



Seaford Town Council

Winter 2014/15 Newsletter



Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse

Open to the public from early February!

Formal Opening 18th April!

WINTER 2014/15

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Dates for the 2015 diary!

Saturday 18th April —
Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse Formal Opening

Saturday 2nd May —
Mayor's May Day Charity Ball

Sunday 14th June —
Sussex Day Celebrations

Saturday 27th June —
Armed Forces Day

Sunday 19th July —
Family Fun Day (with Wave Leisure)

Monday 31st August —
Donkey Derby

Saturday 5th December —
Seaford Christmas Magic (with Seaford Chamber of Commerce; date to be confirmed)

More to be announced in due course...

Welcome to the Winter 2014/15 Edition of the Seaford Town Council Newsletter!

In this edition of the Council's quarterly newsletter we bring you updates on what the Council has been working on recently and some of the events that have taken place.

The Council Officers have been busy with preparations for the recently approved budget for the coming financial year; following on from this came the announcement that the Council had voted to have a 0% increase on the Town Council's aspect of Council Tax, pleasing news for residents of the town!

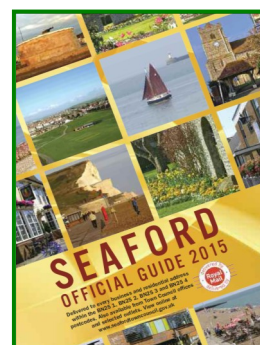
We have also been hard at work with ongoing work on the towns facilities, including the much awaited Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse (see page 10). The clubhouse will be opening to the public in February, so please go along and try out the new facility - everyone's welcome!

Please also note that the Spring edition of the Council's newsletter is being delayed until May 2015 to enable us to include profiles of all the newly elected Councillors following the elections on 7th May – a big day for Seaford! So keep your eyes peeled in Spring for the next edition!

SEAFORD TOWN GUIDE

Seaford Town Council is pleased to be able to announce the release of the Seaford Town Guide, created by Local Authority Publishing and featuring a wealth of information about the town. The Guide is available for reading online at www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/flip_guides/seaford3772x/index.html.

Hard copies were delivered for free by the Royal Mail to all business and residential addresses within the BN25 1, BN25 2, BN25 3 and BN25 4 postcodes early in the New Year.



MAYOR'S CHARITY FASHION SHOW

November 2014

On the 26th November the Mayor organised a fashion show at Seaford's M&Co store in aid of WAVES Family Support and Seahaven Storehouse, his two chosen charities for the year.

The evening began with the Bond School of Dance, for ages 3 and up, giving a fantastic performance to 'We're in the Money' from the musical 42nd Street.

Models of all ages took to the catwalk to show off a variety of clothes ranges and accessories.

It was a great evening for everyone involved with a raffle and an auction of a cake made by Seahaven Storehouse, followed by nibbles and wine. The total raised from the evening was a fantastic £599.96!

Thanks all of the staff at M&Co for hosting this event, all the models and the Bond School of Dance who took part to make this event possible and to Councillor Paul Franklin and his team who helped transport furniture for the event.

If you would like to donate to either of the Mayor's charities, please email Mark Brown c/o Seaford Town Council on admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk



The Bond School of Dance.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

December 2014

On Sunday 7th December we grasped all of the spirit raised by Christmas Magic the previous day and put it into action singing together at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service.

Dignitaries, councillors and members of the public alike were in attendance to enjoy the service that was presided over by Reverend Vicky Martin. The theme of the afternoon was 'Hope for Seaford', with the intention of recognizing the community spirit of Seaford.

The Seaford Baptist Church Concert Choir led in the singing of some well-known carols that the Congregation greatly enjoyed joining in with. There were also some great performances of much loved Christmas songs from the talented children of Seaford Musical Theatre Juniors.

Readings were given by Deputy Mayor Terry Goodman, Town Crier Peter White and Freeman of the Town Laurie Holland. The congregation was encouraged to light a candle for Seaford as a symbol of hope.

A retiring collection for the Mayor's charities WAVES Family Support and Seahaven Storehouse raised over £100!

The Mayor passes on thanks to all of you who attended the service. It was a delightful afternoon and a pleasure to listen to the children and young people singing.



Seaford Musical Theatre Juniors.

CHRISTMAS MAGIC 2014

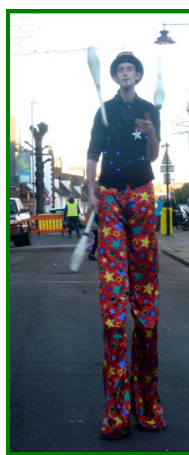
Seaford's Christmas Magic returned in 2014 with a new, revamped set up! The event was held throughout the day to enable residents and visitors to the town to be able to enjoy the street market, performers and fairground rides alongside the shops and local traders.

The day was jam-packed with a performances being given by Sprung, Seaford Musical Theatre Juniors, Rosie Moore, Mel Hayes, Koan Brothers, Archway Choir, Seaford Schools Together Choir and Stardance. Visitors were also treated to entertainment from the juggling stilt walker and fire breather, who certainly both stood out from the crowd!



Christmas crafts and activities were hosted by Seaford Schools Together and Seaford Family Focus Group in the Clinton Centre throughout the day where children were able to make lanterns and even pay a visit to the Gnomes Grotto! Children were then invited to take part in the lantern parade around town, led by Seaford Family Focus Group, being accompanied by the infamous Ice Fairy. As the parade lead through the town, the streets were filled with the wonderful sounds of excited children as they neared the finish and waited in anticipation for the arrival of Santa for the switching on of the Christmas lights!

The day was a huge success, with many visitors to the event and lots of positive feedback. The Council and Seaford Chamber of Commerce have already begun discussions for this coming year's event and welcome any feedback to help ensure it will be just as much of a hit.



The day would not have been possible without the help and/or sponsorship of:

Seaford Head School and Sixth Form Centre ~ Splashpoint Music ~ Seaford Live ~ Sussex Events ~ Toytown ~ Deans Place ~ Reid Briggs ~ Housemartins ~ JXP Consultancy ~ Seahaven FM ~ Seaford Schools Together ~ Seaford Family Focus Group ~ Seaford Lifeguards ~ CTLA Park & Ride ~ Swindells ~ Seaford Rotary ~ Seaford and Newhaven Roundtable ~ all local shops and organisations that helped support the event ~ and all those on the Christmas Magic Committee, Seaford Chamber of Commerce and Seaford Town Council who have put so much effort in to provide this event for the town of Seaford...

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MAGIC 2014

In the run up to the Christmas Magic Event, shops and local traders in the town were invited to take part in the Best Dressed Window Competition, with the winner to be announced on the night.

The judging panel consisted of the Mayor of Seaford Mark Brown, Mayor of Telscombe Cliffs Wayne Botting, Mayor of Peacehaven Robbie Robertson, Dave Argent and Joe Fackler (Seaford Chamber of Commerce), Freeman of the Town Laurie Holland and President of the Seahaven Lionesses Brenda Gomersall.

First placed was awarded to Premier Travel for their lovely snow scene and baby deer featuring as part of the display. Second place was awarded to Foam & Fabrics for a wonderful use of products and great handmade crafts. Third place went to Wynne's, whose sleeping Santa Claus captured the attention of the judges.



MAYOR'S CHARITIES



WAVES Seaford helps families in Seaford who are vulnerable and isolated from the community. The charity strives to make a real difference to the lives of the many people who are 'at risk' in our community who so often fall through the net of statutory provision.

WAVES works with families in all types of areas including mental health, domestic abuse, parenting, relationship breakdown, bereavement and child behaviour.

They work closely with, and receive much support from, the four primary schools in Seaford as well as the primary school in Alfriston and the one secondary school within the Seaford community.

The WAVES Drop In Centre was opened in April 2007, in the centre of Seaford at 8 Church Street (opposite the police station). The Centre is a clean, comfortable safe place for families to meet with comfortable sofas, a play area, changing facilities and refreshments.

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9.30-12.30 pm.
For more information please call 01323 873797.



**Seahaven
Storehouse**

Where just 'Two-Cans' can make all the difference!



Seahaven Storehouse began in February 2013. Dawn Woodgate, who heads up the charity, had long wanted to meet the need of those in food crisis in the area and found she had the opportunity to begin giving out food from the premises of Seaford Community Church in Vale Road.

Currently the Storehouse gives food weekly to a number of needy families. However, as well as groceries, the clients also receive the love of God as they are made welcome with coffee and tasty morsels whilst they wait for their provisions to be packed up.

Food is obtained via donations from organisations, churches, schools, other charities and the general public, both in money and also as non-perishable food either brought to the Storehouse on a Thursday morning or deposited in the bin at Morrisons, or the new bin now in the Co-op.

The Storehouse is located in Vale Road and is open on Thursday mornings from 10am to 1pm.

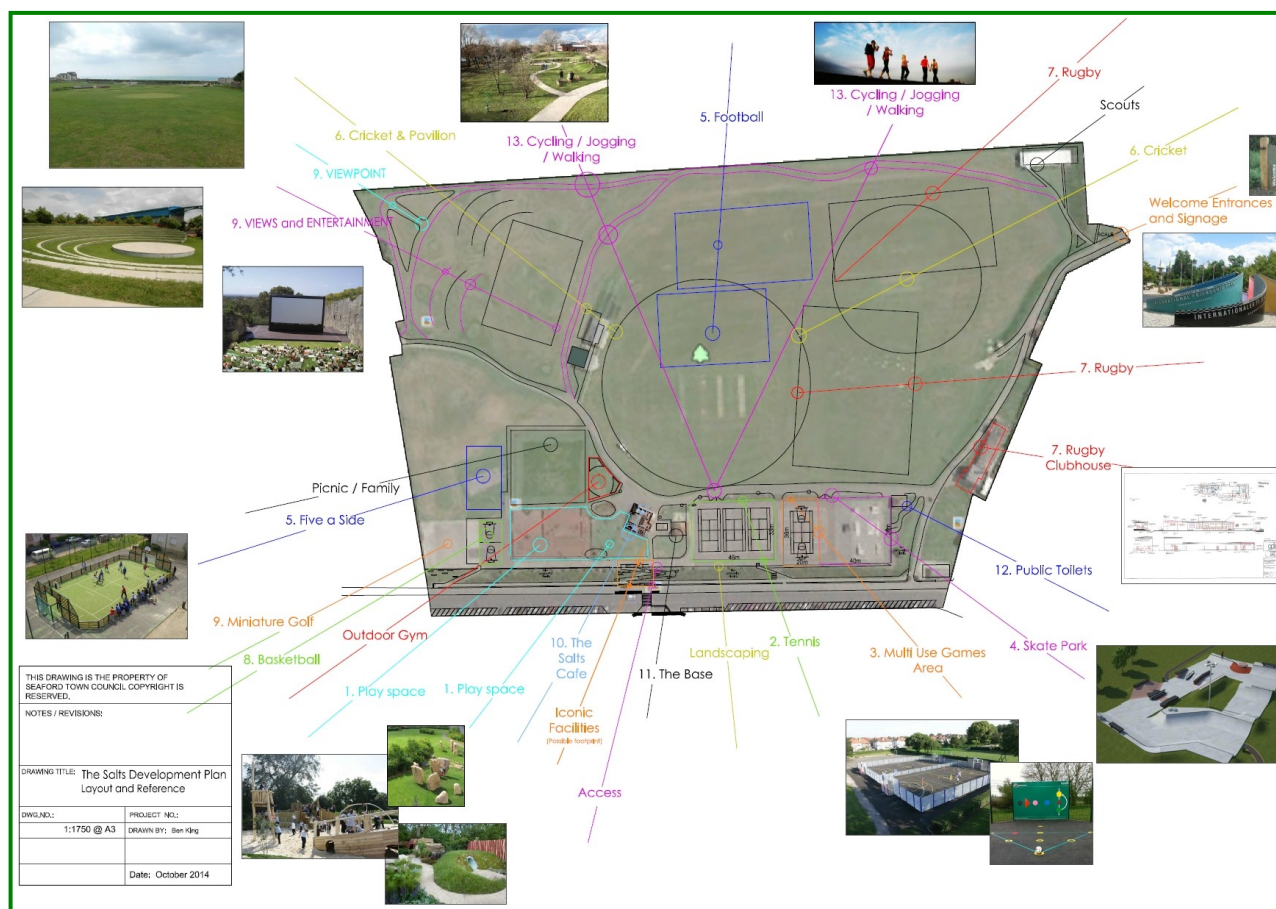
For more information please call 07921 844930

Or email seahavenstorehouse@gmail.com

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THE SALTS

The Salts Development Plan produced by Seaford Town Council was presented to Council for adoption as a policy document in November 2014. The projects within the plan prioritise planned improvements to children's play space, tennis courts, Skate Park and all other sports facilities at The Salts. In addition Seaford Town Council will work in partnership with sports clubs and voluntary organisations to improve quality in all areas of the park.



The Development Plan is progressing well; two project budgets have been identified for children's play space and these will be fixed prior to releasing tender invitations to play manufacturers, the budgets cannot yet be fixed, as officers are still awaiting confirmation from LDC about the eligibility of many S106 contributions.

Various outside funding options are also being shortlisted to maximise the proposed budget for play space, but also to enable a shortlist of eligible funding for the other phases of the development plan. Other elements include a variety of landscaping projects such as a footpath/cycle path around the outside of the main fields as well as picnic areas and viewing areas for events and other entertainment such as outdoor movies.

To download the development plan or layout plan, please visit the Council's website at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/the-salts-recreation-ground.

Watch this space for updates and expected dates for the beginning of the public consultation on design ideas!

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SEAFORD HEAD ESTATE

Initial work has started to repair the steps and install a new metal handrail at Hope Gap. Further stages of the project to reroute the main fence line will be phased in as weather permits, although the works have been delayed, the steps and metal handrail have been prioritised as early as possible considering the winter weather is setting in.

New marker posts have been installed along the Vanguard Way with other replacements planned going forward; also additional signage is being included in any areas that show signs of unsuitable access becoming a trend.

Seaford Town Council and Sussex Wildlife Trust are pleased to confirm the arrival of 20 Herdwick sheep on the Seaford Head Nature Reserve! They will graze the area for a few months to help control the vegetation. There is temporary electric fencing around the area and the sheep are checked regularly. All dogs should be kept on a lead in the vicinity of the sheep. Please report any problems to the Grazier on 07884 496807.

In December Seaford Town Council and Sussex Wildlife Trust completed the project to create a new leaf-leaflet for the reserve. The leaflet was financed by Seaford Town Council and National Trust, with Sussex Wildlife Trust arranging the design and printing. To view the new leaflet visit the Council's website www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk or pick up a hard copy from the Tourist Information Centre at 37 Church Street.

Anyone wanting more information on the nature reserve or with an interest in joining one of the voluntary groups that currently help care for the reserve and monitoring of the livestock, should in the first instance speak to Sarah Quantrill on 01273 492 630 or 07824 151 935.



SOUTH HILL BARN

The Council were recently approached by Sussex Wildlife Trust, which currently provides the Ranger service to manage the Seaford Head Nature Reserve on its behalf, to discuss South Hill Barn and possible ideas for its future.

The Council welcomed the idea of making more from this asset and giving it a new lease of life, so instructed Sussex Wildlife Trust to conduct a feasibility study on the site and report back to Council, through the Town Clerk, at a later date. So, watch this space for updates later in the year!



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LEASES AND AGREEMENTS

Seaford Town Council and Seaford Museum & Heritage Society are pleased to announce that the lease for Martello Tower, which has housed the museum since 1979, has been finalised. Seaford Museum & Heritage Society now has the security of a ten year rent free lease being in place.

The Chairman and Secretary from Seaford Museum & Heritage Society, Kay Turvey and Mike Wright respectively, met with Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Mark Brown, at the Martello Tower to confirm the signing of the lease.

The Society are undertaking a hugely important project to improve access to the museum in order to enable all residents and visitors to the town to be able to gain entry to the museum. The tower is such an iconic attraction of the town and vital to preserve the history and heritage of the town and local area.

Now that the new ten year lease is in place this will enable the Society to apply for further funding towards the project. The Society has also recently been successful in registering as a charity limited by guarantee, which opens up their opportunities for seeking support with this accessibility project.



Mayor Brown with Kay Turvey and Mike Wright.

Seaford Town Council is committed to helping secure the future of the Museum and Society where it can and apologises sincerely for the delays that have been experienced with getting the new lease finalised. The Council is looking forward to working in partnership with the Society in the future and ensuring that the needs of the community and town are met. Visit their website for more information on the organisation and museum

www.seafordmuseum.co.uk.

STC WEBSITE

In November the Council's new website was finally launched, introducing a wealth of information for residents and visitors at the touch of a button. The address is still www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

The site is still being worked on and will continue to be added to in order to use it to its full potential. Feedback is always welcomed on your experience using the site; please email this through to admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Household Waste & Recycling Site:

Just a reminder that Seaford's HWRS will be closed Monday to Thursday and only operate as follows:

Fridays and Saturdays	8.00am to 4.00pm
Sundays	9.00am to 4.00pm

For further information please see East Sussex County Council's website:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling/recyclingsites/escc-seafordhwrs

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FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

Council Officers have begun to implement the Honorary Freedom of the Town Policy with a view to appointing a Freeman/Freewoman of the town, as a result of the instruction made at the November Council meeting.

A press release was made on 20th November inviting members of the public to submit nominations for individuals that they feel are eligible for the title, along with supporting evidence and the backing of a Town Councillor. A deadline of 11th December was set for nominations with five nominations being received in this time.

Council Officers are currently working on collating the nominations and evidence provided for sending to the Councillors to consider in line with the Policy. Once Councillors have responded on who they wish to receive the title, Council Officers will offer the title to the individual/s and then formally report back at the next Council meeting on 9th April where a vote will be taken. The next update on this process will be in April.



Past Mayor Linda Wallraven with Freeman Laurie Holland and the late Don Mabey MBE, in 2012.

WORKING GROUPS

At the Council meeting in November a Flood Defence Working Group was established with a view to look in to the flood plan in place for Seaford and develop a draft strategy to present for the Council going forwards. The working group consists of five councillors, with external members co-opted to the group as they deem necessary and where more skills or knowledge are required.

At its meeting in January, the Council considered a request to establish a working group to look in to a neighbourhood plan for Seaford, reporting back to Council at a later date with a detailed plan of what is entailed, the financial implications and timescales. The working group consists of five councillors, who again have been delegated the power to co-opt members where felt necessary.

Shared Cycle Scheme on the Promenade

The results and feedback from the trial period for shared usage of Seaford promenade by cyclists and walkers was taken to East Sussex County Council's Lead Member for Transport & Environment at the Cabinet meeting in December.

At this meeting it was agreed to make the trial scheme permanent. East Sussex County Council Officers were asked to undertake some further user surveys in 12 months' time to monitor the project. The next steps for East Sussex County Council will be to replace some of the temporary signing with permanent ones and provide further supplementary code of conduct information. For details of the report taken to the Lead Member in December and meeting minutes please see this link:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/meetingpapers/cabinettransport/2014/15december.htm>

Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse

Golf Course

Seaford Head Golf Course is one of the most spectacular golf courses in the country with mesmerising views of the sea, the South Downs, Cuckmere Valley and the famous Seven Sisters Cliffs. 300ft up on Seaford Head is the 18th tee from which is a magnificent view across Seaford Bay. At 489 yards, par 5, this is the longest and probably most exhilarating shot on the course.

Clubhouse

Seaford Town Council have invested heavily in its iconic golf course and brought the facilities in to the 21st century with its state of the art two storey clubhouse. The clubhouse boasts a stunning function room with a bar and full catering services which can accommodate in excess of 100 guests. With breath-taking sea and golf course views it is ideal for weddings and parties. Other facilities include a separate bar, a large conference room, modern changing rooms and a high quality professional shop with indoor teaching facility and golf course simulator.

Weddings

Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse provides a luxury venue for weddings in East Sussex and offers the perfect setting for both daytime wedding receptions and evening wedding celebrations.

Bespoke wedding packages that are specifically tailored to meet individual wedding requirements are available throughout the year. A member of our dedicated Events Team works closely with clients to determine specific wishes and help create the perfect wedding day.

Alternatively couples can choose from one of our popular all-inclusive wedding packages (subject to availability; terms and conditions do apply).

Seaford Head Golf Club offers a modern and contemporary Wedding venue, accommodating up to 120 guests. It includes a private bar, separate entrance, private washroom facilities, paved terrace area with seating and floor to ceiling windows offering unrivalled stunning down land and sea views.

Wedding and function room facilities at Seaford Head Golf Club are available to members and non-members and there is free parking. For a wedding brochure or to book an appointment to view the wedding facilities, please contact our Business Manager on 07714 245 839 or email

seafordheadgolfclubhouse@gmail.com

Rooms are also available to hire for children's birthday parties, family gatherings, christening parties and other social events.

Corporate

Seaford Head Golf Club is a popular venue for business events and corporate entertaining. The View Suite accommodates 120 guests and hosts conferences and large corporate functions. The Don Mabey Lounge, a smaller meeting room, accommodates up to 14 delegates and is ideal for management meetings or training seminars.

All corporate hospitality packages can be tailored to individual requirements and are available to members and non-members. For more information or bookings please contact our Business Manager on 07714 245 839 or email seafordheadgolfclubhouse@gmail.com

*Open to the public in February –
everyone's welcome!*

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Travellers Policy

As a result of the unauthorised encampments at Martello Fields last summer, a policy and procedure for dealing with such encampments was written and subsequently adopted by Full Council in November. With this policy and procedure in place the Council, both Councillors and Officers, will be in a much better position to react if another unauthorised encampment occurs on Seaford Town Council land.

Tree Policy

At its meeting in November, the Council also adopted a Tree Policy the key outcome of which is to ensure continued efficiency in the management of trees under Seaford Town Council ownership. In addition, the policy will assist the Council in providing a consistent and professional service to the community, setting out clear duties in relation to the management of its tree stock.

Memorial Policy

Another policy adopted by the Council in November with the aim of ensuring consistency in the management of memorials in Seaford Town Council's parks and open spaces.

Standing Orders

The Council adopted new Standing Orders at its meeting in November. These Standing Orders were on the national model orders as written by the National Association of Local Councils and set out the rules to be observed by the Council, its Councillors and staff.

To view the new policies please visit www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/policies&procedures

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF

Staff Update

James Corrigan formally started in the role of Town Clerk on 1st January 2015 after nine months as acting Clerk. James has already made a noticeable difference in his time as Interim Clerk and has laid the groundwork for the some exciting plans going forwards. James submits a Clerk's report which forms part of the agenda for each Full Council meeting, so keep your eyes out for the reports giving an update on current priorities and tasks at hand. STC wish James all the best in his role and are looking forward to what he can bring to the role, the Council and the town!

Town Clerk—James Corrigan
 Support Services Manager—Lucy Clark
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 Admin Assistant (Facilities) - Rachel Beard
 Apprentice Admin Assistant—Jasmine Pollard
 Head Greenkeeper—Nick Stephens
 Deputy Head Greenkeeper—Simon Lambert
 Assistant Greenkeeper—Chris Walsh
 Apprentice Greenkeeper—Robert Sewell
 (Golf Professional—Fraser Morley)



MEETINGS CALENDAR

January 2015 - April 2015

Committee Meetings are to be held on the following dates at 7.00pm:

January	February	March	April
<u>Thursday 8</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Thursday 19</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Tuesday 3</u> Golf	<u>Thursday 2</u> Planning & Highways
<u>Thursday 15</u> Full Council	<u>Thursday 26th</u> Finance & General Purposes	<u>Thursday 12</u> Planning & Highways	<u>Thursday 9</u> Full Council
<u>Thursday 22</u> Community Services		<u>Thursday 19</u> Community Services	<u>Thursday 16</u> Finance & General Purposes
<u>Thursday 29</u> Planning & Highways			<u>Thursday 23</u> Planning & Highways

Members of the public are welcomed to attend the meetings. Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's website www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk or can be collected for a charge from the Council offices by contacting a member of staff on 01323 894 870. Free copies are available to view in the Tourist Information Centre and Seaford Library.

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