

- ☒ Winkle Island lampposts – Instructions are being issued to new contractors to remove the redundant modern-style lampposts from Winkle Island in the next two weeks.
- ☒ Coach bays – It has been agreed that there will be some changes to the location of the coach drop-off and pick-up points on the northern side of the promenade in the Old Town. This should have been completed by Easter.
- ☒ Courthouse Street – There will be a temporary closure of Courthouse Street on 14 / 15th March for exploratory work to ascertain the depth of the gas main at the western entrance to the street. This is necessary before any work can be started to put in a barrier to enforce the pedestrian zone there.
- ☒ 20 mph & High Street changes – The formal consultation on the 20mph zone for the Old Town and for two-way traffic at the top end of High Street is underway. The proposals and any objections to them will go before the borough council's Traffic Management Committee on 14th April.
- ☒ Mount Pleasant Road – Resurfacing works will mean it is closed to through traffic from outside property number 8 to outside property number 157 on Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th March.
- ☒ Mount Road – Following the presentation of a petition requesting that a limited waiting restriction be introduced in Mount Road in order to provide parking spaces for shop customers it has been agreed that the suggestion assessed and added to the database. Those sites ranking highest are then progressed at the next annual review scheduled to take place in July/August 2011. Local residents are also continuing to press for a yellow box at the Mount Road/Old London Road junction which queuing traffic would not be allowed to enter, thereby maintaining freedom of exit and entry into Mount Road at all times. They may well petition the County Council on this matter.
- ☒ Hillcrest School – Most Old Hastings and Tressell youngsters pass through Hillcrest but of course it will become the site for the East Hastings academy in September of this year. New buildings have been designed and the planning application will go before the County Council's planning committee for consideration. Hastings Borough Council is recommending the application be approved.
- ☒ Concessionary fares – The government has transferred responsibility for administering concessionary fares from borough and district councils to county councils as of 1st April. The national concession is for free bus travel for retired and disabled people from 9.30am. Hastings Borough Council funded a 9.00am start. The county council therefore had the choice of retaining the earlier start or only funding the statutory requirement. Following a petition from older residents from Hastings the county council has agreed to continue offering free travel from 9.00am.

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