

# Polegate Town Council

Newsletter  
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## Filching Quarry plans spark local concern

Haulaway Ltd proposes to infill a dormant chalk quarry at Filching with 136,000 tonnes of inert construction fill material per annum over a five year period. It has an existing permission for mineral extraction until September 2017, but the quarry is currently non-operational due to a prohibition notice issued by the Health and Safety Executive in 1990.

If permission is granted, it will result in Mon-Fri: 52 two-way HGV movements per day from 0730-1700 hours and Saturday: 26 two-way HGV movements from 0730-1300 hours, with lorries importing material generated from sources all over East Sussex. The proposed access route to the quarry is north from the A27/A22, via the C40 (Wannock Road) to Filching. Filching is within the South Downs National Park and the access to the quarry is via a narrow private drive off Jevington Road, which itself is too narrow in parts for other vehicles to pass an HGV. Residents may remember when chalk was being extracted from the quarry and the disruption it caused, with the collapse of Jevington Road into Wannock Glen, lorries using the High Street as a short cut and the debris they deposited on local roads.

The Cranedown Society has formed an action group (**Filching Landfill Action Group**) and their recently held public meeting (pictured below) was attended by over 300 local residents who oppose the plan. Council will respond to the consultation and urges you to do the same. The South Downs National Park Authority has called in the plans and it is their committee which will ultimately determine the application.

Please quote the planning application reference **WD/657/CMS(EIA)** together with your details and write or email your comments by 27 May 2011 to:

**Case Officer:** Jeremy Patterson

East Sussex County Council,

Planning Development Control, Transport and Environment,  
County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE

**Enquiries:** 01273 481626

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## Annual Town Assembly set for 23rd May

All residents of Polegate are cordially invited to the annual Town Assembly, which this year takes place on the 23rd May at 7pm at the United Reformed Church Hall, Victoria Road, Polegate. You will be able to hear what your Council has been doing over the past year, and there will be an opportunity to speak to your Councillors on a range of subjects, including education, employment, housing and healthcare. You will also be able give us feedback on the issues that concern you.

Remember: Polegate's future is your future—come and join us!

## New Staff for Council

**Polegate Town Council has welcomed two new members of staff. Bob Thearle is the town's new litter picker, whilst Chris Hale has joined the team as admin assistant to Town Clerk Jo Ognjanovic.**



*Bob Thearle and his trusty barrow in the High St.*

## Schedule Of Meetings

Annual Town Meeting 16th May 2011  
 Finance & Policy 24th May 2011  
 Full Council 27th June 2011

Annual Town Assembly 23rd May 2011  
 Environment & Leisure 20th June 2011  
 Finance & Policy 18th July 2011

## Putting Polegate on the map

Polegate residents and Councillors were in attendance on the 28th February for the unveiling of the new town map. The map, beautifully painted by local artist Alan Everard, is sited in Polegate High Street at the entrance to the Precinct.



## Volunteers wanted!

You may not be aware, but Sussex Police holds a Panel Meeting every three months at Polegate Town Hall, where police, councillors, shopkeepers and local residents come together to discuss the policing priorities for the local area.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing team are on the lookout for new panel members. If you're interested in getting involved, you can contact PCSO Hannah Parks on 07787 685751.

## No news on Honey Farm

The outcome of the appeal by Pelham Holdings against Wealden District Council's decision not to allow the building of 520 homes at Honey Farm is still not known. The planning inspector's decision is expected on or close to the 13th June.

## Wannock Rd re-opens

Wannock Road was re-opened on the 27th March, following completion of the work to replace a 900 metre stretch of water main between Polegate cross-roads and Old Mill Lane. The work took around eight weeks longer than expected, due to adverse weather conditions before Christmas and difficulties with the road conditions.

South East Water's Project Manager, Chris Ayles, thanked residents for their patience and close co-operation whilst the work was being carried out.

## Makeover for skate park

Brightling Road skate park is a much loved (and much used) haunt for Polegate's younger residents. So loved and used, in fact, that the surfaces of the ramps were looking a bit frayed round the edges. So, on the 12th and 13th April, the park was closed to allow some of the ramps to be re-surfaced. It has now re-opened, much to the delight of every budding Tony Hawk.



## A card for the happy couple

Polegate has sent a wedding card to Clarence House to wish Prince William and his bride-to-be Catherine Middleton a long and happy marriage. The card, featuring Mario Testino's official portrait, was signed by residents, shopkeepers and Councillors.

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