

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

District Councillor's Report to Full Council Meeting 24th September 2012

From Don Broadbent

This being my first report to your Full Council Meetings since my election I must record my thanks to the voters who put me here. I look forward to working with this council for the benefit of Polegate.

Wealden District Council has successfully consolidated its offices into one building in Hailsham and things are relatively quiet in the cycle of meetings at present.

I have been given a place on the Community & Environment Scrutiny Committee which will meet on 10th October 2012 and I intend to carry on where Roy Martin left off. I will have to wait until 28th November 2012 for the next Full Council Meeting. This Friday 28th September 2012 I will be meeting, along with my LibDem Group colleagues, the Chief Executive of WDC. Hopefully, in addition to gaining a useful insight into current thinking and the general direction the council might take, we will have the opportunity to flag up any concerns.

The Car Parking Review is looking at the Council's Car Park provision. They currently are examining the condition of the existing car parks and it is hoped that they will also be looking at demand and further future provision in due course.

I will be accompanying the Mayor on 26th September 2012 to a meeting with Britannia Superfine who recently had a Planning Application for an extension to their factory turned down. There seems to have been a long history of friction between the factory and its neighbours and I feel it would be beneficial to all concerned if it was possible that there was a meeting of minds.

It was disappointing to see Gilda Crescent Resource Centre site get Planning Approval for new housing when it appeared to be the ideal location for a Medical Centre but, as they say, you can't win them all.