

November 2019 Parish News

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Petition

Thank you for signing the petition to East Sussex County Council. The paper version was signed by 677 people. Another 160+ signed on line. The signed petition was posted to Becky Shaw, ceo, at County Hall on Wednesday 9th October. The procedures should allow this business to be taken within a few weeks. A photo shoot was held on 7th and appeared in the Hastings Observer.

Sale price

As long ago as June ESCC advised that the property would be put on the market in early October. Despite polite reminders we still have not been told the asking price.

Appeal launch and pledge letter

The appeal for pledges to help with purchase will be distributed as soon as possible. This will invite you to make a promise to help buy. These offers of money will be held until the total needed is made known. Even if you can only manage £10 that will help to build a target total.

Of course if you are able to 'Gift Aid' your money the taxman will add 20% to the total. Please send no money now. A further letter will be issued explaining how to give. The money committed will be held in a dedicated account by Hastings Voluntary Action.

Recent issues raised with Hastings Council by HOTRA

Climate Change

We have asked that HBC press Stagecoach to replace their aged single decker buses with electric or non - diesel engines. Likewise HBC should only licence electric powered ice cream vans.

Air bandb

There are over 300 premises across the whole town registered with Air bandb. There is concern about the impact on communities. Also such lettings are not covered by Fire regulations and other regulations that apply to guest houses and hotels.

Language schools

Whilst Hastings Council work with these providers there are some issues that are not currently enforced, such as CRB checks for local escorts.