

# Peacehaven Town Council Annual Report 2019/2020



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## The Role of Peacehaven Town Council

Peacehaven Town Council represents its residents in several different ways.

Councillors have been very active around the town this year, ensuring that residents are listened to, that action is taken to improve the facilities and to make sure people enjoy living and working in Peacehaven

Council reinstated periodic surgeries, with Chairs of Committees, the District Policing teams and the MP, meeting with residents to hear their concerns. Most of the comments were about the Meridian Centre and its surrounding area

### **Councillors have been appointed to serve on the following Bodies:**

- Citizens Advice Bureau – Cllr Sharkey.
- Community Transport Lewes Association – Cllr Paul.
- Crime Stoppers – Cllr Harris.
- Lewes District Association of Local Councils – Cllr Collier.
- Peacehaven & Telscombe Housing Association – Cllr Hill.
- Peacehaven & Telscombe Access Group – Cllr Duhigg.
- Royal British Legion – Cllr Harris.
- The House Project – Cllr Mills.
- Town Forum – Cllr Simmons.
- Community Orchard – Cllr Seabrook.
- Community Garden – Cllr Paul.
- National Park Authority – Cllr Gallagher.
- Peacehaven & District Residents Association – Cllr Hill.
- Green Havens Network – Cllr Seabrook.
- Lewes & Havens Community Network – Cllr Griffiths.
- Downlands Court – Cllr Gallagher.
- Joint Action Group – Cllr Mills, Cllr Milliner.
- Age UK/Kempton House – Cllr Hill.
- ESALC/SSALC – Cllr Hill, Cllr Symonds.

Peacehaven Town Council produces a monthly e-news magazine. This is an effective way of keeping in touch with our community.

Details can be found on our website on how to subscribe and how to place an advertisement:  
<http://www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk/e-news-magazine/>

## Councillors

Peacehaven Town Council has 17 Members covering East, North, West and Central Wards. They represent in excess of 20,000 residents and will sit on Peacehaven Town Council until the next election in May 2023.

The primary role of a Councillor is to represent the ward and the residents who live in it. Councillors have a central part to play in making decisions that impact on their ward and across the whole Town.

Becoming a Councillor can be a rewarding form of public service that puts people in a position where they can make a difference to the quality of someone's life. However, being a Councillor is also a big commitment. Every day Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of their residents, voters, the Council and their personal lives.

The Councillor's role takes in:

- ward representation
- decision making
- policy and strategy review and development
- overview and scrutiny
- regulatory duties
- community leadership and networking

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## Powers and Duties

Local Councils have a wide range of powers and duties. The following table sets out the main ones:

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Duty to provide allotments. Power to improve and adapt land for allotments, and to let grazing rights	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Bus shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s. 4
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Community centres	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
Conduct	Duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct	Localism Act 2011, s.27
Crime Prevention	Duty on Parish Councils to consider crime reduction in every policy and action	s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended)
Dogs	Power to make a Dog Control Order. Power to take enforcement action against those who commit an offence against a Dog Control Order	Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
General Power of Competence	Power to do anything that an individual may do (eligible Councils only)	Localism Act 2011, s.1
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of. Power to accept gifts of land	Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127 Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Litter	Provision of receptacles. Power to take enforcement action against those that litter	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6 Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Neighbourhood Planning	Power to create a Neighbourhood Plan and other development mechanisms	Localism Act, s.116
Open spaces	Power to acquire land and maintain	Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Public buildings and village hall	Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Public conveniences	Power to provide	Public Health Act 1936, s.87
Sustainable communities	Able to be represented on a panel of representatives to be consulted on proposals that would contribute to sustainable communities	Sustainable Communities Act 2007
War memorials	Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter War memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by Local Government Act 1948, s.133

## Officers



**Town Clerk  
Tony Allen**



**Civic & Marketing Officer  
Deborah Donovan**



**Parks Officer  
Kevin Bray**



**Finance Administrator  
Zoe Malone**



**Marketing Assistant  
Matt Gunn**



**Administration Officer  
Vicky Onis**



**Information Officer  
Karen Bray**



**Senior Caretaker  
Michael Ripley**



**Groundsman & Reserve Caretaker  
Andy Picton**



**Caretaker  
Des Baker**



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## Policy and Finance

Working within the restrictions of the year on year cuts to the LDC Council Tax Support Grant, Peacehaven Town council has worked in a strong and collaborative way to ensure that financial stability could be achieved.

Having inherited a challenging budget, Councillors and Officers have worked hard to reduce the Council's exposure to debt and to reduce running costs without cutting services.

One of the key investments made was the essential IT upgrade (required for security and modernisation), where Officers worked, at the request of the Committee, to think differently and came up with a great solution. This will result in improved efficiency and cost savings in this area.

I would also like to mention the work of the Committee members who have not only worked collaboratively, but also throughout the opening six months of the year, attended extra meetings to ensure we had all the appropriate checks and balances in place.

The finance team have supported this process, to a point now where we have good system in place for close and accurate financial monitoring and reporting.

Unfortunately, with no LDC Council Tax Support Grant at all this year, we have seen a further rise to the precept. This also reflects the inherited commercial position of the Council, which is key to its business operations and planning.

		31ST MARCH 2019		31ST MARCH 2020
BALANCE B/FWD		442,150.00		289,780.00
PRECEPT		428,340.00		536,289.00
OTHER RECEIPTS		264,713.00		373,241.00
STAFF COSTS		406,633.00		460,021.00
OTHER PAYMENTS		438,790.00		325,704.00
BALANCE C/FWD		289,780.00		413,585.00
CASH		242,934.00		404,923.00

## Planning and Highways

The committee is made up of 9 members : Cllr A Goble; Cllr S Griffiths; Cllr G Hill; Cllr A Milliner; (Vice chair) Cllr L Mills; Cllr D Paul; Cllr D Seabrook; Cllr I Sharkey; (Chair) Cllr R White.

This committee meets roughly every 3 weeks to discuss planning applications received, highways and road safety matters. Our recommendations to support or oppose, go forward to Lewes District Council who make the final decision on the applications.

The applications range from a private householder wanting to build a conservatory, to a developer wanting to build a block of flats on a site they've purchased.

We encourage local residents to attend our meetings and will take their views into account when making our decisions. Members may also attend the Lewes District meetings when appropriate to make our case to its planning committee. We were recently successful in making our case regarding the Sussex Coaster proposed development and the district councillors supported our decision to reject the application.

We are starting to work more closely with the developers of the Chalkers Rise ( Hoddern Farm) estate; their liaison officer has attended some meetings and has a social media presence where he hears and responds to local residents views.

We also work with the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan steering group, as our common aim is to work towards a better Peacehaven for all residents.

## Leisure, Amenities and Environment

As Chair of the Leisure, Amenities and Environment Committee along with Vice Chair Cllr. E Simmonds, Cllr L Mills, Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr G Hill, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr I Sharkey, Cllr D Paul, Cllr L Symonds we have the responsibility of managing and caring for most of Peacehaven's Parks and Open Spaces.

As this has been the first year of a new Council, we have had to take stock and prioritise maintenance but we are also drawing up plans for future improvements including increasing the biodiversity of the town.

In the last year we have replaced the missing piece of fitness equipment in the Outdoor Gym in **Meridian Park**.

We have replaced the gates at the **Firle Road** play areas to bring them up to safety standards.

We have installed gates in the Community Garden at **The Oval** to allow for better access.

**Howard Peace Park** – There is currently a survey going on to find out residents' views and ideas to make it even better and to look at how access can be improved. To take part in this survey please go to the Peacehaven Town Council website.

**The Dell** – We are intending to create areas of wildflowers put in information boards and provide a water refill station. There are also plans for improving the play area.

**Centenary Park** – We are looking at ways of improving pathways and at where funding can come from, improving signage and tackling the drainage problem.

There is now a working group looking at how **The Hub** can be made a more useful facility for residents and in particular to make it a zero-carbon building. There will be consultation with residents and users of the building before anything happens.

Unfortunately, at the end of the year, due to Covid – 19 we are limited in what physical works we can do at the moment but rest assured the planning is still going on in the background.

**Councillor Sue Griffiths**

**Chair of PTC Leisure, Amenities and Environment Committee**



## **Business Planning & E-communications**

This committee is made up of 7 Councillors: Cllr A Milliner (Chair), Cllr C Gallagher (Vice Chair), Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr I Sharkey, Cllr L Duhigg, Cllr L Symonds, Cllr W Veck

Attached Officer: Matt Gunn

The role of this Committee is to set out a clear plan for Peacehaven Town for the next 3 years.

This committee was formed in May 2019

Consultations and discussions have been taking place over the past year and by linking in with The Neighbourhood Development Plan the Committee members are formulating a Business Plan, along with a Vision for Peacehaven Town with a set of objectives and a programme of actions which will then be taken to council for agreement and implementation.

The key elements to be considered are:

Finances, Environment, Place, Community and Business.

“Creating a sustainable future for Peacehaven Town, protecting and enhancing the natural and historic environment and encouraging and supporting business to create local employment”

### **E- Communications**

Effective Communications are vital to creating a thriving and safe community.

In this fast-moving world Information Technology including a website, social media and paper information sheets are all important. Part of the democratic process is for the Town Council to listen, consult and advise.

Website improvements and increased use of Social Media have already started and will continue over the next 12 months. The Committee continues to explore how best to communicate with the Community any feedback you may have is welcomed

## Civic and Events

Committee: Cllrs: Lynda Duhigg (Chair), Gloria Hill (Vice Chair), Alan Goble, Dawn Paul, Lyn Mills, Emilia Simmons, Wendy Veck, Alan Milliner, Lucy Jo Symonds

Advising Officer: Deborah Donovan

We had a successful 2019 events year. The Mayor re-introduced the quiz nights and recently additional bingo sessions. The community summer fair once again attracted around 4,000 visitors. There was something for everyone to enjoy. Including the fun fair, car boot and arena events, our thanks to our supporters and sponsors. The wrestling shows were very well attended, raising funds for the Mayor's charities, our thanks to Aquarius Solutions for supporting both events.

October brought us the first of the Mayor's foods from around the world event; Curry Night was supported by the local group, the Popups, the food was amazing, cooked & served by Sid & Sheila Eastman.

Peacehaven Town Council hosted members from the Royal British Legion and local organisations at Community House after the Remembrance service and parade on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased that the weather was kind to those who walked in the parade. Last year we had a record number of organizations lay wreaths. If you wish to be involved this coming November, please contact the Civic Officer.

The Carol Concert performance times were adjusted last year as we felt the need to involve the younger children. All performances were excellent, bringing all our local churches together and by changing the time our more elderly residents were able to join us.

The Christmas Spectacular was an overwhelming success, with over 90 stalls, pitched in the Meridian Mall and throughout Community House. It had a real community spirit. Children were able to walk through the 'woods' to see Father Christmas and receive a lovely gift from him.

Foods from Around the World, African Night, was held in February and was a complete sell out. The entertainment and food were outstanding. We continue to try and cater for every age group when organising events and would welcome any ideas you may have for any future functions.

During our Civic and Events Committee meeting in February Members agreed to create a Facilities Event Working Party, to include committee members and volunteers of the Peacehaven community.

The group will support the regular larger events and organise any smaller events. There has been a concern regarding the demise of the coffee mornings and mini markets which don't seem to be supported as much as in the past. We have a good number of residents who visit Community House every weekday morning & Saturday, but it's getting increasingly difficult to encourage the organisations to run the coffee mornings & markets. We would like to hear your views.

We hold regular monthly cinema evenings at Community House showing the latest films. The admission price will be £5.50 from April.

We were delighted to receive the High Sheriff, Mrs Violet Hancock to Peacehaven in February. Mrs Hancock met with the Mayor's four charities at the Gateway Café.

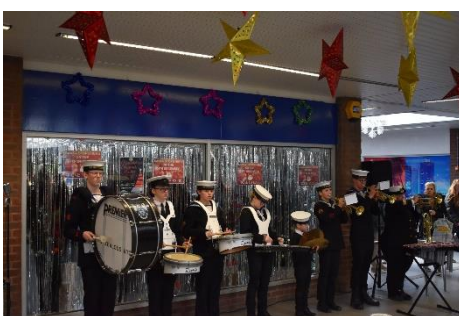
There was a suggestion to reform the friendships between our twinned towns, but council decided that it would incur too much expenditure to create a new Twinning Residents Association along with inviting members from Epina sous Senart in France & Isernhagen in Germany to visit Peacehaven.

We have various bookings at the Dell which include, Circus World, John Lawson's Circus, and the annual fun fair.

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who give up their time to support our events.

Peacehaven has attracted many film companies over the years. Just recently the BBC filmed Silent Witness and a smaller company shoot for a commercial. We are currently linked with Sussex Film Company who actively recommend our town for photography and location film work.

Full details for our forthcoming events can be found on the Peacehaven Town Council website, [www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk) or by subscribing to our monthly E-news magazine.



## Food Bank

Peacehaven Town Council have been providing a collection point service since 2017 to support the Seahaven food bank located in Newhaven. Not only our kind residents but the schools in Peacehaven continuously provide items such as tinned foods, toiletries and cereal, since arranging this service everyone has shown a tremendous ongoing support.

Food Banks not only provide emergency relief to people in crisis, they also go a long way in helping people feel better about themselves when they are in crisis.

### **Covid-19**

Since coronavirus hit the world, food banks have suffered, especially when the general public literally emptied supermarket shelves to stockpile goods for themselves. It became increasingly difficult to donate to food banks and our local bank was without exception.

Local group RUNPALS formed a Deans & Haven Foodbank Fundraiser, hoping to reach a target of £200 to enable them to buy food for distribution with the support of Lidl (Newhaven) to the food bank. The figure as at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 is £1575, this is so encouraging and shows what a great community we have. Cllr Dawn Paul is one of the lead people to organise this venture. **The Peacehaven COVID 19 Mutual Aid Group are now co-ordinating with the Seahaven Food Bank and are helping to distribute food parcels to our most vulnerable residents. To contact the group email [peacehavencovid19mutualaid.uk](mailto:peacehavencovid19mutualaid.uk) . Seahaven Food Bank have also organised a GO FUND ME where the public can donate direct to the food bank.**

### **Poverty affects your health**

Mental and physical health is closely associated with poverty, with more than a quarter of adults in the poorest fifth of the population experiencing depression and anxiety. The stress of coping with the effects of poverty can certainly be detrimental to health. In reverse, those with poor physical or mental health are more likely to be affected by low income or income loss, therefore increasing the likelihood that they will need to depend on a food bank.

### **Food banks offer important signposting services**

Whilst food banks do provide a three-day emergency food parcel, many food banks also provide vital signposting services for people facing poverty. For example, volunteers can give out information on finding emergency finance advice, welfare support, community groups, suggestions for other charities and support services and budget cookery courses. Sadly, social isolation often goes hand in hand with food poverty, and a warm welcome and non-judgmental conversation with a food bank volunteer can go a long way for somebody who is facing a crisis, this of course has been made worse since Covid-19.

### **Food bank use is the last resort for most people**

As if the decision to visit a food bank wasn't traumatic enough, people often experience a huge amount of stigma when they are facing a financial crisis. A child poverty action group report shows that people accepting help from a food bank felt that it was 'shameful' and 'embarrassing,' and that they had been driven to the food bank after exhausting all other possible avenues of support. However, numbers have vastly increased since Coronavirus, making it an endless task for volunteers to arrange sufficient supplies.



### **It's *really* easy to support your local food bank - THEY NEED YOUR HELP EVEN MORE NOW**

Whether you choose to volunteer, donate money, food or toiletry items, supporting your local food bank is simple. If you're unsure what to donate, it's best to check with your local food bank to see what they need. Don't be shy, get in touch and see how you can help!

Supporting food banks is therefore a straightforward way to positively impact your local community and help the most vulnerable people in society. You could make a real difference by donating some food items or volunteering. Who knows, you might even change somebody's life.

#### **How to use the Food Bank:**

Please visit the Info & Advice Hub at 31a High Street, Newhaven who are open during the following hours:

Monday 9am – 12pm

Tuesday closed

Wednesday 9am – 12pm

Thursday 9am – 12pm

Friday 10am – 12pm

A member of the team will discuss your circumstances with you and there will also be an opportunity to discuss further services and support should you need them.

The arrangements for distribution have changed due to coronavirus, enquiries are being taken directly from Seahaven Food Bank at Denton Island, Newhaven.

#### **During this world crisis a more lenient decision will be made to provide parcels.**

Donations of non-perishable food are very welcome and can be left at several collection points.

Peacehaven Town Council are proud to support the Sussex County Development Association (SCDA) food bank. Our Information Office is a collection point for food & toiletry items.

**Owing to the Coronavirus this collection point is currently closed, however, arrangements for distribution have changed due to coronavirus, enquiries are being taken directly from Seahaven Foodbank at Denton Island.**

As we don't know how long this crisis will carry on your help has never been as critical as it now. Thank you for your help!

**For more information call SCDA on 01273 516032 or PTC on 01273 585493**



## Mayor of Peacehaven – Cllr Claude Cheta

A year like none before ....

For many reasons, this year will be remembered as a special one to me and to many residents in Peacehaven.

In May 2019, the council body elected me as your Town Mayor, and I felt honoured by the responsibility and trust invested in me. A year later, I still feel humbled by your overwhelming support. Thank you.

This year, your support allowed me to raise considerable resources to support four local charities in Peacehaven:

1. Know Dementia
2. Kempton House Day Centre
3. CTLA
4. Chillax

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is the improvement of Peacehaven Town Council operations, finances and institutional effectiveness with the appointment of new officers.

The council is working hard to make more services available to those who need them most, especially the elderly, persons with disabilities and the youth. Climate Change was declared an emergency; I signed the covenant of Mayors to ensure that our commitments are translated into concrete actions. Working with community partners such as the House Project and the Co-op, we mobilised more financial resources to support local causes and charities in Peacehaven.

Moving towards a more diverse and inclusive community in the future, we started this year a new initiative called **"Food from Around the World"** and organised the curry night on 12 October 2019, and then the Africa Night on 22 February 2020. At these two occasions we enjoyed good music and good food, and I hope that these initiatives will continue beyond my term.

We had not yet finished our account of these events when we experienced the unpleasant surprise of coronavirus arriving like a thief in the middle of a quite night.

It is true that fear has taken control in our lives, but the challenge has also unveiled something profoundly rooted in our heart: kindness.

Yes, Covid 19 is very contagious, but kindness can be contagious too. This is what I learned from the generous people in Peacehaven and will always remember long after we have prevailed and come out stronger as a community.

The threat is real, but I am confident in our individual and collective strength.

As always, take extra care of yourself and show kindness to others.





# Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

## THE VISION

**Is for Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns to be sustainable, with clean air and an environment which provides a good quality of life for all inhabitants “**

### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

- 1. A refocused Town Centre on the Meridian Site including retail, leisure and food and drink outlets, small business units, essential for sustainable living**
- 2. Safe pedestrian walk ways, cycle paths to access all areas within the built up areas and the countryside.**
- 3. New housing aimed at local needs including low cost long term rentals.**

### BACKGROUND

In 2011 Peacehaven Town had a population of 14,000 approx. Now in 2020 we have 20,000 residents. Over 1000 new homes have been approved and are either built or soon will be but a further 255 homes need to be allocated to land in Peacehaven and Telscombe by 2030

Through the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), local councils are able to influence planning in their area through consultation with residents.

The NDP once in place is a legal document and carries the same weight in Planning Policy as the Lewes District Core Strategy Plan

### The Journey so far

Throughout April 2018 a public consultation took place “First Conversation” with exhibitions in East Saltdean, Peacehaven and Telscombe

The feedback confirmed

“Redevelopment of the Meridian Centre with additional retail space was a priority for the Community”

**Major concerns:** Congestion, infrastructure, loss of Green spaces and shops

**Major Assets:** Heritage, Gateway to South Downs National Park, Cliff Tops ,SSSI , Marine Conservation and the Biosphere, Network of Green Spaces and Parks

### THE PRESENT

Behind the scenes reports and research is taking place, a draft plan will be available in a few more months’ time. A Government Inspector will examine all of our evidence and research and will ensure that residents are supportive.

The Meridian Centre is the designated retail centre and will remain so but in creating a new Town Centre the vision is for a mix of land use on the Meridian Site. The COOP Group are committed to selling their land and buildings, a potential purchaser identified but contracts

have not been signed, so still subject to commercial confidentiality. Consultation on local views about future of the Meridian Site continue to take place.

Volunteers who wish to be involved and offer your knowledge and skills please make contact. You can help by looking out for and participating in surveys and workshops.

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Chair of Steering Group

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## Climate Emergency Working Group

Peacehaven Town Council declared a Climate Emergency on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 for the Council to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 and as a result of this set up the Climate Emergency Working Party. The working group consists of four councillors, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Gloria Hill, Cllr Ron White and Cllr David Seabrook and members of the public including representatives from Peacehaven Community School.

The aims of this working party are to:

- To setup the Citizens' Panel and Youth Citizens panel on Climate Change.
- To carry out a carbon baseline audit for Peacehaven Town Council.
- To develop a detailed plan for Peacehaven Town Council to be Carbon Neutral by 2030.
- To link with other Councils and Organisations involved in climate change.
- To make ongoing recommendations to Council regarding climate change.
- To organise Climate Change events in Peacehaven.
- To report to Council every six months.

Additionally, the Council has signed up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and adopted the Charter for Trees, Woods and People.

Two meetings have been held so far and an action plan has been agreed. Plans for the Citizens Panel and Youth Citizens Panel have for the moment been put on hold but may be able to continue in an online environment. The main emphasis for this year is to carry out a carbon audit in order to establish a starting point for our journey.

The Hub in Centenary Park is going to be redeveloped and it is intended that this will be our first carbon neutral building utilising technologies such as solar power, ground source heat pumps and "Green Architecture". A separate working party is developing these plans.

The Council is also planning to introduce a 'Single Use Plastic Free' policy and a 'Green Procurement Policy' in the next few months. The planned installation of a water refill station will help to encourage residents and visitors to avoid using single use plastic bottles. We will also be looking at waste reduction and increasing the amount of recycling and the use of green energy sources. The first 'Climate Change Event' will take place later in the year.

The target of Peacehaven Town Council becoming carbon neutral by 2030 is ambitious but it is I believe achievable.

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