



## Your campaigning team for Hailsham



The Liberal Democrat campaigning team in Hailsham work all year round for you. They have a proven record of standing up for the town and its residents - and getting results. See some of the issues they have recently taken up on your behalf.



## Development site sewage saga

Residents of the new Cuckoo Meadow housing development in Hailsham have continuously complained about foul-smelling water in the continuation pond which is overlooked by many of the new houses. Their plight was immediately taken up by Wealden Councillor Neil Cleaver as this was an urgent public health matter. Recalling his first visit to the site over six months ago he said, "Not only did the pond water smell terrible but it was also constantly overflowing, even during a dry spell." The residents suspected that sewage was somehow leaking into the pond. Neil pushed the Environment Agency and Wealden to test the water and it proved to be highly contaminated. Neil will continue his efforts to make the developer take responsibility and fix the problem.



## Government U-turn on Planning Application

Across Wealden there has been a sharp increase in planning approvals this year, both in terms of speed and volume of applications. A major new housing development application in Marshfoot Lane that many that local residents and groups had objections to, was called in by the Planning Inspector. The Inspector subsequently rejected the reasons for call-in so the application will be submitted again. Hailsham Councillor Gavin Blake-Coggins says, "Their decision to reject the call in of this case is totally unbelievable. There are many issues why I supported a call in. The sewage system cannot currently cope with demand now, let alone adding in total 1,400 new homes in the vicinity whilst the water supply is in jeopardy, as Arlington Reservoir is so low at the moment."



## Working for you, all year round

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## Hailsham Town Council working for you

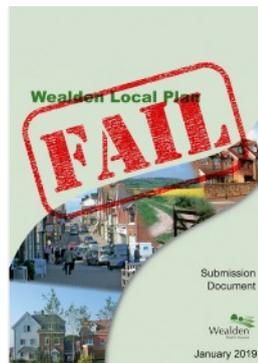
Hailsham has seen many changes during the last two years. Your liberal Democrat Councillors on the Town Council led the opposition to the County Council proposals to close the High Street and make a cycle lane. Town Mayor Paul Holbrook and Chairman of Finance Gavin Blake-Coggins called an emergency Town Council meeting and a resolution rejecting the ill thought out proposals was passed. The County Council then withdrew the plans. Gavin says " We saw that the proposals to close the High Street were harmful to the town and the traders in the town centre; especially at this time of Covid-19 restrictions with businesses suffering." Paul says, "I have been working hard with the traders to protect businesses and closing the High Street would have been a disaster for them."

**Hard working Town Mayor** Cllr Paul Holbrook has devoted his energy and time to the people and town of Hailsham. He has carried out over 120 official engagements in the last 18 months as Mayor. He personally delivered letters to all shops in the High Street about the terrible County Council highways proposals to close the High Street. He has opened new business ventures in the town and is always working to improve life in Hailsham. He has constantly stood up for the town and its residents. He presents a **gardening programme on Hailsham FM**. So look out for Paul around the town and say hello.



**The Wealden Local Plan failure** this year has cost Wealden council tax payers many hundreds of thousands of pounds. The Conservative controlled Wealden Council were heavily criticised by the Government Inspector who rejected the plan. At the same time the Conservative Councillors voted to increase your council tax and voted themselves a pay rise.

Local campaigner Steve Murphy says, "The whole plan was a costly shambles, **is it fair** that the Conservatives rewarded this failure by voting themselves a pay rise?" Despite Liberal Democrat Councillors objecting to the Council's budget by asking for a freeze in council tax rises for this year, and not to raise Councillors pay, the Conservative majority voted for the increases.



### The Real alternative

The Liberal Democrats are the only credible alternative to the Conservatives in Hailsham. Labour cannot win here. 2019 District election total results show we are neck and neck with the Tories with Labour in third place.

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