condition in paragraph (b) is met.

(2) If the interest is not entered in the authority's register, the member or co-opted member must disclose the interest to the meeting, but this is subject to section 32(3).

(3) If the interest is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, the member or co-opted member must notify the authority's monitoring officer of the interest before the end of 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure.

(4) The member or co-opted member may not—

(a) participate, or participate further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting, or

(b) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting,

but this is subject to section 33.

(5) In the case of a relevant authority to which Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 applies and which is operating executive arrangements, the reference in subsection (1)(a) to a committee of the authority includes a reference to the authority's executive and a reference to a committee of the executive.

(6) Subsections (7) and (8) apply if—

(a) a function of a relevant authority may be discharged by a member of the authority acting alone,

(b) the member has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be dealt with, or being dealt with, by the member in the course of discharging that function, and

(c) the member is aware that the condition in paragraph (b) is met.

(7) If the interest is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, the member must notify the authority's monitoring officer of the interest before the end of 28 days beginning with the date when the member becomes aware that the condition in subsection (6)(b) is met in relation to the matter.

(8) The member must not take any steps, or any further steps, in relation to the matter (except for the purpose of enabling the matter to be dealt with otherwise than by the member).

(9) Where a member or co-opted member of a relevant authority gives a notification for the purposes of subsection (3) or (7), the authority's monitoring officer is to cause the interest notified to be entered in the authority's register (whether or not it is a disclosable pecuniary interest).

(10) Standing orders of a relevant authority may provide for the exclusion of a member or co-opted member of the authority from a meeting while any discussion or vote takes place in which, as a result of the operation of subsection (4), the member or co-opted member may not participate.

(11) For the purpose of this section, an interest is “subject to a pending notification” if—

(a) under this section or section 30, the interest has been notified to a relevant authority's monitoring officer, but

(b) has not been entered in the authority's register in consequence of that notification.

33 Dispensations from section 31(4)

(1) A relevant authority may, on a written request made to the proper officer of the authority by a member or co-opted member of the authority, grant a dispensation relieving the member or co-opted member from either or both of the restrictions in section 31(4) in cases described in the dispensation.

(2) A relevant authority may grant a dispensation under this section only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, the authority—

(a) considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business,

(b) considers that without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business,

(c) considers that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area,

(d) if it is an authority to which Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 applies and is operating executive arrangements, considers that without the dispensation each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive, or

(e) considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

(3) A dispensation under this section must specify the period for which it has effect, and the period specified may not exceed four years.

(4) Section 31(4) does not apply in relation to anything done for the purpose of deciding whether to grant a dispensation under this section.

7.4

Dear Consultee,

Draft Wealden Local Plan (Regulation 18) Consultation

Wealden District Council is preparing a new Local Plan. The new Local Plan will be the key planning document for the district, excluding the area covered by the South Downs National Park Authority. The South Downs National Park has planning powers for its own area. Once adopted, the Local Plan will form part of the Development Plan for the District, replacing all existing local plan policies and will be used to assess and make decisions on planning applications.

The consultation draft Local Plan looks ahead to 2040; it provides a vision for the district, a long-term spatial strategy for growth, including proposed locations for development and it provides a range of draft strategic and non-strategic policies, contributing to social, environmental and economic (Sustainable Development) goals.

Overall, this Plan will help meet the district's needs and priorities, whilst protecting our natural and physical environment. It will ensure that future growth is delivered alongside required infrastructure and improvements, as well as deliver on climate change objectives. It will also help to ensure that our communities are supported with the services and facilities that they need to support daily life.

The Consultation on the Draft Wealden (Regulation 18) Local Plan will run from 5pm on Friday 15th March 2024 to 5pm on Friday 10th May 2024.

Whether you have comments on the overall spatial strategy, the vision and objectives, individual site allocations and / or any of the Plan's draft policies, we really would like to hear from you. This is your opportunity to feed into this process ahead of us developing and testing the plan further and publishing the Proposed Submission Local Plan for Consultation (Regulation 19) next year.

Where can I find out more?

All of the documents relating to the consultation can be found on the Council's website at:

<https://www.wealden.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/wealden-local-plan/>

Alternatively, hard copies of the Draft Local Plan and other key consultation documents such as the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations can be viewed at a number of locations including the Council Offices, libraries and a number of Town / Parish Council Offices. Please visit our website for a full list of locations.

You can view our online virtual exhibition at any time or you can visit one of our 'in person' exhibitions during the consultation to speak to Officers about the Local plan. Our virtual exhibition is available on our website, as are details on dates, times and locations of the 'in person' exhibitions.

How to respond to the consultation

You can comment on the documents online using our online consultation portal

<https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kpse/event/2726CE98-03BA-4520-8558-361BAA45F784> Full instructions and a video on how to comment are provided. All comments received via this method will receive automatic acknowledgement that they have been received by the Council.

If you do not have access to the internet, then we will accept paper copies of the questionnaire. You can ask someone to download the questionnaire from our website or obtain paper copies from the locations where you can view paper copies of the Local Plan, as above. Questionnaires can be returned to us by email or post as detailed on the questionnaire. However, please note, submissions via this method will not receive confirmation that they have been received.

Before submitting comments, we strongly encourage you to read our 'Guidance Notes for Responding'.

Please telephone the Planning Policy Team on 01892 602008, if you want any further information, help or assistance. If you, or somebody you know, would like the information (guidance notes, forms etc.) in large print, Braille, tape or in another language, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Sharp

Planning Policy Manager

Approvals

7.5

Application No. WD/2023/3101/F DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY AND GARAGE. CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION AND NEW GARAGE. ORCHARD LEA, 23 BUTTSFIELD LANE, EAST HOATHLY, BN8 6EE
You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to APPROVE the above application on 28 February 2024.

Application No. WD/2024/0441/OH TO INSTALL A NEW HV POLE AND TWO STAY WIRES IN THE LOCATION SHOWN IN RED ON THE PLAN. LONDON ROAD, EAST HOATHLY BN8 6EL You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to RAISE NO OBJECTIONS the above application on 19 March 2024.