



## July 2018 Parish News

### **HOTRA Work Plan**

At the June meeting of the Management Committee it was agreed to press forward on the issues listed below. These issues are giving local residents cause for concern. New answers are needed. Working practices need to be improved.

1. **Beach cleanliness** – it is good that St Leonards beach achieves Blue Flag status but Hastings beaches need to be the same. We are asking HBC to review current working approach, the frequency and monitoring of cleaning and any ways that better outcomes can be achieved.
2. **Street cleanliness** -Until the existing refuse contractor is replaced there will be some points that cannot be resolved. However the need for more rubbish bins that are seagull proof is obvious. The new contractor must deliver more frequent, reliable bin emptying. The provision of seagull proof large refuse sacks to each household needs to be refreshed.
3. **Fire services** – Still East Sussex is the only Fire Authority between Kent and Cornwall that does not operate smaller size fire appliances. Many words little delivery ! Worse still was the most recent arson which took place at 4.30 am in Croft Road. Cars destroyed. Property threatened. A long delay before the fire appliance arrived. As there was another case of arson a few months before at the top of Croft Road where did the fire appliance come from ? The Ridge is the nearest and could have accessed the fire from the top. Many questions arise.
4. **Parking** - This has become more vexed of late. HOTRA is seeking a joint Working Group comprising HBC ESCC and the Foreshore Trust with residents involvement to look at
  - a. making the annual permit more flexible and usable in all car parks and Zone F on-street parking;
  - b. Residents Visitors occasional permits Conditions of Use are too 'loose';
  - c. a shared Car Club needs further consideration;
  - d. All potential parking spaces within the Old Town need to be listed and the landowners approached;
  - e. Overnight use of the bus lay-byes at the bottom of Old London Road and Harold Road needs more open thought;
  - f. Rock a Nore car park needs to be properly surfaced and clearly marked out. The existing signage is inadequate and not fit for purpose;
  - g. Rock a Nore traffic lights need special control at peak weekends.
5. **The pavements in Rock a Nore** need to be improved in time for the new surgery
6. **Ecclesbourne Glen** – a date needs to be set to reopen the ancient Right of Way
7. **Noise pollution** – HBC needs to more effectively monitor and control the noise levels from the Stade, especially when there are bands.