

County Councillor's Report

- **Mount Pleasant Road** – Residents will be pleased to know that Mount Pleasant Road is on the county council's resurfacing list. When a date for the work to start becomes clear I will let local people know.
- **LED lighting** – The whole of the borough is being moved over to LED lighting which will save the county council as the responsible authority a substantial amount. The exhibition of the new lighting for Old Hastings has been held already and for Tressell ward it will take place on Tuesday 18th March 9.00-12.00 at the Bridge Community Centre on Priory Road. The two wards will be in the first group to go over to LED – the rest of Hastings will follow on in groups of wards. The lighting is white rather than the orange of the sodium lights and does not disperse light quite as they do. It is therefore brighter around the actual lamp column. Three months after installation there will be a review into how they are working, local feelings etc. So please let me know your thoughts after they have been put in.
- **Barley Lane** - The different traffic orders advertised for consultation are now being considered in the light of comments received. The suggested changes in Barley Lane will not now be recommended to go ahead at the 23rd April planning committee apart from a five metre section at the High Wickham junction.
- **East Sussex waste strategy:** This strategy jointly draw up by the county council and by the five district and borough councils has just been approved by all the authorities. It is aiming for 50% of domestic waste in the county to be recycled by 2020, 60% by 2025. In addition the aim is to recover energy from at least 95% of the rubbish that isn't reused, recycled or composted. The county council as the waste disposal authority has built the energy from waste plant at Newhaven where all non-recycled waste collected across the county is sent. This means there is no longer a landfill site in East Sussex – Pebsham closed last year. The amount of waste sent to landfill has declined by 93% since 2006. The boroughs and districts are the waste collection authorities and responsible for the collection of recycling from homes. In the last few months Hastings Borough Council has introduced glass recycling from the doorstep for nearly all homes in the town and the collection from every home of a wider variety of recyclates like food trays and tetrapaks. This is how the challenging recycling aims will be met.