# EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES:	of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston at 19:00
PRESENT:	Councillors Andrea Chapman, Patricia Gander, John Gunston, Elizabeth Linton (Chairman), David Moore and Steve Toney
ALSO:	Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross
ABSENT:	Councillor Lisa Duff

The following abbreviations may appear in these Minutes:

ADC – Arun District Council; NHS – National Health Service; NR – Network Rail; VHF – East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Foundation; WSCC – West Sussex County Council.

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The meeting commenced at 19:00.

Following the Annual Meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May, the membership of this committee was Cllrs Chapman, Duff, Gander, Gunston, and Moore. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council respectively, Cllrs Toney and Linton were entitled to attend and vote at meetings.

The meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> May had been cancelled.

Committee members had been given the opportunity to advise the Clerk of whether or not they wished to stand as chairman of the committee.

#### 537/21 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

Cllr Linton was appointed unopposed.

#### 538/21 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

Cllr Duff was appointed unopposed.

All six committee members present voted in both appointments; Cllr Chapman assisted the Clerk as tellers for these appointments.

#### 539/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

An apology and a reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Duff (holiday).

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#### 540/21 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

#### 541/21 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

#### 542/21 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference current at the time of the meeting, Version 5, had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The committee re-adopted Version 5 of the Terms of Reference without any changes.

#### 543/21 PLAYSCHEMES IN 2021

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

## Playschemes - 2021

**Committee is asked to receive an update on a possible summer playscheme.** There is  $\pounds750$  in the proposed Playschemes budget line for the coming financial year.

At the last meeting, the committee agreed to move its planned Easter playscheme to be held during the half-term week of 31st May to 4th June, with no preference for day of the week, but wanting the event to take place within the village rather than in Angmering.

Unfortunately, Mrs Sam Cross has had other matters to contend with recently and was not able to commit to anything during half-term week in the end.

Should the committee look to putting on something during Autumn half-term, 25th to 29th October?

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

The committee AGREED it was still keen to run a playscheme this year and agreed to try and run one during the October half-term. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Cross (no relation).

#### SUSSEX DAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 544/21

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

### Sussex Day, 16<sup>th</sup> June

#### Committee is asked to review council participation in this event.

16<sup>th</sup> June is annually Sussex Day. Cllr Toney kindly raised the Sussex flag for the 16<sup>th</sup> June. I took a photograph of the flag flying and this was posted on to the council's Facebook page. The post reached 565 people and was "liked" by 10.

#### Simon Cross - Clerk to the Council

Cllr Linton thanked Cllr Toney for raising the Sussex flag outside the library. Several councillors had seen the flag flying for themselves and were aware members of the public had taken notice too.

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#### 545/21 NHS, SOCIAL CARE AND FRONTLINE WORKERS' DAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

# NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day, 5th July

#### Committee is asked to review any council participation in this event.

At the time of the last meeting, we had been notified about this date and there was a website to use for further information. That website has since been taken down. The council published an article in the Spring 2021 Newsletter, advising of this initiative, but received no feedback.

Then Thank You Day was announced for 4<sup>th</sup> July. At which point, I think people became so confused, very little happened. If the council had ever hoped to buy an NHS rainbow flag, we failed at that.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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The committee AGREED this proposed event had all become rather muddled and had resulted in a damp squib. The committee was not aware of any events in the village and thought it would be interesting to see whether or not a similar event was organised next year and whether it will fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

In the meantime, the committee AGREED to offer up a vote of thanks to all NHS and other frontline workers for keeping the village going throughout the pandemic.

#### 546/21 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL 2021

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

# East Preston Festival, July 2021

#### Committee is asked to review council participation in this year's East Preston Festival.

The committee agreed to run a Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on Friday, 23rd July. At the time of writing, a number of members of public have booked themselves in to talk about matters as diverse as County Lines, traffic management, the village being overrun by foxes and litter.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

The committee started by agreeing a vote of thanks also to the East Preston Festival Committee for having brought Festival back to the village.

The committee AGREED the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event had once again been successful. There had been a reasonable number of visitors and their comments had generally been positive. Negative comments had tended to be about matters outside of our control such as parking, grass-cutting and speeding.

The Clerk said he felt having timed slots for members of the public worked better than just a drop-in session, though he understood some councillor resource should be kept back for drop-ins alongside booked slots.

The committee AGREED the District and County Councillors should be invited to host a similar event on the Council Office forecourt in due course. The committee felt this would be valuable to residents and the councillors alike.

Cllr Linton thanked all those councillors and officers who had contributed to the success of the event. The Clerk had sent thanks to Colin at *The Clockhouse* for the use of his tables and chairs, and the Bowls Club for the use of its urn.

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#### 547/21 MERCHANT NAVY DAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

# Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September

#### Committee is asked to consider its involvement in this year's Merchant Navy Day.

For several years now, the council has taken part in Merchant Navy Day to the extent of a short ceremony outside the library, whilst the Red Ensign has been raised.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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The committee AGREED to commemorate Merchant Navy Day again this year. Cllr Moore AGREED to contact Lt (SSC) Brian Osbourne to arrange a Sea Scouts presence at the event. Cllr Toney will contact the Royal British Legion to arrange for the club to be open for a small reception after the event. The Clerk will arrange for savoury nibbles to be provided by *Pebbles* and will contact Fr Stephen at Our Lady, Star of the Sea to offer him the chance to provide the religious element of the flag-raising ceremony.

The Clerk will also include some advance notice in an e-newsletter ahead of the date in order to see if there are any Merchant Navy veterans in the village who would like to attend.

#### 548/21 BEACH CLEANS IN 2021

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

# Beach Cleans, 2021

# Committee is asked to consider matters pertaining to the beach clean scheduled for $26^{\rm th}$ September.

The council finally managed to run its first Beach Clean for two years on 27<sup>th</sup> June. This was decently attended with most attendees again commenting on how little litter there was to be found.

Thanks to Melanie at SALT on the Beach for subsidising hot drinks and nice biscuits for attendees.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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The committee AGREED to run the Beach Clean scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> September. There was some debate about whether or not a bell or similar should be built into the day as a means of calling stray beach-cleaners back at the end of the event. Most committee members felt this was not necessary.

Cllr Gunston led some discussion as to whether or not it was advisable to direct volunteers to specific areas of the beach. Having taken part in June, for the first time, he felt attendees had, to some extent, spent time weaving around each other, whereas he had envisaged it would be more of a line of volunteers sweeping along the beach together. There was some feeling the need for twice-yearly beach cleans was no longer as great as it had once been now the U3A carried out fortnightly beach cleans during the summer, and KEPT (Keep East Preston Tidy) volunteers tackled the beach from time to time. The council's beach cleans were now as much about providing a social outlet for some as much as about cleaning the beach. Cllr Gunston AGREED to have more of a watching brief at the September Beach Clean to see whether there was scope, or indeed need, to organise the volunteers differently.

#### 549/21 <u>BLUE PLAQUES</u>

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

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# <u>Blue plaques</u>

# Committee is asked to note any progress on the latest suggested blue plaque for the village.

The committee agreed to support a blue plaque honouring the artist Heywood Hardy. This will be sited on Forge House in the eastern part of The Street. The householder has responded positively to an initial approach and I need to follow that up.

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The Clerk advised he needed to follow up on the initial conversation had with the householders. There was a possibility the fact the cottage has flint walls may make locating a blue plaque difficult. The committee AGREED there was no hurry for this item.

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting and covered the next two Minutes:

# Queen's Platinum Jubilee, June 2022

# Committee is asked to continue consideration of how the village could mark this occasion.

There were two actions arising from the last meeting. Firstly, Cllrs Duff, Linton and Toney were going to have a look around online for public clocks to see what designs they liked and whether they could agree on one. Secondly, I was going to contact Mark Warwick, ADC tree expert, for his advice on what statement tree we could plant on the Village Green. I wrote to Mark on 1<sup>st</sup> April (that may have been my mistake) and again on 19<sup>th</sup> July, the latter advising him of tonight's meeting. He replied yesterday asking for a map and saying he hoped to get over to have a look at the site for himself, after which he would suggest some suitable native trees.

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#### 550/21 <u>OUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, JUNE 2022 – PUBLIC CLOCK</u>

Cllr Linton had found a pillar clock she felt was appropriate and had contacted the suppliers. The committee considered the clock and AGREED in principle this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the village and the design was very elegant. The chosen clock would cost in the region of  $\pounds 11,000$  to supply. Infrastructure and installation would be additional. Running costs were quoted as  $\pounds 3$  per year. There was currently  $\pounds 4,000$  in the Village Clock reserve fund. Council would need to be approached for additional funding.

The committee AGREED Cllrs Duff, Linton and Toney should meet at the southern end of the northern shops to see if they could agree the optimum location for the clock.

The committee AGREED an order should be placed by Christmas with a view to unveiling at the beginning of June 2022.

#### 551/21 <u>QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, JUNE 2022 – COMMEMORATIVE TREE</u>

In advance of the meeting, the Clerk had circulated advice received from Mark Warwick, ADC Tree Officer, after he had visited the Village Green on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The committee AGREED with Mr Warwick's suggestion of a Field Maple. Wikipedia confirmed this was a native tree species and therefore fitted with the council's Native Planting Policy adopted in December 2019. Cllr Toney AGREED to visit arboretums to see how much a suitable specimen would cost. Cllr Gander AGREED to carry out similar investigations via the Woodland Trust.

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The committee will liaise with the Amenities Committee over the purchase and planting of the tree which, it was AGREED, would have a suitable plaque.

#### 552/21 <u>QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, JUNE 2022 – UNVEILING</u>

The committee discussed how best to unveil the Jubilee Clock and the Jubilee Tree. It was AGREED to have a conversation with the East Preston Festival Committee as the extra Bank Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee is on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, and the Festival Committee may already be planning to start the 2022 Festival a day early for that reason.

Some inconclusive discussion was had about approaching the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex to involve royalty.

The committee AGREED to ask the Major Events Committee to take responsibility for any events planned for the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

#### 553/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated to all members ahead of this meeting.

The committee AGREED unanimously the Minutes could be signed as a true record of the meeting which had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup> March and Cllr Linton duly completed this task.

#### 554/21 UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following report by the Clerk was circulated in advance of the meeting:

# Matters Arising from previous meetings

<u>Minute 244/21 – Easter Activities in 2021</u> – as already reported to Full Council, the council's Easter Egg trail was successful and won by a resident of the village, Ethan McIntyre. He and his mum, Helen, appeared in the Spring 2021 Newsletter.

The idea to allow businesses the choice of whether or not to supply their own egg did not entirely work, but we got away with it. We also got away with the fact one dormant business pulled down its blind half-way through the competition effectively making its egg disappear.

<u>Minute 251/21 – Environmental Initiatives Working Party</u> – sadly, Marc Brooker was not able to carry out a survey of the Council Office.

Cllr Gunston attended the Amenities Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July and gained the support of the committee to install some bicycle hoops on the Warren Recreation Ground. The committee also supported the idea to install some bird boxes in Two Acres.

<u>Minute 260/21 – Correspondence - Dogs</u> – on 12<sup>th</sup> May, I wrote to the mother and daughter who had separately raised concerns about dogs in the village. I explained this council's decision not to implement any dog-free areas on its land, owing to the small amount of land under the council's control. I further explained some suggestions from other members of the public would be published in the Spring 2021 Newsletter. I have received no acknowledgement from either mother or daughter.

<u>Minute 262/21 – Correspondence – Winter 2021 Newsletter – Meat-free Monday</u> – on 30<sup>th</sup> March, I sent Mr Day a response to his concerns. This included an invite for him to have a response published in the Spring 2021 Newsletter, an offer he accepted and his full response was duly published in that Newsletter.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May, a resident, Mrs W, emailed a lengthy response, which started:

"I was surprised to read an unchallenged comment from Brian Day, Biochemist and Geneticist about vegetarianism and veganism where it is likely to be taken as read. As in all things I think we all need to do research before doing anything. We

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don't need to be 'under the doctor', we can also do our own research. Doctors in surgeries also look online for information.

"I am aware there are people who have interests in dairy farming who are afraid for their livelihoods, or those who feel annoyed about being asked to severely reduce their animal protein because of climate change. Suicides are all too common. Working towards alternative crops is a big turnaround some are not prepared to consider.

"I am also aware of how innocent people have been infected by CJD from infected meat. One local East Preston woman who helped out at East Preston school died of a CJD variant (from eating beef) which left her paralysed and unable to speak to her family before she died, in hospital, in an isolation ward. Nevertheless most of us remember a minister going on tv news whilst encouraging his own daughter to eat a burger, telling the public "Eating beef is safe!" You may remember an advertising campaign years back saying "eat meat to live" Well, not for the lady above.

"Brian Day's comments suggested vegetarianism and veganism as unnatural and unhealthy 'trendy' diets.

"His last comment: 'On no account should dietary advice ever be taken from websites without scientific accreditation, as these are set up in their thousands by the no-meat lobby and other veggie propagandists' is not something I buy into.'

"I have been a vegetarian since my mid-twenties and am now vegan."

I replied to the author giving her the option of submitting a shorter response to be included in a newsletter, but she did not take me up on that offer. I include this here simply as evidence there are several viewpoints in Mr Day's debate.

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Nothing was added.

#### 555/21 EXTRA KIND MONTH

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

## Extra Kind Month

#### Committee is asked to consider a follow-on event to Extra Kind Month.

Some unofficial discussion has been had about this but that needs to be formalized so I know the officers' involvement.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

Cllr Chapman circulated a draft Eco-Friendly Calendar, possibly for publication in August. The Clerk was not certain the council's officers would have time to do the background work necessary for publication in August. The committee AGREED to review the calendar and have it ready for publication in September. Cllr Linton thanked Cllr Chapman for her work on this so far.

#### 556/21 <u>NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2021</u>

The following report had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

## <u>Newsletter – Autumn 2021</u>

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#### Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 60, Autumn 2021.

The Autumn issue is scheduled for publication at the beginning of November. Assuming all is well, two pages will be taken up with publicity for this year's Christmas Celebrations event.

Standard articles include:

Village Life – diary Thanks – please let me know of anyone or any organisation you think could be thanked publicly

Other potential articles include:

East Preston in Bloom update (PG) Fire Support vehicle (ST) EIWP update (JG) EP Village WI (Lesley Boardman) Charity litter-picking (Kay Martin) Feedback from Come and Meet Your Local Councillors

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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Cllr Linton reported she had suggested to two attendees at the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event they write something for Correspondence Corner, one on the subject of fox nuisance and the other on the subject of e-scooters. It was felt the latter article would be better coming from Sussex Police, and the Clerk will contact a PCSO on that.

Cllr Gander would like to include a report on the Voluntary Service thank-you party too. Copy dates for the Autumn 2021 Newsletter would probably preclude an article on *Funday Sunday*.

#### 557/21 WAR MEMORIAL

The following report had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

## East Preston war memorial

# Committee is asked to consider further a proposal for an additional plaque to be added to the war memorial.

The day after the last meeting, Mrs Lee happened to call in at the Council Office. I took the opportunity to ask how if she could remember any process the council went through prior to deciding which names should be added to the war memorial. Dorothy used one phrase which was more interesting than any others and that was "those that didn't come home." Whether that is accurate or not I don't know, but it would be a good explanation for why Sjt Davis is not on the war memorial as he died at home and not on active service. Dorothy implied the British Legion had been involved in the process too, so I would suggest we can say due process was followed at the time the war memorial was commissioned and it would perhaps be inappropriate for us to amend the war memorial in any way.

Having said that, Cllr Moore has been in touch with Forces War Records and has been advised Sjt Davis "was killed by Enemy Action/Wounds Caused by Enemy Action/Killed in Action." The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has the following entry for Sjt. Davis - <u>https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2723249/</u>

#### Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

Cllr Moore confirmed the content of the report and reminded the committee of its decision at the last meeting to avoid disrupting the original selection of names. However, Cllr Moore, still felt strongly Sjt Davis should be included on the East Preston war memorial as he had been wounded or killed in action, albeit he did not die until 1946. The British Army was

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involved in theatres of war in 1946 in locations such as Greece, Palestine and Vietnam. Had he died in any of those locations, he would most likely have been buried there too. Cllr Moore could see how Sjt Davis could be added to the war memorial, but he wanted to be able find out more first, and that would come at a cost to the council. The committee AGREED Cllr Moore could investigate how much additional expenditure he would incur in order to obtain this further information. The committee also AGREED any proposal to amend the war memorial would need to be run past the Royal British Legion, if not to get its agreement, at least to learn it had no major objections to such a proposal.

#### 558/21 EAST PRESTON YARNBOMBERS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

# East Preston Yarnbombers

# Committee is asked to receive an update on a Christmas proposal from the East Preston Yarnbombers.

The lead Yarnbombers have now met with Andy Billups and explained what they need from him. He has done some work on this but has not yet provided us with a costing for his proposal. I will try and get a costing from him before the meeting.

Cllr Toney has approached East Preston Fire Station for permission to display the yarnbombers Christmas project in front of the station.

Meanwhile, feedback on the Yarnbombers' summer project has almost entirely been positive. Some petty vandalism has taken place to some of the pieces though, including the theft of the turtle part-way through the *Name the Turtle* competition. For the record, the competition attracted 27 entries, proceeds going towards future yarnbombing projects. The Yarnbombers asked the council to select the winner. Cllrs Linton and Toney were given a list of the 27 entries with no other details. They each selected their top 5, scoring them five points down to one point. I then collated those scores and that revealed a clear winner. At the time of writing, I am waiting until a replacement turtle has been completed before inviting the winner to come and meet the Chairman and take home her prize.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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The Clerk said there was no further update regarding the Christmas proposal. Mr Billups was not expecting the materials for the project to be too expensive.

A replacement turtle had been provided on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and the Clerk had duly invited the winner, Rosie Costan, to collect her prize during the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event. The turtle was duly named Preston and has happily gone home with Rosie.





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#### 559/21 <u>VILLAGE BUS SERVICE</u>

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

## Village bus service

#### Committee is asked to continue consideration of the provision of a village bus service.

The council has carried out two consultation exercises and the responses from those have been circulated previously but let me know if you would like to see them again.

Pre-COVID, the committee was all in favour of trialling this service from September 2020, although was still waiting to hear from Angmering Parish Council as to whether or not it wanted to buy into the service which would then go into Angmering too. I will contact my Angmering counterpart ahead of the meeting, but as a council it was going to consult on the bus service as part of its Neighbourhood Plan review. That was delayed because of COVID.

Mr Merrington has asked at Full Council whether or not the council has carried out any loadings which would give an indication as to the likely usage of the proposed service. Not knowing where to start with such an exercise, I contacted Cllr Elkins at WSCC to see if he could advise. He passed my query to Andy Warton, Senior Passenger Transport Planner, who responded, "When it comes to new bus services we have usually found that the cheapest option is to run an experimental service and see who uses it. Whilst it is possible to employ market researchers, this often costs more than running a single vehicle off-peak service for six months. Past experience also indicates that when asked many more people say they want a service than actually use it in practice. The Covid 19 pandemic makes predicting passenger numbers extremely difficult currently. Existing bus services are running at around 90-100% of scheduled mileage now, but passenger numbers have only recovered to about 50% of their pre Covid levels. It is very difficult to know if and when passenger numbers will recover fully once the pandemic is finally over. In addition, it is likely that most of the passengers on an off-peak service will be concessionary pass holders as they get free travel. However, they tend to include the most vulnerable groups of people and therefore are less likely to return to using public transport in large numbers in the near future."

I also asked my contact at Stagecoach how it went about estimating the likely usage of a service. Her response was, "We have a team of people at head office with a wealth of experience (far, far more than me!) and we have many fancy tools for doing calculations a little more scientifically than I'm able to summarise in an email, but one slight word of caution would be that often people are quick to say they'd use a service but, when it comes down to it, they don't. I don't want to deter you from doing something of great benefit for the community because, ultimately, "the community" is what it's all about."

My contact at Compass has recently got in touch to ask where the project is. I have explained the council is proceeding with caution, not wanting to trial a service when its most likely customers are not back out and about yet. He said Compass believes it is currently operating at 70% of its pre-COVID passenger numbers; for comparison, Stagecoach's 700 service is, surprisingly, operating at 57% of pre-COVID numbers.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

The Clerk reported he had contacted his Angmering PC counterpart again, and she had replied, "There has been no movement on this as our Neighbourhood Plan [review] is still on hold. No budget for this was added to our 2021/2022 budget and it is not on our Annual Plan for 2021/2022. We are planning on doing a few pop up events around the village in the coming months. If you could provide me with the information again that would be great. I will talk to Nikki [Chairman] about this and hopefully get back to you soon."

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Committee members expressed concern about starting a new bus service yet and, after some discussion, AGREED a bus service should not be trialled until we have had "12 months clear of COVID." Realistically, that would mean April 2023 at the earliest. That would also give Angmering Parish Council time to decide whether or not it wanted to buy into the scheme and budget accordingly.

#### 560/21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

# Christmas Lighting

# Committee is asked to consider the purchase of replacement lighting for Christmas 2021.

There is money in the 2021/22 budget to buy some replacement Christmas lighting for the village, or indeed additional lighting. At a meeting before Christmas committee members agreed to keep an eye on the village's Christmas Lighting and to make a note of any motifs they felt were no longer up to standard.

A meeting between Cllrs Gander and Linton and Mrs Reid has not yet been possible.

#### Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Cllrs Linton and Gander said they would arrange a meeting with Mrs Reid at the earliest opportunity.

#### 561/21 COUNCILLOR WALKABOUTS

Cllr Linton had asked the Clerk to add this to the meeting's Agenda and explained she was concerned councillors' initial enthusiasm was waning. Other councillors present said they were still enthusiastic but maybe councillors still needed input from the office as to where they should visit. Whilst being left to choose their own route had the advantage of allowing councillors to pick a convenient area or one they did not know very well, it did run the risk of some areas being covered more frequently than others. The Clerk agreed to try and devise some sort of grid of the village and then allocate walks to councillors following an ordered rota for locations.

The committee AGREED walkabouts should be fortnightly rather than weekly.

#### 562/21 PARKED PROJECTS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

## Parked projects

#### Committee is asked to note the committee's currently parked projects such as Sporting Memories and the intergenerational playground.

This new Standing Agenda Item will be where committee members can agree which other items of committee business should be kept in mind if not under active consideration.

#### Simon Cross – Clerk to the Council

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No changes were proposed to this list.

#### 563/21 URGENT MATTERS

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Cllr Gunston sought the committee's agreement to running a small Zoom meeting for residents who had previously contacted the council about the proposals to expand the Rampion Wind Farm now the public consultation exercise on this had opened. The committee AGREED to Cllr Gunston and the Clerk setting this up if they felt the need was there.

#### 564/21 <u>NEXT MEETING (27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)</u>

East Preston Resource Centre (SC). Queen's Birthday Honours (SC). More chances for the public to meet councillors (AL at *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors*)

The Meeting closed at 20:49.

Chairman: Cllr Elízabeth Línton Date: 27th September 2021

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