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**COUNCIL OFFICES  
OPEN DAILY  
9.00—13.00**

**WEALDEN CITIZENS  
ADVICE BUREAU**

**REG SHINGLETON ROOM  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**OFFICE  
TUESDAYS ONLY  
9.30 TO 12 (Approx)**

**COUNCIL  
MEETINGS 2009**

**9th November**

**14th December**

### Over 60's Information Day

The over 60's day was a resounding success and was attended by many residents and local businesses who provide services to the over 60's. There was a range of service providers from solicitors, Citizens Advice, care homes to hair and beauty treatments. From the astounding turnout it appears to be something which may take place again in the future.



Many Polegate Town Councillors were in attendance, as were Norman Baker MP and Wealden District Council vice chair Jonika Fox. Special thanks to them.

### ACTIVE STREET GAMES

Each Thursday through the summer holidays saw Active Street games in the War Memorial Recreation Ground from 2pm to 4pm. The team provided supervised sessions for 10 to 18 year olds. There was cricket, football and basketball at most sessions and the children really enjoyed the outdoor fun.

For the smaller children (5-16 year olds) there was Active Play which seemed to attract lots of parents with small children.

Polegate Town Council has also recently agreed to replace the play equipment, so the children can look forward to something new and exciting to enjoy!

### JUBILEE TREE PLAQUE

The plaques have now been reinstated on both sides of the Jubilee tree outside St John's Church and should be visible even when the flower bed is in full bloom.



**Christmas Lights  
The Christmas Tree  
Lights will be switched  
on at 4pm  
Saturday 21st  
November**

**at  
Council Office Jubilee  
Garden in the High  
Street and afterwards  
at St John's Church  
hall for light refresh-  
ments. Do join in with  
the singing and  
other festivities.**

### YOUTH

Councillors agreed at the last Full Council Meeting, held on Sept 14th to fund a youth worker at Willingdon Community School. The Council is committed to serving all ages of the community and are pleased to be able to offer the young people of Polegate and Willingdon additional facilities.

### Houses of Parliament Trip

Councillors and members of the public enjoyed their educational trip to the Houses of Parliament. The tour gave insight into the



history, politics and customs that are still carried out today when Parliament is in session. The visit included the House of Lords and House of Commons.

**ALSO COMING UP ....  
Mayor's Christmas  
Party  
(Over 60's)**

Following the success of last year, the Mayor invites you to a Christmas party on Tuesday 8th December 2009 from 2-3.30pm in St John's Church hall. There are limited places available so those Polegate residents (over 60) who wish to attend and who haven't yet reserved their free place should please ring the Council Office on 01323 488144

### Crime Prevention Day

Sussex Police held a crime prevention day at the Council offices to encourage residents to secure their homes, sheds and gardens. Neighbourhood watch were also in attendance to give advice.



### HIGH SHERIFF HONOUR

Polegate Town Council are pleased to announce that the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr William Shelford will be visiting Polegate on 17th November 2009.

As the Sovereign's representative in the county, he will be making a number of visits within the Town, including the Primary School, Community Centre and Bernhard Baron Homes. He will also be taking a tour of the High Street before attending a buffet lunch at St John's Church Hall, where he will meet representatives from local charitable organisations.

### AUTUMN PLANNING UPDATE

**Biossence (Polegate) Ltd** held a public exhibition on 25 September 2009 to share information about their proposed **biomass heat and power plant**, to be constructed at Cophall Woods adjacent to PJ Skips. The plant would generate renewable energy in the form of heat and electricity by processing biomass, using a process called gasification.

Biossence have stated that the building will be low-profile to blend in with its surroundings, although the plant will need a 44m high chimney. It is expected that a planning application is soon to be submitted to Wealden District Council.

Polegate Town Council held a well attended public meeting on 28 September 2009 to discuss additional information received for an outline planning application for **520 dwellings at Honey Farm, Eastbourne Road, Polegate (WD/2008/2180/MEA)** and the

committee voted unanimously to recommend refusal.

In December 2008 a holding direction was imposed on the application by **Pelham Holdings Ltd** to enable the highways agencies to obtain additional information with regards to access and road infrastructure. If they consider the new information to be sufficient, that will be lifted and Wealden District Council will determine the application, probably at their planning sub-committee meeting on 10 December 2009.

It is proposed that two pedestrian/cycle accesses should be created to link the development to the High Street via Brookside Avenue, one being a pathway and the other a footbridge across the road. Residents from Brookside Avenue and surrounding roads formed an action group and many spoke against the proposal, describing how it would compromise their privacy and destroy the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Norman Baker, MP spoke in support of his constituents and also opposed the application. He was concerned that the application had not changed sufficiently to take into account the unlikelyhood that the Folkington Link would proceed in the foreseeable future.

Members of the planning committee listed 14 objections, one of which was their astonishment that the developers considered a Travel Plan, designed to discourage residents from using their cars whenever possible, would be a suitable alternative to major road improvements around Polegate. A full list of objections can be seen in the minutes of the meeting, available on the Council notice boards or website.

Pelham holdings state they intend to follow this application with plans to build a further 2200 homes with a commercial development

Planning Committee Chair

### Cophall & Gosford Way Allotments

Congratulations to the allotment garden winners!!

1st Place 2009  
Mr J Fuller  
2nd Place  
Mr D Gausden  
3rd Place  
Mr RJ Poynter



Certificates of Merit were awarded to  
Mr C Isaac  
Mr F Tyrrell  
Mrs E Buckingham &  
Mrs R Burke