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Communicating with residents

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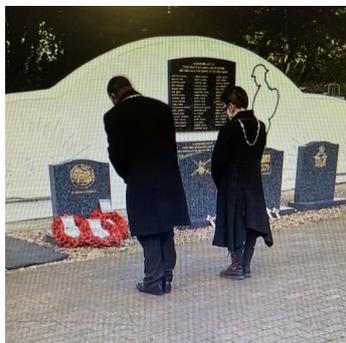
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Remembrance Day

The Mayor, Cllr Isobel Sharkey, joined with Peacehaven's Mayor, Cllr Claude Cheta and representatives from various organisations, charities and community groups to pay her respects and give thanks on Remembrance Day, Sunday 8th November 2020. The ceremony was held at the War Memorial in Meridian Park, Peacehaven with wreaths being laid at timed intervals, to maintain social distancing.



Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey on the AECOM Masterplan concept for the Meridian Centre. Approximately 12,000 explanatory leaflets were delivered to homes in Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean. The results are being collated and will be written into a report which will be used as evidence for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) document.

The preferred bidder (HDD) acting for the Co-op Property Group who own most of the Meridian Site will in due course consult about their proposed plan for the site.

The draft plan is now being written and evidence continues to be gathered. There will be an introduction followed by a series of chapters and appendix. There will be a chapter covering green spaces, buildings and places of significance to be protected; movement, how we travel around within the Towns and beyond, the housing allocations and business development. To create a sustainable place to live through to 2030 and beyond.

Communication will be a priority for the Steering Group in 2021. Improvements to infrastructure have been mentioned many times in our consultations; accurate data is important to allow for planning of the Community needs. Please make sure you complete the Census due in March 2021. At present the 2011 figures with projections are used to map our needs.

Please follow the progress of the NDP on the Steering Group website and on Facebook and Twitter:-

www.peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan-steering-group.co.uk

Facebook @tpnparea Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

Twitter @Telscombeplan

Cathy Gallagher,
Chair of Steering Group



**National
Lockdown
STAY AT HOME**

Contact Us - The Council offices remain open with reduced staffing levels from Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm, excluding bank holidays.

If we cannot answer the phone (**01273 589777**) please leave a message or alternatively email us at **enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk** and we will respond as soon as we are able.

Check out our website for updated information www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

You can also write to us at:- Telscombe Town Council, Telscombe Civic Centre, 360 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, BN10 7ES.

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Policy & Resources - Chairman Cllr Ciarron Clarkson and Vice Chairman Cllr Brian Page

Amenities/Civic Centre - Chairman Cllr Cathy Gallagher and Vice Chairman Cllr Lyn Mills

Planning & Highways - Chairman Cllr Job Harris and Vice Chairman Cllr Christine Robinson

District Councillors Lewes District Councillors covering the Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean ward are Ron Maskell, Laurence O'Connor and Christine Robinson.

Telscombe Town Council

Meeting Dates - February to April '21

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| Planning & Highways | Monday 1st February |
| Planning & Highways | Monday 22nd February |
| Grants (sub committee) | Monday 1st March |
| Audit (sub committee) | Monday 8th March |
| Policy & Resources | Monday 8th March |
| Planning & Highways | Monday 15th March |
| Council | Wednesday 17th March |
| Amenities & Civic Centre | Monday 22nd March |
| Planning & Highways | Monday 7th April |
| Planning & Highways | Monday 26th April |

A full list of dates is available on our website, along with a copy of agendas:-

www.telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

The Annual Town Meeting for local electors is scheduled for Wednesday 21st April at 7.30 pm

- There is a maximum of 15 minute public question time at the beginning of each meeting with questions relevant to that Committee.
- Meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.
- Agendas are displayed on Council notice boards and the website.
- Dates are subject to change - please phone the Civic Centre on 01273 589777 to ensure the meeting is being held or check the website.
- The Council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast meetings when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

Meetings are currently being held remotely via the Zoom platform and members of the public are welcome to join. Joining details are on the agendas.

For info - there is a defibrillator situated by the entrance to the Civic Centre



Chatsworth Park Working Group Update

The last Chatsworth Park working group meeting was held on the 16th November. The group discussed the progress of a management plan for the Park and the Copse, as well as the drafting of a boundary policy. The group are trying to progress a disabled access survey for the Park as well as an ecology report, to provide vital information on the flora and fauna that call the Park home.

The group's next meeting date has not been set as we are finalising the management plan for consideration by the Council. At our next meeting we will discuss the management plan and set dates for our next litter pick and other volunteer activities. The Chatsworth Park working group is made up of Telscombe Town Councillors and residents. If you would like to attend a meeting please contact the Council for details.

100th Birthday Celebration

The Mayor of Telscombe, Cllr Isobel Sharkey, attended a special socially distanced birthday celebration for 100 year old Pat Jones who lives in East Saltdean.

It was organised by her neighbours and was featured on ITV Meridian news. The Council would like to send belated birthday wishes to Pat from us all.



Support is still available during Lockdown

In the first week of the latest national lockdown, more than 400 vulnerable people reached out for help to victim support agencies across Sussex. Worryingly though, domestic abuse referrals have begun to decrease, with one specialist support service seeing a fall of nearly 40% in referrals compared to late December. Support services across Sussex are still accessible for all victims during lockdown and there are many ways in which people can discreetly reach out for the help and support they need.

- www.safespacesussex.org.uk/ is an online directory of local services which has a new search tool so that victims of any crime can find the help they need within seconds. It also has a 'leave site now' button that users can press to quickly exit the site.
- Sussex Police have issued advice on how a victim of crime can covertly let a call handler know they are in danger. The '55' technology is for those too scared to speak, to alert a call handler to the fact they need help by pressing 55 on their mobile phone once they've dialled 999.
- The Government has also announced that, as part of a national campaign, victims of domestic abuse will be able to safely access support from thousands of pharmacies across the UK.
- The 'Ask for ANI' scheme allows those suffering from abuse to discreetly signal that they need help. By asking for ANI, a trained pharmacy worker will offer a private space where they can understand if the victim needs to speak to the police or would like help to access support.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, always dial 999 and ask for the police.



Citizens Advice Helplines Adviceline call **03444 111 444**. Monday- Friday 9am to 5pm
Email advice www.eastsussexcab.co.uk

Chat online to an advisor on our website citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us.

Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133

Help with Money and Debt

Everyone needs some help from time to time and there is plenty available for every type of situation if you know where to look. Lewes District Council have collated a list of council and third party services that can help, plus a range of benefits and grants to help you get on top of your situation. You can find the information on their website www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

The Deans Senior Tea Club

The Deans Senior Tea Club is a local charity which has been running social clubs for seniors in East Sussex for over 7 years. They currently have over 200 members and their aim is to combat loneliness in older age whilst having a jolly good time!

Before COVID-19, they would arrange trips, entertainment, arts & crafts, quizzes and games and try to organise activities members are interested in, from belly dancers to historical talks. Residents from care homes and their carers, seniors and their family were all welcome to pop down for a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Befrienders are trained to be able to identify and refer any emerging issues or concerns. Their main aim is to reduce loneliness, isolation and improve wellbeing and mood.

If you would like to join, registration is free and they want to target as many people as possible, especially in the current climate

Please visit their Facebook page for up-to-date news.

Telscombe Residents' Association News - Did you know.....?



In 1925, where your beautiful Civic Centre now stands, was the suggested site for a temporary school to accommodate children from Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven. Prior to this, the children had to attend schools in Telscombe Village, Piddinghoe and Newhaven. What a long walk for young children!

By 1925, the three schools could no longer cope with the influx, so a temporary school was needed. The site eventually chosen was what is now the Downlands Court retirement complex in Roundhay Avenue in the east of Peacehaven.

So the "Tin School" was opened in August 1926 and only closed in 1938, when a new permanent school was erected in Telscombe Cliffs Way. This, in turn, was demolished and rebuilt in 2001.

However, this means that Telscombe Cliffs had the first permanent school, serving all children in Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven.

Also, where the Telscombe Cliffs School now stands was believed to be a Rehabilitation Centre for disabled servicemen returning from the 1st World War, teaching them farming, woodwork etc. Although only open for 12 years, the "Tin School" became famous in peoples' memories and in 2002 local author, Malcolm Troak, wrote a beautiful booklet called "Peacehaven's Old Tin School with photos and information about the school. Second hand booklets are still available from a few booksellers if you search on line!

Pat the Hat – Chair, Telscombe Residents' Association

Universal Credit Advice Service - Do you live in the Lewes District Council (LDC) area and need help with Universal Credit? The Universal Credit Advice Service provides free independent advice for LDC residents. They can check whether you should claim, give an indication of how much you will receive and guide you through the process. They can also check if you may be entitled to other benefits. For information contact Traci Brooks, Universal Credit Advisor on 01273 085458 or email ucas@bht.org.uk

This service is delivered by Brighton Housing Trust with funding support from Lewes District Council

What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities can set on new development in order to raise funds to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services to support the development in their area. Lewes District Council (LDC) collect the CIL from developers and pass on 15% directly to the Town or Parish Councils. If the Town Council has a Neighbourhood Plan in place, the percentage passed over from LDC will increase to 25%. The money has to be spent within 5 years of receipt otherwise it has to be returned to the District Council. So far Telscombe Town Council has spent just under £6,000 towards the playground refurbishments which took place a couple of years ago and are currently looking at other projects to be funded from the money which we have received from LDC to date.

What would you like to see us spend the money on?

Email suggestions to:- enquiries@telscombetowncouncil.gov.uk

MP's Update

We hopefully have light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to this awful pandemic but now more than ever we need to redouble our efforts to ensure we minimise the effects of the virus on our health service. At the time of writing Sussex County Hospital has reached capacity of critical care beds. I have been assured that the NHS is still coping and if you need medical care please call 111 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies.



I have been having regular meetings with the NHS and the Council regarding the vaccine roll-out and we have started to massively expand capacity for the delivery of the vaccine. The NHS would like to remind everyone that you will be contacted by your GP when it is your turn to receive your vaccine. They are starting with the most at risk groups, being the over 80's and NHS workers.

The Government have pledged to vaccinate 15 million people by mid-February and it is a goal I am going to hold them to in Parliament. In the meantime we need to stay inside and minimise all contact to ensure we can relieve the pressure on the NHS. I hope by the summer life can begin to return to normal but until then please stay safe everyone.

Electronic Scooters

Did you know that, despite their increasing popularity, electronic scooters (e-scooters) are actually illegal unless they are ridden on private land? Sussex Police advise that "police will engage with and educate individuals on the legislation around the use of e-scooters. Punishments will vary depending on the offence committed by the rider, examples of which are:

- Driving with no insurance (a fine of up to £300 and six penalty points)
- Driving with no driving licence (a fine of up to £1,000 and between three and six penalty points)
- Driving with no MOT (a fine of up to £1,000)

E-scooter riders are treated as drivers due to the mechanically propelled vehicle they are using.

FareShare Food Baskets - Donating Surplus Food to

the Homeless FareShare are the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. They redistribute surplus food to charities, including homeless hostels, children's breakfast clubs, lunch clubs for older people, domestic violence refuges and community cafés.



There is a food collection basket in the foyer at the Civic Centre, which has been provided by FareShare, at no cost to the Council. Please donate when you can - ring the bell and we will bring the food in. Many thanks

Green Corner

Smart Meters

A smart meter is a newer type of electricity or gas meter which energy suppliers are installing as a part of an upgrade to the UK's energy system. Smart meters come with a handy in-home display, which shows how much energy you're using and what it costs, and it also sends your meter readings automatically to your provider. Apart from the convenience, understanding where your energy goes will encourage you to think about your carbon footprint and how to live more sustainably. At the time of writing installations are on hold because of the current lockdown, but you can check with your supplier to see if they will be offering them soon.

Colourful Chatsworth Park

Telscombe Residents' Association (TRA) have very kindly donated £100 to the Council to be used for colourful planting within Chatsworth Park and they have asked that residents contact us if they would also like to make a donation. Our thanks go to the TRA.

Telscombe Tye

It is wonderful to see so many visitors on our beautiful Tye enjoying the fresh air and wide open space, but please make sure that all the gates are closed after entering or leaving. Sadly there has also been an increase in dog poo left behind, so we would like to remind dog walkers that they need to bag and bin their dog poo in the bins situated near the gates onto the Tye, or you can take it home and put it in your household waste.

We also remind the public that driving vehicles on the Tye is forbidden.

Lewes DC have a Public Spaces Protection Order in force which means that people must clear up after their dogs and failure to do so could result in a maximum fine of £1000. Please help us to keep the Tye a lovely place for us all to walk.

We would also ask you to follow the Countryside Code - poster opposite - when you are out and about.

The ewes will be returning to the Tye in the next few weeks and they will be lambing, so please ensure you keep your dogs under control and also when horses, cyclists or joggers are present. Thank you

Don't Waste Your Waste

A third of rubbish in the average household bin is food waste, so if you haven't already joined up to the Lewes District Council food waste scheme, now is the time to do it.

You can sign up via their website (<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/food-waste-recycling/>) - your starter kit will include free compostable bags.

You can get replacement bags from us when the Civic Centre is open, but it is also possible to order them from Lewes DC and they will usually deliver them within 2 weeks.

Freedom of the Town

Did you know we have a Freedom of Town policy? It is awarded to someone who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the well-being of Telscombe, preferably on a voluntary basis. This award has been made on two occasions so far, first to the late Ron Chiverton in 2015 in recognition of his outstanding contribution in teaching the younger generation of his second world war experiences and for his contribution as a past Councillor to the town, and second to Brenda Sawyers in 2016 in recognition of her outstanding contribution as member of the Residents' Association for 20 years and for her contribution as a past Councillor to the town.

Our policy can be found on our website.




The Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- **Keep dogs under effective control**
- **Dog poo - bag it and bin it**

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



Solar Panel Readings at the Civic Centre:

CO2 saved:- 61,704 Kg Total Energy Generated:- 108,253 Kwh

Readings at date copy goes to press

Car Key Signal Blockers

There have been reports recently of thieves targeting local owners of cars with keyless entry. Thieves are coming up with more and more ways to tap into the technology and so the need for a signal blocker such as a Faraday pouch has never been more apparent. They contain a wire mesh which can block the radio signals originating from the keyless entry system, meaning that crafty thieves are then unable to tap into the signals and activate the key fob and can be purchased for under £10. An alternative is using a metal tin, but test it first.

By Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that an election has been called to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Gloria Hill in the Office of Councillor for the Town Council.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the election will be held on the ordinary day of election in 2021.

This means that the by-election for the Telscombe Town Council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2021.

The Government has indicated that the situation will be kept under review and if it is safe to do so, further legislation will be laid that will permit by-elections and referendums sooner than 6 May 2021.

Future Events Our events are currently on hold so please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates and in the next issue of the *Town Crier Newsletter*.

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