

# Polegate Town Council

Newsletter  
April 2012



## Annual Town Assembly set for 23rd April

Polegate's annual meeting for the electors of the town is to be held at the Council Chamber, High Street, Polegate, at 7.30pm on Monday the 23rd April 2012.

Any resident of Polegate is welcome to attend the meeting, but must be on the electoral roll for Polegate to vote on any matters arising from the meeting.

The Mayor and Councillors of Polegate will be on hand to answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

## Skate park hit by vandals

We're sorry to have to report that vandals have struck three times in less than a month at Polegate's skate park at Brightling Road, with offensive graffiti being sprayed on the ramps and the tarmac surface of the park. Removing the graffiti is costly and time consuming, and diverts Council staff from other vital tasks.

If you are a regular user of the Brightling Road leisure grounds, either as a skater, a dog walker, or just a stroller, and you see any suspicious behaviour at the skate park or elsewhere, we would ask that you inform Police. If you know who is responsible for the damage, please contact Sussex Police on 101. If you see a crime in progress, do not approach, but phone Police on 999. If you do not wish to contact the Police, you can contact the Town Hall on 01323 488114.

## Calling all gardeners!

Keep an eye on our website and noticeboards for the date of this year's best kept garden/allotment competition. Judging is planned for the 2nd July.

## Rus in Urbe

As all you Latin scholars will remember, *Rus in Urbe* means 'countryside in the town'. And this phrase is particularly relevant to Polegate. Because, only a few minutes away from the roar of the traffic and the clatter of the railway, there lies a tranquil area of open and unspoilt land which we call Brightling Road Leisure Grounds.



The grounds consist of a large open field containing a skate park and basketball area, and a smaller field that was formerly a hay meadow. Archaeologists think the area may have seen brick or lime production in the past. The meadow is home to around 80 species of trees and plants, at least ten species of bird, and the occasional rabbit, squirrel and fox. The meadow is an ideal place for a family picnic, a mini-beast hunt with the children or grandchildren, or just a stroll.

There is also a BMX track for those of you with an adventurous streak, and railway enthusiasts will want to visit PADMEC's miniature railway, which is open to the public at various times in the summer (see [www.padmec.org.uk](http://www.padmec.org.uk) for further details).

*The entrance to the Leisure Grounds is via the William Daly gates, at the junction of Black Path and Manor Way. Pass through the gates, walk along a short unmade trail and then cross the bridge on your right. Enjoy!*

## Dates for your diary

Full Council— 30th April; Annual Town Meeting and election of Mayor - 28th May; Environment & Leisure—18th June; Finance & Policy—25th June

## The green, green grass of ...Polegate!

The Council has recently awarded its grass cutting contract for the next three years to Barcombe Landscapes. So you can look forward to some well-cut grass at a verge near you! This year's schedule is well underway with fortnightly cuts anticipated through the spring and summer.

## Eon consults on offshore wind farm



Energy company Eon is currently consulting the public regarding its proposed Rampion offshore wind farm, which would see around 195 wind turbines placed off the East Sussex coast. The public consultation period runs until Sunday the 6th of May, so there

is still plenty of time to let Eon have your comments. You can find full details at [www.eon-uk.com](http://www.eon-uk.com), or alternatively you can phone on 01273 694 876 and ask for a copy of the questionnaire.

## Are you interested in hiring or renting Wannock offices?

The Council would still like to hear from any interested parties who may wish to hire or rent the former offices at Wannock Road, which comprise a meeting room, office and kitchen. For further details, please contact the Town Clerk on 01323 488114.

Your Town Councillors and their phone numbers: Chris BERRY 486705; Edward BOARD 486508; Gerald CARTER 483773; Michael CLEWETT 486647; Malcolm CUNNINGHAM 486260; George GIBBS 484109; John HARMER 485801; Roy MARTIN 485330; Joseph O'RIORDAN 486021; Margaret PIPER (Deputy Mayor) 485611; Mark PYBUS 482128; Daniel SHING; Stephen SHING 489265; Jill VOYCE 486429; Tim VOYCE (Mayor) 486429

## Did you know? (no.1)

Did you know that you can apply to have a bench or picnic table, plus memorial plaque or other inscription, installed at a suitable location



in Polegate? If you are interested in purchasing a bench or table, give us a call on 488114 to discuss price details and preferred location.

*The above photo shows a recently installed bench.*

## Did you know? (no.2)

Did you know that the Council has two flower beds available for commercial sponsorship in Hailsham Road? Annual sponsorship is £250 + VAT, with a one-off payment of £130 + VAT for a sign naming your business. As always, contact the Town Hall on 488114 for more details.

## Let there be (no) light

**A number of towns around the UK have elected to dim or switch off their street lights altogether at night as part of a move to reduce carbon emissions and cut costs. Uckfield has already done so and a public consultation to switch off is underway in Crowborough.**

**Do you think Polegate's lights should be dimmed or switched off at night? If so, between what times? And which roads (if any) should have their lights left on? Please let us have your thoughts, either by post or email.**