

WDALC (Wealden District Association of Local Councils)

Of the two meetings held this year in January and February not much affects Polegate.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is being reviewed and consultation ended on 13th March. Neighbourhood Plans continue to be discussed but few towns and parishes seem interested, only Westham, Crowborough and Uckfield. East Dean were interested but appear to have dropped out. In Polegate there is no wish to be involved, partly because we have our own Town Master Plan and the Core Strategy hearings, now approved by the Government Inspector, has set the parameters for development until the late 2020s and also the cost of a local referendum which would be required should it proceed.

Wealden have capped its precept so therefore a 0% increase, (as with Polegate Town Council).

The new Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, is being invited to address the committee in the near future.

It was reported that Wealden was the first District Council in the country to have its Core Strategy Plan accepted which includes proposals for Polegate.

Regarding waste collection it has been confirmed that the following will be provided:-

1. One residual rubbish bin, as existing black bin.
2. One green bin for dry recycling, including cardboard (previously for green waste).
3. One garden waste bin, opt in service, need to register before March 31st. All households have been circulated.
4. The blue caddy (box) is now for glass. (Some bottle banks will be closed but which ones is as yet unknown).

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