

# In Touch

News from Meads Conservatives – Summer 2022

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## Conservatives: fighting for campaigners' rights



Meads Conservative councillor Robert Smart stepped in when the Lib-Dem council prevented bandstand campaigners from being heard.

The Conservative Group leader (above, right) was appalled when Save the Bandstand campaigners were forbidden from speaking at a meeting of the council.

“Stifling democracy like this is just intolerable”, said Cllr Smart. “The decay of our town’s heritage assets may be an embarrassment to the Lib-Dems, but as a seaside resort they are vital to our future.”

Such is the strength of local feeling about the neglect of our town that the Save the Bandstand group has

widened its remit and formed Friends of Eastbourne Seafrost to highlight the demise of the whole area.

In another move, after 15 years of disregard, this council has eventually created a Cabinet position with responsibility for the town’s heritage assets.

“We can but hope this is not *too little, too late*”, says Cllr Smart, “especially as the appointee is someone who’s been openly antagonistic towards the campaign groups and their efforts”.

Join online: [www.friendsofeastbourneseafront.org.uk](http://www.friendsofeastbourneseafront.org.uk)

• An ambitious LUF2 Government funding bid is about to be submitted, albeit without input from the new Cabinet member and in stark contrast to the enormous effort and valuable work of these campaign groups, Cllr Smart and our MP, Caroline Ansell. “This is far from an auspicious start by the new incumbent”, adds Cllr Smart. “Our Lib-Dem council fiddles while the seafrost burns!”



MEADS COUNCILLOR SURGERIES  
First Saturday of the month, 10-11.30 am at 69 Carlisle Rd.

## Your New Meads Team



Meads team: Robert Smart, MP Caroline Ansell, Jane Lamb, Nicholas Taylor and Barry Taylor.

NICHOLAS TAYLOR is the latest addition to your hard-working Conservative team.

His selection as a Conservative candidate follows the decision by long-serving councillor Barry Taylor to stand down next

May, although he will still be busy as your assiduous county councillor.

Nicholas is local to Meads, having moved here a couple of years ago, and loves its heritage and character. He has already worked with

local councillors: Jane Lamb on securing a permanent home for the Meads post office; and Robert Smart on securing our seafrost heritage.

Nicholas works for our MP, Caroline Ansell, who has secured record investment and support for the town during the pandemic, and now during its recovery.

Away from politics, Nicholas enjoys cooking, reading-up on history, and is a frustrated student of Japanese.

• Alongside the monthly surgeries, at 69 Carlisle Road, your councillors held

a session at St Saviour’s church in Lower Meads (pictured, below).

If you would like these to be on a regular basis please let us know.

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