

**INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND MISC. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****Miscellaneous Correspondence & Information Received**

- **NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin** – forwarded to Members 24/3/26, 9/4/26, 16/4/26, 23/4/26, 30/4/26, 7/5/26, 14/5/26
- **ROCN Environmental Funding** – email forwarded to Members 17/3/26
- **Parish response to Rother Draft Local Plan** – response forwarded to Members 18/3/26
- **NALC Events Newsletter** – forwarded to Members 24/3/26
- **RVA Newsletter** – April newsletter forwarded to Members 16/4/26 and May newsletter forwarded to Members 14/5/26
- **RDC Strategic CIL next funding round** – email forwarded to Members 12/5/26

**One East Sussex Revised Consultation**

A Government consultation is now open on proposed changes to local council arrangements in East Sussex. Government plans include moving areas including Peacehaven, Telscombe, East Saltdean and Falmer into Brighton & Hove City Council which is already a unitary council, and creating a single unitary authority for the rest of the county. This is a revised version of the One East Sussex proposal <https://eastsussexcouncils.org/the-proposal/> which was drawn up by all the councils in East Sussex, which suggested a new unitary council should cover the whole county of East Sussex. All residents are invited to give their views on the consultation website <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modified-proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove/modified-proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove> This consultation ends on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**New Highways Information Hub**

We now have a new email address for East Sussex Highways which can be used by Councillors and Clerks in all Parishes. Please ask for details. This is not an address for sharing with residents.

**Council website**

Please continue to promote our new website. We have a new QR code for people to subscribe to weekly emails containing news added to the website each week and for urgent emails.

**Licensing of Rev.Hugh Reid as new Vicar at Salehurst and Hurst Green**

This takes place at Salehurst on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. The Vicar will be living in Brede (where his wife is Vicar) and the Parochial Church Council is in discussions regarding a space at the Youth Centre as a base, to work and be available to residents.

### **RVR Station Opening Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

The Parish Council was presented by Councillors Longhurst, O'Hara, Todd, and the Clerk.

### **Annual Parish Assembly Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

The Assembly was well received. Attendance was around 80, which is in line with previous years. We have sent thanks to those involved. Following the Headteacher's talk at the Assembly, Robertsbridge Community College has informed us that there will be an opportunity for residents to visit / see the College in September.

### **Youth Evenings**

Sussex Outreach Support (SOS) has booked two more youth evenings at Robertsbridge Youth Centre on 25 June and 24 September, following a successful initial event in March. There will be another in November. They are rotating events between Etchingham, Burwash and Robertsbridge. A grant application has been made to the Parish Council towards community outreach services (see meeting agenda).

### **Community Speedwatch Group**

Do we need to promote the reinstatement of a Robertsbridge Speedwatch Group more?

### **Station Planting by Friary Gardeners**

Councillors have been invited to attend this on the morning of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Robertsbridge Station.

### **Salehurst Cemetery**

Since the last meeting (16 March 2026) there have been two purchases of Exclusive Rights, one interment. We have had enquiries about purchasing plots and received one enquiry about installing a memorial. Two memorial installations have taken place.

### **Members Training / Briefings / Conferences**

*Keeping up to date is an important aspect of being a local Councillor and the organised courses are a valuable way of keeping up with current issues and changes, as well as meeting other Members and hearing different views and news.*

ESALC general briefing/training sessions (*open to all/any parish*) can be found on the [ESALC](#) website.

ESALC also provides training sessions through Breakthrough Communications, on communications and compliance-focused training courses for parish and town councils across East Sussex. Details can be found here <https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/calc-training-events/>

If you are interested in any training, please let us know, so we can book you in. ***It is important that new Councillors take up training and but equally important that all Members periodically attend update/briefing sessions.*** These are held online and usually only last an hour or two.

**Events attended:**

*ESALC Clerks Networking Day, Uckfield 19<sup>th</sup> March – Karen, Gill*

*RIALTUS update 24<sup>th</sup> March - Karen*

*RALC meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April- Karen, David*

*RVR Station opening 17<sup>th</sup> April – Karen, Sean, David, Simon*

*Finance and function NALC course 29<sup>th</sup> April - David*

*Footpath Group 5<sup>th</sup> May – Simon, Sean, Gill*

*Ordinance Survey Data and Digital Mapping briefing 12<sup>th</sup> May - Karen*

**Upcoming Training/events booked:**

*New Councillor Training 29<sup>th</sup> June – Gaynor*

*RALC meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July – Karen, David*

*SLR meeting with East Sussex Highways – 9<sup>th</sup> July – David, Karen, Gill*

*Karen*

**Karen Ripley**

**Parish Clerk**

*Gill*

**Gill Colquhoun**

**Assistant Clerk**