

Hasting Old Town Residents Association

June 2010 Parish News

Annual General Meeting 7th May

Over 70 people came along. The meeting started with a presentation to Dave Gibbons our popular road sweeper to wish him well in his retirement and express our thanks. Then Leigh Dyer, our amazing local artist / metalsmith presented 2 of his sculptures for the Chess Square and explained what had to happen before completion of the project. Members were very impressed by Leigh's work.

The routine business of accounts, reports and elections were quickly dealt with. Steve Manwaring, Director of Hastings Voluntary Action then outlined the works on The Stade, the new Community building and Open Space. With help from HBC's Kevin Boorman members' questions were answered. It was a very positive meeting with lots to look forward to in the coming year.

Parking

There is much concern about the continuing lack of parking. HOTRA has written to remind the new administration at the Town Hall about our challenge for extra spaces. More worrying is the threat from ESCC to take parking control away from Hastings, and then contract out the business to a profit making company like National Car Parks. We wrote to the Leader of ESCC Peter Jones in April asking that proper community consultation happens on the idea. His reply was not very encouraging.

Courthouse Street

With all the works finished many cars, vans and taxis are still driving down this street. The Police have been asked to take further steps to secure pedestrian safety.

Pelham Beach Multi Use Games Area

Work has now started on site and should be finished by the end of June. Thanks are due to many people for helping this to happen but especially to Hugh Marriage, Chair of the Foreshore Trust who gave permission to use the land and paid for the construction costs. Chris Richards who runs the mini Golf course has been especially helpful. Many HBC officers have been supportive along the way. Thanks to you all.

Subscriptions

£8 for an individual, £10 for 2 or more members living at the same address. All members receive a membership card. If you have not paid yet please put the subs together with your details into an envelope and drop it through Nikki Ports [our Treasurer] letter box at 17 High Street.