



SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11



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Introduction

Welcome to the Seaford Town Council Annual Report for 2010-11 I hope that it gives you a better idea of the range and scope of services and activities undertaken by Seaford Town Council in the past year.

This is the full report; a summary will appear in our next newsletter. It contains all the committee reports made by the Town Council's Committee Chairmen to be presented at the Town Forum on 26th April 2011 on behalf of the Committees.

The Town Forum is not like other meetings of the Council or its committees, it is a meeting of electors of the Town, YOUR meeting. Any registered elector in the Town is entitled to attend and ask questions. I do hope that you will come along even if you don't have a question to ask.

At the time of producing this annual report our accounts for 2010/11 are not completed, therefore we have included financial information relating to the financial year 2009/10 which were audited during 2010/11. It is anticipated that the unaudited accounts for 2010/11 will be available to the public in June 2011.

A list of all the new Town Councillors, who serves on each committee and their representation on outside bodies, will be published as soon as possible following the elections on 5th May.

Our web site will continue to be updated with regular news updates, council minutes and a variety of community and business information.

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Lastly, if you have any queries relating to the information contained in this document, please contact the administration team at 37 Church Street, Seaford BN25 1HG 01323 894870 or admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk .



**Mrs Sam Shippen FCIS, Principal ILCM
Town Clerk**

Statement from the Leader of
Seaford Town Council,
Councillor Jon Freeman.



Seaford Town Council receives its funding by generating income from business activities such as the Golf Course and Council Tax collected from local residents. The County and District Councils have faced cuts of up to 25% in their government income and have needed to prune frontline services. We are continually being asked to take more services back to the town, by the District Council but as we receive no government funding, either through subsidy or through business rates, we are doing our best to manage our current assets.

In our business plan, we have highlighted every asset we own, and continue to dissect the expenditure to ensure that we get the best value for money for every pound we spend. There are many excellent voluntary organisations in the town and we believe that by working together with them, we can continue to make a difference to the way Seaford looks and what it does. At various events Seaford people continue to give us ideas and we try to act on these when appropriate.

As a Town Council we have limited officer staff who continue to work well outside their normal job description remits and I give thanks to them. As voluntary town Councillors we have given up our time freely and I must also give my thanks to the Mayor who seems to have been “everywhere” doing “everything” with his dog, Ranger, and sometimes accompanied by his wife Jill!

May I highlight the five priority areas where we are making, and will continue to make a difference.

- **Young People.** The Young Mayor and the Youth Forum continue to work alongside young people, whether creating Street Art at the Skate Park on the Salts or taking our Seniors Forum ‘Down Memory Lane’ with a film project. We have continued to back the football club as well as facilitating an extension to the cricket club pavilion.
- **Seafont.** We continue to work with the support of the Seaford Community Partnership to regenerate our seafont. We currently engage the services of the Community Payback team developing a sunken garden and they have revamped the Base in the Salts.
We have met regularly with the Environment Agency and we are pleased to say that the beach is being re-profiled and developed further as an amenity area as well as maintaining our sea defences. Our liaison regarding the seafont is now clear and involves all the source users and community groups.
- **Seaford Head Golf Course.** We have seen an increase this year in our Golf Course, particularly from society use and we will continue to

reinvest any additional monies on town projects. To this end we are re-designing the clubhouse with, together with our new website, should open up the facilities for wider community use. The Golf Course is in excellent condition and receives National acclaim and its Greenkeepers more local awards.

- **Finances.** The staff of the Town Council are constantly renegotiating our budgets to ensure that we are a lean machine and that any savings are re-invested in the community.
- **Other Services.** We continue to develop the Salts and are very pleased with our Café and Seafront facilities. We continue to develop the Crouch Gardens and this year has seen a flourishing of the Exchange Project and the Peace Garden in conjunction with the Quakers. Tenders have been lodged regarding the re-vamping of the Crypt and we hope this revitalisation of the Crypt will play a major part in the cultural life of the town.

Apart from these 5 major areas we continue to hold our other 'big brother' councils and un-elected quangos to account by being constructive, robust and purposeful. A prime example is working with the local GP's, the Health Stakeholders Group and the Seniors Forum in order to secure funding so that access to local services is improved. Despite the PCT business plan it is unlikely that new buildings will be financed in the current economic climate so we are looking, with the new consortia, to see how better we can devolve more services to the existing buildings.

With the concentration elsewhere on expenses for politicians, it is reassuring for everyone to know that our Councillors continue to be voluntary giving their time without any payment. As a Quality Council although systems and consultations increase, I believe our staff are steadfast in their efforts not to 'tick boxes' but to get things done. I would like to give my thanks to all colleagues, Councillors of all political shades, who have helped staff to cope, not only this year, but all the years that I have been privileged to lead the Council.

Despite the cutback of Police hours, we continue to be pleased with the development of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

In conclusion, may I thank the many community groups for their energy, experience and love of our town. Without your help we would not enjoy living here as much as we do.



Arts@theCrypt



Report by the Mayor of Seaford Town Council, Councillor Bob Allen.



Before I started my Mayoral role, I had no idea of the huge number of unsung heroes in the town, working hard within voluntary organisations, raising money for charity and promoting and supporting business in Seaford.

The Mayoress, Jill, and I have enjoyed meeting so many different individuals and groups during the last year and along the way, raising funds for my chosen charities, the Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau and the National Coastwatch Institution, for whom I volunteer. We have represented the Town Council at nearly 200 functions and events.

I would like to give my thanks for the support I received from all the staff and councillors at Seaford Town Council, especially my Deputy, Councillor Martin Cornforth, and his family and to all the people of Seaford and beyond for supporting my fundraising events. I'd also like to thank the Mayors Chaplain and his Deputy, Reverends Clive Jarvis and Vicky Martin of the Seaford Baptist Church. A special thank you also to my secretary, Paula Woolven, and all her family for their help throughout the year.

My favourite event had to be 'Scrufts' – the Seaford Dog Show, as my rescue dog, Ranger, insisted it took place. Over 100 dogs took part! It also afforded the opportunity for voluntary organisations such as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Dogs for the Disabled to raise some much needed funds and awareness on the day. The Armed Forces Day saw beautiful weather again last year and I wish the Royal Society of St George well with their organisation of this year's annual event.

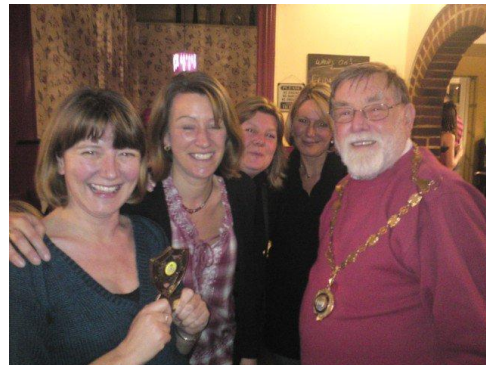
Although I declined the invitation to join the Seaford Lifeguards for their New Years Dip, I was happy to start the event from the relative warmth of the beach and I was invited to several events by the Seaford Islamic Community. The memorial service for Reymon 'Ray' Hayder was particularly touching.

I was delighted to welcome some pupils of Seaford Primary School to the Council Chamber to a 'mock' Council meeting and their behaviour and willingness to learn about local government was a credit to the school and themselves. My stand in for the day, Briana Kelly, was totally in control!

'Bob's Last Bash' was my final event of my fundraising year in April, and I wanted a friendly event with local performers and a family feeling to the night. I was honoured to have such terrific entertainers attending – Miss Jane Reeves, the Seaford Musical Theatre, Archway Gospelish Choir, Mr Daryl Markham and the Seaford School of Dancing to name but a few.



Sussex Day 2010



Winning Mayoral Quiz Team



Mayor's Charity Golf Day



Seaford Deputy Young Mayor, Maddie Jay and Young Mayor, Ellie Homan.



Riding with the Seaford Lifeguards



Armed Forces Day



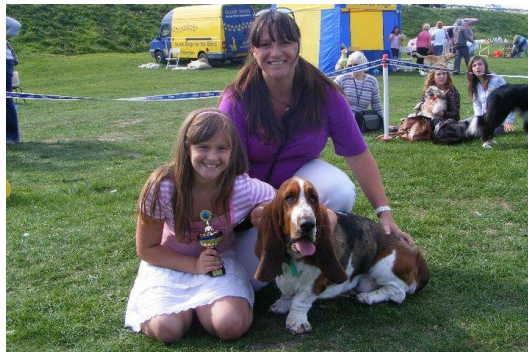
“Stand-In Mayor”, Briana Kelly



The Mayor of Seaford's
Candlelit Carol Service



Isn't It Bonkers! 2010



Scruffs 2010 Winner, 'Poppy'

Report by the Deputy Young Mayor of Seaford Miss Maddie Jay.



I would like to give my thanks to Ellie Homan, the outgoing Young Mayor for her support, dedication and friendship throughout my year as Deputy Young Mayor and to welcome Amy Gough as the new Deputy Young Mayor and to wish them both well.

I have really enjoyed the last year, helping to bring the views and needs of Young People in Seaford to the Council, voluntary organisations and businesses.

Some of the events Ellie and I attended this year included the Armed Forces Day, where we enjoyed meeting ex-servicemen and women and hearing their stories, Scruffs Dog Show, which proved almost impossible to choose from such a lovely range of Seaford hounds and spending a day with the Seaford Lifeguards, finding out what they, and their junior section, do in the town.

Things that we are very proud of include our work with the Seaford Cheerleaders, the Graffiti Art Project in the Skate Park and The Base and working with the Youth Forum on projects including gaining funding for the outdoor gym equipment for all ages which will shortly be installed at The Salts Recreation Ground.

The most amazing part of my year had to be the first Seaford Young Mayor's Awards for young people. We had approached the Town Council for permission to run the scheme and were amazed by all the incredible stories and achievements of the nominee's and winners. Our thanks to the Seaford Baptist Church for hosting the evening and all the Council staff for their help in putting together a brilliant night.

Amy and I look forward to re-setting our goals for the coming year and continuing to bring the voice of young people in Seaford to those who can hopefully make a difference.



SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL (until 5.5.2011)

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The Council



Report of the Mayor, Councillor Bob Allen

The Town Council has met on 6 occasions during 2010/11.

During the year the Council reviewed its Standing Orders and adopted a scheme of delegation, introducing some changes to procedures to reflect the roles and responsibilities of officers and committees in relation to good practice in local government activities.

It has debated various publications including a new Decentralisation and Localism Bill which proposes provisions which affect local councils and a District Council choice based lettings scheme for housing.

After progressing to planning application stage for the building of a new Clubhouse at Seaford Head Golf Course, the initial application was turned down by 4 votes to 3 at District level and revised plans are now being prepared.

The Twinning Arrangements Working Group will continue but the Council agreed to delegate authority for the Young Personality Awards to the Young Mayor, Ellie Homan, and her Deputy Maddie Jay, which evolved into the highly successful, Awards For All funded, Seaford Young Mayor's Awards, with sponsorship from Wave Leisure, Drusillas Park and Inter Sport, Seaford.

The Council also debated and decided on many other issues to improve the Seaford Community and welcomed ideas and comments from members of the public during public participation at the start of the meetings.



The Crouch Gardens

Council Meetings held : 6	Attended %
Councillor R E Allen (Mayor)	100%
Councillor R G Amery	50%
Councillor P L Bennett	16%
Councillor R W Bennett	33%
Councillor P A Bower	33%
Councillor R C S Brown	100%
Councillor E Collict	83%
Councillor C Conil	100%
Councillor M P Cornforth (Deputy Mayor)	100%
Councillor J Freeman	83%
Councillor B W Groves	50%
Councillor L E Holland	83%
Councillor C S Lambert	0%
Councillor N P Norman	33%
Councillor J C Peterson	83%
Councillor R J Sinclair	66%
Councillor R P Taylor	100%
Councillor L Wallraven	100%
Councillor I J White	100%
Councillor T A Willis	83%

Community Services Committee. Report by Chair, Councillor Ralph Taylor.



During the year 2010-11, the Community Services Committee continued to oversee the development and improvement of a range of community facilities in Seaford.

The Salts

This large open space not only provides playing fields for the Rugby Club and the Cricket Club but also contains a play area, a skateboard ramp, tennis courts and a youth shelter. The café has been extended and greatly improved by the concession holders, who provide a wide range of refreshments.

Other improvements completed or agreed during the year include a new cricket pavilion in May 2010, better floodlighting for the rugby pitch, repairs to the pathways and replacement of the mains water services. Proposals from the Youth Forum for an outdoor gym were approved and the Community Payback scheme undertook improvements to The Base.

The Crouch

After a number of delays, the long-awaited improvements to the children's play area were completed during the year.

The Peace Garden, an initiative of Seaford Quaker Meeting, was formally handed over to the Town Council. Two pieces of stonework are currently being carved and will be installed later this year. It is pleasing to note that the garden is often used by town centre workers as a quiet and sunny place to have lunch.

The Exchange community garden has continued to flourish and attract involvement from many members of the local community

Friends of the Crouch, a body representing user groups and local residents, has continued to take an active interest in the park. Its work has included the creation of a community orchard, the organisation of quizzes and arranging an open-air performance by a theatre group.

The Seafront

The Committee has continued to take an active interest in the seafront and the need to maintain and improve its attractiveness to both visitors and local residents. The Smarter Seaford group and the Seafront Theme Group of the Seaford Community Partnership have played important roles in identifying issues and making proposals for improvements.

At its meeting in November 2010, the committee considered an interesting report about "Improving the Visitor Experience." The committee also agreed a

list of projects which it wished to progress – there was universal agreement that improvements to the Martello toilets were top of the list.

The Crypt

Both the Crypt Gallery and 23 Church Street [formerly the CAB] were formally transferred to the Town Council during the year. A total of 9 exhibitions and events took place.

Plans have been drawn up to make 23 Church Street more suitable for exhibitions and events and to create an attractive and welcoming entrance from Church Street.

The management committee has continued to meet on a regular basis. Notwithstanding several changes in membership, the committee remains enthusiastic and committed to securing a successful future for The Crypt as a focal point for arts-related activity in Seaford.

Health issues

The Community Services Committee has continued to be concerned about the need to improve access to health services through the establishment of a minor injuries unit and the development of outpatients' clinics in Seaford.

Members have attended meetings of the Health Stakeholders' Group and have also attended a Primary Care Trust board meeting, followed by a meeting with the PCT Chief Executive. It was disappointing to learn that, despite accepting the business case for a new health centre in Seaford, the PCT was not prepared to proceed with a capital project.

Local GPs have been supportive of the concerns expressed by the Town Council and it is hoped that changes in the structure of the NHS will not delay further the improvements to services which are so badly needed.

Conclusion

An important feature of the committee's work has been its close collaboration with a wide range of community organisations, which brings insight into issues and enthusiasm about resolving them, to the benefit of the town as a whole. The committee has also been greatly assisted by the commitment and enthusiasm of the Projects and Facilities Manager.



The Peace Garden



The Salts Café

Community Services Meetings held : 7	Attended %
Councillor P L Bennett	42%
Councillor R W Bennett	28%
Councillor P A Bower	42%
Councillor R C S Brown (Vice-Chair)	100%
Councillor C Conil	71%
Councillor M P Cornforth	85%
Councillor J C Peterson	71%
Councillor R P Taylor (Chair)	100%
Councillor L Wallraven	100%
Councillor I J White	100%
Councillor T A Willis	85%

The Finance & General Purposes Committee. Report by Chairman Councillor Eddie Collict



Another eventful year in terms of changes in personnel and a substantial amount of important but routine work that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Council.

First, sadly we lost our Committee Chairman, Rosemary Collict, who resigned from the Council in May. Also sadly a little later we lost our Corporate Services Manager, June Hilderly. Fortunately we were able to recruit Simon Cooper as Corporate Services Manager just as the budget making season really began to make life very difficult without a dedicated officer to lead, and do, the work behind the scenes. Simon had previously worked for the Town Council on a temporary basis and so we were very fortunate as he already had some background information to help him catch up the time that had been lost in preparing the budget.

During the preparation for the budget there were many difficult areas to assess and put in a form that enabled the councillors to make decisions on priorities for spending. The decision was taken early on that whatever the pressures for spending, there should only be a very modest increase in the budget and therefore the Council Tax. This meant that all areas of activity had to be looked at in terms not just of whether it was good value, but whether we could do without it. The Committee again had to look at the rationale of the financial reserves, what they are used for and what level is prudent.

During the year the Committee has considered reports from the Internal Auditor. These reports have been very useful in identifying areas of risk and ensuring that action is taken.

Among the many areas that the Committee has considered with the help of the Finance Officer are:

- review of internal controls;
- financial risk assessment;
- a risk management plan;
- updating the office computer system, including the network; and
- the Council's web site arrangements.

None of these matters get the blood racing but they are important and many of the policy decisions will I hope have a long term benefit.

Of the more difficult decisions is one that does not involve a lot of money but the allocation of a relatively small amount of grant money amongst many deserving local voluntary bodies. The amount available for next year has been substantially increased in the expectation that the need for Town

Council grants will increase as Central Government cuts really begin to bite, affecting not just individuals, but also the many organisations who rely upon at least some Government money.

There has been some criticism of the Council's efforts to replace the dilapidated Golf Clubhouse. Unfortunately the application for planning permission has been refused. Some of those who criticised the decision to replace the clubhouse failed to appreciate that the surplus from operating the golf course pays for many other council provided facilities. From a business and financial point of view it is essential that a new clubhouse is provided and soon. There are several options, and it will be for the new Council to decide on a way forward, but much of the information required to determine the best course of action is already held by the Town Clerk.

My thanks to my fellow Committee members for their constructive support and to the staff who have worked so hard to make the financial system efficient and effective and to ensure that there has been a systematic approach to address risk.

Finally, my best wishes to the staff and all the councillors in the new Council.



In 2010/11 grants were given either in cash or in kind to the following organisations:

Organisation	Amount
16th Seaford Scout Group	£203.19
1st Seaford Boys Brigade	£150.00
9 th Seaford Scout Group	£203.19
ABC Fund	£100.00
Bishopstone Parish Hall Management Committee	£200.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£47.03
Cuckmere Community Bus	£100.00
Cuckmere Estuary Partnership	£112.00
Early Bird Pre-School	£250.00
Fantastic 4 Flyball Team	£104.17
Friends of Seaford Library	£50.00
Friends of the Crouch	£48.30
Mediation +	£50.00
National Coastwatch Institution	£150.00
Newhaven & Seaford Sea Cadets	£150.00
Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club	£106.38
Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lioness Club	£100.00
Relate South East Sussex	£50.00
Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	£20.00
Seaford Battery Service	£100.00
Seaford Community Partnership	£2081.30
Seaford Fair Trade Group	£45.32
Seaford Family Focus Group	£206.38
Seaford Handbell Ringers	£100.00
Seaford Hard of Hearing Club	£50.00
Seaford In Bloom	£4,490.00
Seaford Inner Light Club	£100.00
Seaford Lifeguards	£500.00
Seaford Museum & Heritage Society	£100.00
Seaford Musical Theatre	£300.00
Seaford Music Society	£50.00
Seaford Neighbourhood Watch	£50.00
Seaford Seniors Forum	£135.54
Seaford Silver Band	£350.00
Seaford Street Pastors	£200.00
Seaford Sustainability	£55.30
Seaford Twinning Association	£199.82
Seaford Youth Forum	£11.50
Smarter Seaford	£60.85
SNAPPS	£100.00
Sussex Air Ambulance	£300.00
Vitalise	£150.00
Waves Seaford	£100.00
Wave Leisure	£350.00

Section 1 – Accounting statements for

SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2009 £	31 March 2010 £	
1 Balance brought forward	222,332	270,288	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value in all reports Plus 7 of previous year.
2 (1) Annual proceeds	319,930	335,913	Total amount of proceeds received or received in the year.
3 (1) Total other receipts	498,474	486,045	Total receipts of income as recorded in the cashbook less the annual proceeds. Includes support, discretionary and other grants.
4 (1) Expenditure	221,449	256,767	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of employees, including salaries and wages, PAYE and National Insurance employment, pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (1) Loan interest/capital repayments	28,571	33,091	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on borrowings (if any).
6 (1) In all other costs	532,920	531,591 531,591	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less the total (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (1) Balance carried forward	257,846	271,018 270,797	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1) 210 + 4 + 519.
8 Total cash and short term investments	272,147	330,163	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March. Must agree with bank statements.
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	4,400,184	4,084,793	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long term investments.
10 Total borrowings	291,763	273,832	The outstanding credit balances as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including 1991).
11 Trust funds (including charitable) disclosures note	NO	NO	The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

[Signature]

Date 21/6/10

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

C 314-3 Council Meeting

Date 17/06/2010

Signed by Chair of the meeting at which these accounting statements were approved.

[Signature]

Date 2/7/2010

F&GP Meetings held : 6	Attended %
Councillor R W Bennett	83%
Councillor P A Bower	16%
Councillor R C S Brown	83%
Councillor E Collict (Chairman)	83%
Councillor C Conil	83%
Councillor J Freeman	83%
Councillor L E Holland	83%
Councillor N P Norman (part year)	50%
Councillor R J Sinclair	66%
Councillor I J White	100%

The Planning & Highways Committee. Report by Chairman Councillor Martin Cornforth.



I became chairman of the P&H Committee in the summer, after a re-shuffle necessary due to the retirement of Rosemary Collicot. Having been the Vice Chair under the previous two chairs I was used to occasionally having to step into the role of Chairman but I felt a little daunted, at first, by the enormity of being the man in charge all the time. In fact I missed the first two meetings due to being on holiday in Greece for the first one and struggling, unsuccessfully up Mont Blanc on the second - my thanks to Tracy Willis and Bob Allen for stepping into the breach.

The planning committee is the busiest committee of the council, meeting every three weeks and is often the one where most members of the public attend. This is because the issues we discuss often have a direct effect on the people of the town. Though we are not the planning authority and do not make the planning decisions we do provide a forum at which local people can air their concerns or thoughts.

The applications that have provoked the most comment have included two applications in Firle Road, namely Bowden House School and Abundant Grace. The numbering of Firle Road also created some discussion but a compromise with Lewes District Council seems to have been reached and several of the houses are now displaying numbers as well as names. This is important as it gives reference points to drivers of emergency vehicles and delivery drivers not familiar with the area.

The lack of a pavement on the south side and absence of dropped kerbs on the refurbished Claremont Bridge generated a great deal of communications both written and verbal and despite the best efforts of the committee, the Town Clerk and County Councillors is not resolved as yet.

The ancient trees endangered by the development of the play area at Chalvington Fields caused a great deal of interest from local residents. This was a difficult issue to resolve as there were a number of agencies and interest groups involved and it was difficult to get them all together to clarify the various concerns. My thanks to the ward members who did a lot of work to facilitate an agreement in this matter.

The proposed McCarthy and Stone development at the Beachcomber is still an ongoing situation. The application was rejected but is the subject of an informal appeal as I write this report but will have been concluded before publication, so watch this space.

It is a fact that most communications with this committee and indeed the reason most people attend meetings is because of an objection or concern about a planning application. It was heartening then to hear positive comments about the new proposals for the development at Ellenbank which are much more in keeping with the area.

It was brilliant to see the conclusion of building works at Cradle Hill and Chyngton schools. The new facilities are a huge improvement on the 'temporary' classrooms which the schools have had to put with for the last four decades. It would be nice to think that this committee's comments over the past eight years have played a small part in the County Council's decision to provide our children with permanent, modern buildings.

Another positive from this committee is the incredible hard work of our Tree Warden, Keith Blackburn. The trees he has planted around the town and the tamarisk hedge around field near the Splash Point end of the seafront are already beginning to make a difference to our town. His current project around the sunken garden area of the seafront is coming on apace and should enliven what had become a very tired looking area. Keith's use of unpaid workers and volunteers provides excellent value for money and we should be very grateful for his drive and organisation which has brought these projects to fruition.

It has been noticeable that the number of planning applications is lower this year perhaps partly due to there being a lack of money or available credit during these austere times. However there has been plenty for us to consider and my thanks go to the members of the committee who conscientiously trawl through the planning applications, visit the sites of the applications and read the often complex and detailed reports that come before us, my thanks to the Town Clerk and her staff for their patience, advice and support this year.



Planning and Highways Meetings held : 15	Attended %
Councillor R E Allen	73%
Councillor R G Amery	53%
Councillor E Collict	80%
Councillor M P Cornforth (Chairman)	80%
Councillor J Freeman	33%
Councillor B W Groves	86%
Councillor N P Norman (part year)	50%
Councillor J C Peterson	93%
Councillor R J Sinclair	73%
Councillor L Wallraven	100%
Councillor T A Willis (Vice-Chairman)	46%

The Golf Course Committee. Report by Chairman Councillor Jon Freeman.



Once again, the biggest area of activity for the Golf Course Committee in 2010/11 has been the considerations around the replacement of the Clubhouse. The Committee have worked with our preferred contractor, local company Cheesmur to take our plans through to planning application. Unfortunately the plans were rejected by Lewes District Council at the end of March but we will continue to work with planners to secure planning permission for a new building.

Having launched our new website in early 2010, I am pleased to report that it has been generating lots of Society interest leading to an increase in bookings. If you haven't had the chance to take a look yet it can be viewed at www.seafordheadgolfcourse.co.uk

Jon Linscer and his team of Greenkeepers have made maintenance improvements which include additional treatments and the purchase of new machinery. Sadly they also had to deal with a couple of incidents of vandalism one of which resulted in 5 greens that were subjected to significant damage in early September. Jon and his team did a fantastic job and the course suffered no long term effects due to the diligence of the staff.

Assistant Golf Professional, Chris Kelley qualified with the PGA during the year which gives us two qualified professionals at the course. Chris is now assisting the Seaford Head Golf Club with their junior section. Fraser and his staff will continue to be at the frontline with Club Members and visitors making Seaford Head Golf Course an increasingly enjoyable experience whilst we continue to develop our clubhouse and course.



Seaford Head Golf Course Meetings held : 6	Attended %
Councillor P L Bennett	16%
Councillor R W Bennett	50%
Councillor P A Bower	0%
Councillor C Conil	66%
Councillor J Freeman (Chairman)	83%
Councillor B W Groves	50%
Councillor L E Holland	50%
Councillor C S Lambert	66%
Councillor N P Norman	20%
Councillor I J White	100%
Councillor T A Willis	66%

Representation on Outside Bodies

Access in Seaford & Newhaven	R E Allen
Age Concern	L E Holland
Bishopstone United Charities	R J Sinclair & I J White
Christmas Lights Committee	P L Bennett, C Conil, B W Groves & T A Willis
Citizens Advice Bureau	R E Allen
Cuckmere Community Bus	R E Allen
Cuckmere Estuary Partnership	J H Freeman
Community Transport - Lewes Area	R C S Brown
Crypt Management Committee	R G Amery, C Conil & R P Taylor
Fair Trade Group	L Wallraven
Lewes District Association of Local Councils	L E Holland & J C Peterson
Local Action Team	P L Bennett & T A Willis
Mercread Youth Centre	M P Cornforth
Planning User Group	R E Allen
Seaford Chamber of Commerce	P A Bennett & T A Willis
Seaford Community Partnership	R C S Brown
Seaford Head Nature Reserve	R C S Brown, C Conil & M P Cornforth
Seaford Head Swimming Pool	R G Amery
Seaford In Bloom	R G Amery & P L Bennett
Seaford Seniors' Forum	R G Amery
Seaford Sustainability	R E Allen & E N Collict
Seaford Twinning Association	R G Amery & R C S Brown
Smarter Seaford	C Conil, L E Holland & R P Taylor
St. James's Trust	C S Lambert
Stakeholders Group on Health Issues	J H Freeman, C S Lambert, R P Taylor & I J White
Strengthening Local Relationships	R C S Brown, E N Collict, L E Holland & I J White
The Base Management Committee	M P Cornforth
Youth Task Group	P L Bennett, L E Holland, R J Sinclair & T A Willis



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