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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 24th January 2022 at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston at 19:00

PRESENT: Councillors Andrea Chapman, Lisa Duff, Patricia Gander, John Gunston, Elizabeth Linton (Chairman), and Steve Toney

ALSO: Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross

ABSENT: Councillor David Moore

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.

055/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

An apology and a reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Moore.

056/22 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

057/22 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

058/22 PLAYSCHEMES IN 2021/22

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

Playschemes – 2021/22

Committee is asked to receive an update on a February half-term playscheme.

The Clerk had agreed a date of 24th January with Mrs Cross of Sussex Forest Activities.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

Cllrs Chapman, Gander and Linton had all let the Clerk know they were available on the day to help. It was AGREED Cllrs Chapman and Gander should attend the event, with Cllr Linton available as a backup. The Clerk said he had a meeting arranged with Mrs Cross (no relation) on 27th January to pull together the details for publicity.

The committee AGREED to see what take up was on this event before scheduling any for later in the year.

059/22 ROUNDSTONE LEVEL CROSSING PUBLIC MEETING

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

Roundstone Level Crossing

Committee is asked to consider any progress made in relation to hosting a public meeting, with major stakeholders, concerning the Roundstone Level Crossing.

Committee will remember it agreed a couple of years ago to host a meeting at which members of the public could air their grievances to the major stakeholders and hopefully all interested parties would be able to get a better understanding of the problems caused and the reasons why relatively simple solutions have not been implemented.

The prime stakeholder to have present is Network Rail (NR). On 5th October, I asked my NR contact, Greg Thompson, to let me know whether he could provide a representative for a meeting in March. To date I have received no reply but I have chased him today.

It may be good to get a date or two in mind, perhaps for the end of March.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

The Clerk had heard nothing back again from his Network Rail contact. The Clerk said this was likely to be a theme of this committee meeting.

060/22 BLUE PLAQUES

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

Blue plaques

Committee is asked to note any progress on the Heywood Hardy blue plaque for Forge House.

Following a meeting with the householder an initial location and design for the plaque have been agreed.

I wonder whether Saturday, 30th April might be an unveiling date to aim for.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

The committee AGREED with the proposed date of Saturday, 30th April, if that was convenient with the householders, Mr and Mrs Weaver.

061/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, JUNE 2022 – PUBLIC CLOCK

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee, June 2022

Committee is asked to receive an update on the purchase of a village clock.

The clock has been ordered and a 50% deposit has been paid.

UK Power Networks has provided an MPAN and also a quote: "Your offer is based on variable direct debit payment and includes a discount of 0.5p/kWh for electricity and/or 0.1p/kWh for gas against our standard unit rate." Such quotes are currently only valid for seven days, and I have informed UK Power Networks we are not in a position to proceed yet.

Fuller Associates is happy to work on the Planning Application for us and has received confirmation from ADC as to exactly what drawings it will require so we do not end up paying for other drawings unnecessarily. Fuller Associates and I are both chasing the clock supplier for a drawing with the measurements on it. How this is not something the supplier already has, I have no idea.

WSSC has a lot of the information it needs in order to agree to the siting of the clock at the council's preferred location. Tentatively, WSSC does not have a problem with the location, but will need to see the Planning Application once it has been submitted to confirm that.

Enerveo (pka SSE) has said verbally the electrical works will cost "about £2,000" but has yet to put that in writing. I have asked again we have a quote in time for this meeting so we can say yes and get Enerveo to schedule the work, provisionally.

Hopefully we are now in touch with all the agencies with which we need to be touch and progress is being made.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

Quite a bit had happened since the above paper had been circulated. Fuller Associates had provided an initial set of drawings but these had not shown in the clock in its correct location. That had been amended and the Clerk had agreed the drawings were suitable for submission to ADC Planning Department. He had repeatedly offered to help Fuller Associates with the completion of the relevant forms, but they had not needed his help. All attempts by both the Clerk and Fuller Associates to get a drawing of the clock with dimensions had failed. Fuller Associates had sourced the necessary drawing from another supplier, and until the council knew different that would have to be right.

WSSC had not commented further but were now probably waiting for the Planning Application.

The Clerk had asked SSE again for a quotation for the installation of the electrics, but had not received anything in time for the meeting, despite explaining the meeting needed to approve the quotation so a date for the works could be agreed. As the Council Office only had the one point of contact within SSE (rather like Network Rail above), he could only keep trying. The committee AGREED it should be looking at an early May date for the installation of the electrics.

Cllr Linton reported the Headteacher of East Preston Infant School, Mrs Claire New, had sent her a copy of the letter the school's council had sent to Prince George of Cambridge:



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

East Preston Festival, 3rd to 12th June 2022

Committee is asked to consider the council's contributions to Festival week.

The Major Events Committee is already working on something around the unveiling of the Village Clock and the Jubilee tree. (Perhaps dedication is a better word as both items will be impossible to veil once installed.) The committee is also liaising with the East Preston Festival Committee about something on the Village Green on Sunday, 5th June.

Ideas already on the table for this committee to organise:

Come and Meet Your Local Councillors – tried and tested event, held each year since 2016. We have run this event on both the Thursday and Friday of the main Festival week, which this year would be 9th or 10th June. **Should we run this event again and, if so, on which date? Should we stick to the morning or try an afternoon?**

The Bell Orchestra – for the 2018 Festival, the council arranged for Owls About Town to visit the Village Green for a relaxed, drop-in session for people to meet some owls. Earlier this month, the council was contacted by an organisation called Applause which coordinates performance events. (Applause had contacted us for years, but I have never seen the opportunity before.) One of the attractions in the current Applause brochure is *The Bell Orchestra*. On 6th January, I circulated details to committee members. The attraction is described as “an interactive musical game for families, that invites audiences of all ages to come together to play beautiful melodies on a set of giant chimes.” The performance lasts an hour.

Applause has pencilled in the event for Tuesday, 7th June, at a cost of £250 (a massive subsidy on the usual cost of £750.) Four of seven committee members have replied, all supporting the suggestion, so **committee is asked to agree I can confirm this booking.**

I think there will be little committee involvement until the day, and even on the day I think the committee will only need to be around for an hour before and an hour after the event. In answer to a question from Cllr Linton, yes, I imagine you will be able to have a go.

Does the committee want to think about any other events for Festival week?

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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062/22 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JUNE 2022 – COME AND MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

The committee AGREED this was a successful and, above all, useful event for engaging with the public. After some discussion about dates and times, the committee AGREED to hold this on Thursday, 9th June between 10am and midday.

063/22 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JUNE 2022 – THE BELL ORCHESTRA

The committee AGREED to book this event for 17:30 on Tuesday, 7th June. The committee felt this would be a great family event.

064/22 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JUNE 2022 – TIME CAPSULE

The Clerk reported the council had been approached by the Festival Committee wanting to plant a time capsule in Two Acres or some other piece of council land. The Festival Committee hoped the capsule could be buried for the next 70 years! This idea had been circulated electronically ahead of the meeting and had received support.

Discussing the idea further, the committee AGREED the Festival Committee could plant a time capsule under the Jubilee tree in the north-eastern corner of the Village Green. This would need to be finally agreed by Full Council.

065/22 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JUNE 2022 – ANYTHING ELSE

Cllrs Linton and Duff had been due to meet with Mrs Janine Nicholson and Mrs Dee Morton of the Festival Committee to discuss the joint lunch/picnic event scheduled for the Village Green on Sunday, 5th June. At the Festival Committee's suggestion that meeting had turned into a telephone conversation between Cllr Linton and Mrs Nicholson. The Clerk was recommending a face-to-face meeting still took place as there seemed outstanding confusion between the two organisations still.

Cllr Linton reported she had made contact with the Rock Choir about appearing at an East Preston event, possibly the Sunday lunch/picnic mentioned above, but after a long exchange of emails Cllr Linton was now waiting for a reply back from the local organiser.

Cllr Toney said the local Scout troupe were hoping to host a kite-flying event later on 5th June with illuminated kites. The Clerk confirmed the troupe would need the agreement of East Preston Cricket Club to hold the event on the Warren Recreation Ground.

066/22 EAST PRESTON FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL, AUGUST 2022 – THE CACKLE STREET CATS

Cllr Linton mentioned this at this meeting as the attraction was supplied by the same company supplying The Bell Orchestra, i.e. Applause. A booking enquiry had been submitted and a quotation of £300 received. Cllr Linton said it would be good to book both attractions at the same time, if possible. Cllr Linton explained this could be a good family attraction for the Food & Drink Festival.

The committee AGREED a booking should be made for the Food & Drink Festival, although a final date for the Festival had not yet been set.

067/22 FREE TENNIS-COACHING SESSIONS

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

Committee is asked to consider preferred dates for next year's free tennis coaching sessions.

No particular preference has been advised by the Tennis Club.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Cllr Linton reported Mr Cook had asked for the sessions to take place on the following Friday mornings: 24th June, 1st and 8th July. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Cook about the final details.

068/22 MERCHANT NAVY DAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2021

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

Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September

Committee is asked to consider the council's involvement in this year's Merchant Navy Day, Saturday 3rd September. As Merchant Navy Day falls on a Saturday, we have the option of holding it on either the Friday or Monday if we prefer.

It may be a little early, but there is no harm in beginning to think about this.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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The committee AGREED to hold this event on Saturday, 3rd September. The Clerk would ask Cllr Moore to liaise with Lt (SCC) Brian Osborne RNR, Commanding Officer of the Littlehampton Sea Cadets about Sea Cadets representation at the event.

Bearing in mind previously-considered comments from Mr Day, the committee AGREED to discuss further the format of this year's event at the next meeting.

069/22 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

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

Emergency Services Day, 9th September

Committee is asked to consider the council's involvement in this year's Emergency Services Day, Friday 9th September.

It may be a little early, but there is no harm in beginning to think about this.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

After some discussion about the possible format of the event, the committee AGREED to hold an Emergency Services Day event on Friday, 9th September itself, ideally on Lashmar Recreation Ground as that would make it convenient for local schoolchildren to attend.

The committee AGREED to invite representation from Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, South East Coastal Ambulance Service, the RNLI and the Coastguard. As an aside, perhaps the St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project vehicle could be invited to attend too.

Possibly the Guide Hall could be used to provide refreshments on the day.

Away from Lashmar Recreation Ground, Cllr Toney AGREED to raise an Emergency Services flag at the war memorial for that weekend. The committee AGREED to purchase a flag.

070/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2021

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November had been circulated to all members on 6th December asking for suggested amendments by 13th December. Cllr Moore had written in, "I have carefully read the Community Engagement draft Minutes and found them in good order."

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

071/22 UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Minute 718/21 – Christmas Decorations – as agreed at the committee's September meeting, I set up a WhatsApp group in which committee members could comment about the Christmas lighting up this year. This could be used to highlight areas of concern, dissatisfaction or where lights may have failed. The group was useful when the Yarnbombers tree was toppled by Storm Arwen but was not used for any Christmas lighting comments.

The motif outside Waves and dizzy failed at the beginning of the season and, although Enerveo did visit, the motif remained out for the whole season. Cllr Linton also reported one other failed light towards the end of the season. This had been working before Christmas.

As previously reported, the 6ft Christmas tree has arrived and is currently being cared for at Ferring Nurseries. A suitable time and location for planting will be agreed with Dawn in due course.

Minute 947/21 – Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September – I replied to Mr Day on 24th December, advising him, “The committee has not started to plan its contribution to Merchant Navy Day 2022 yet, but will bear your comments in mind once it does.” With reference to Remembrance Day, I asked him whether he had acted upon my suggestion to write to the Royal British Legion. Mr Day replied thanking me for my email and advising he had not been able to write to the RBL because of other commitments. He emailed me again on 29th December and confirmed he had written to the RBL that day.

During the compilation of these Supporting Papers, Mr Day has copied me into an email he has sent to RBL head office as he has not had a reply from the East Preston branch.

Minute 951/21 – Community Engagement and Major Events Committees budgets for 2022/23 – at its January meeting, Full Council approved a budget for 2022/23 of £304,491.78 of which £34,050 is allocated as net expenditure for the Community Engagement Committee and £6,700 for the Major Events Committee. Those sums equate to 11.2% and 2.2% of the overall budget.

Minute 958/21 – Wheelie Bin Stickers – the stickers have arrived and will be used in Welcome Packs. If there is room, we may let people know in the Winter 2022 Newsletter these are available again.

Minute 959/21 – Littlehampton Community Fridge on Tour – with effect from 5th January, the Fridge has been operating from the Conservative Hall. The two sessions which have taken place so far have been in good weather and have taken place outdoors; many regulars have taken the change of venue in their stride, and there have been new attendees both weeks. Part of the thinking for moving to the Conservative Hall is it can provide better wet-weather support than the Council Office, however, volunteers have yet to be convinced two tables will fit suitably into the foyer. I will attend sessions at the Conservative Hall until all volunteers have worked at least one session there.

An extra, final session had been held outside the Council Office on Saturday, 1st January after the Fridge administrators contacted the council as there was so much food available for distribution. Cllrs Gander and Duff had kindly stepped in to help me on that day which had been reasonably successful especially considering the limited opportunities available for publicity at very short notice.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Minute 959/21 – Littlehampton Community Fridge on Tour – Cllr Duff asked how the Fridge on Tour sessions were working out now they were being held at the Conservative Hall rather than outside the Council Office. To date, Cllr Duff herself plus Cllrs Linton and Toney had worked a shift at the Hall. General consensus was the move had worked well, although there was some concern about the suggested layout for bad weather days which would see the tables set up inside the foyer. So far, the weather had been dry for each session at the Hall and tables had been set up outside.

072/22 INTERGENERATIONAL PLAYGROUND

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

Intergenerational Playground

Committee is asked to resume consideration of an intergenerational playground for the village.

At the December Full Council meeting, the Amenities Committee sought up to £25,000 to provide a wheelchair swing in the children’s playground of the Warren Recreation Ground (Minute 981/21). Concerns were expressed about the exclusivity of the piece of kit proposed, as

it needed a RADAR key to access it, and also about whether the expenditure could be justified when there was little knowledge about potential users within the village. (That's a brief summary of the some of the concerns expressed.) Council referred the matter back to this committee which it was aware had previously been discussing having an intergenerational playground.

This is potentially a big project and I do not expect there to be a lot of discussion about it tonight, maybe just a discussion about how the committee might wish to progress this matter.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

The committee AGREED a lot more thought was needed before a proposal could be finalised. What kit did the council want to provide? Where was the best place or places to provide additional kit? What other organisations needed to be involved, i.e. East Preston Cricket Club? Was the Village Green suitable for some kit?

There was general agreement the existing outdoor gym equipment area needed some brightening up. Nobody was particularly sure how much regular use this equipment received.

The committee members AGREED they would all go away and look at inclusive playground equipment which could be used by anyone and further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

073/22 NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2022

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

Newsletter – Winter 2022

Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 61, Winter 2022.

The Winter issue is scheduled for publication in February.

Copy should be with me by Friday, 28th January at the latest.

Standard articles include:

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

Currently, other potential articles include:

Council Plan (SW)
Mhairi Sharp MBE (SC)
Richard Cruise retirement from Fire & Rescue Service (SC)
Fire Support vehicle (ST)
East Preston in Bloom update (PG)
EP WI (Janet Williamson)
Cricket Club darts team (SC)
Correspondence Corner – Remembrance Sunday reflections (RC)
Rotary Club (Gerald Illsley)
Village Defibs (SW)
Correspondence Corner – foxes (a reply from a completely anonymous person)
Publicity for April Funday Sunday
Publicity for Jubilee picnic
Lisa's blog (LD)

Offers to write any of the above articles, even those with initials beside will be welcomed.

Councillors who had been assigned articles were aware of the deadlines for providing their copy.

074/22 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported he believed Cllr Moore was still awaiting a response from the Ministry of Defence.

075/22 OFFICIAL GUIDE AND MAP 2022-23

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Official Guide and Map

Committee is asked to note progress on the Official Guide and Map, 2022-23.

Cllrs Gander and Gunston are helping me with this piece of work and between us we have collected copy from all of the organisations to be included. The one exception is the British Legion which despite Steve Toney's best efforts have not responded. Steve has suggested we re-use the 2019 text.

All text has been sent to the publishers with most photos. I am still seeking community information for the list of clubs and societies, but that always comes in slowly.

I have asked the publisher for an update on where the Guide stands at the moment. I have had no reply as yet.

We need to decide upon photographs for the front cover.

It is looking unlikely the Guide will be ready for distribution in February now. We may need to consider an extra delivery which will cost about £400.

Work had also progressed on this since the Supporting Paper had been issued last week. The final piece of copy from other parts of the village had been received, the library's article. Some updating had been done of the Social Life in East Preston copy and more information was still coming in – slowly – from village groups. The photographs for the front cover still needed to be selected. The publisher had all the copy and was now in a position to produce an initial draft.

Cllrs Gander and Gunston were aware they needed to proofread the articles they sourced once an initial draft was received from the publisher. In addition to proofreading, they needed to ensure the articles were the ones they were expecting to see, and that nothing had been left out.

The committee AGREED to the additional distribution costs if the Guide was not available in time to be distributed with the Winter 2022 Newsletter.

076/22 MEN IN SHEDS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Men In Sheds

Committee is asked to note progress made in this matter.

Cllr Gander to lead on this item.

At the time of writing, following an article in the Autumn 2021 Newsletter and another in the e-newsletter of 13th January, twelve men have expressed an interest although one has subsequently dropped out because of ill-health and one has not replied to any of the emails I have sent him.

An initial meeting has been called for the afternoon of Tuesday, 25th January at the British Legion. Unsurprisingly, not all of those interested are available for that meeting, but we should still have enough to have a decent initial conversation.

The same invite that was sent to those interested was also circulated to male councillors, but none has replied to date.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Cllr Gander confirmed the report above and said she was looking forward to a positive meeting the following day.

077/22 EAST PRESTON IN BLOOM

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston In Bloom

Committee is asked to note progress made in this matter.

Cllr Gander to lead on this item. A meeting has been arranged for 2nd February, again at the British Legion.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Cllr Gander added she had walked around some areas of the village with the Assistant Clerk, Mrs Dawn Reid. Together, they had identified three areas which could be suitable for development by an East Preston In Bloom team – the front of the library, in between the planters at the northern shops and the raised areas at the entrance from the car-park on to the Warren Recreation Ground. Subsequently, the Clerk had suggested the large grass area at the junction of Roundstone Drive and Crescent and North Lane. Cllr Gander circulated photographs of all four areas which were enthusiastically AGREED by the committee.

Cllr Gander believed the project needed to start small, but would grow through word of mouth.

Not strictly within the remit of the East Preston In Bloom project, Cllr Gander's walk with Mrs Reid had identified two additional areas for wildflower beds, the south-eastern corner of the Village Green and the southern side of the western end of Two Acres. This was for discussion by the Amenities Committee.

078/22 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Community Speed Watch

Committee is asked to consider further the suggestion to purchase Speed Indication Devices. My thanks to Cllr Toney for sterling work in getting suppliers to send us information, but I have not had time to sort through it yet. Hopefully I will have something for the meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

17th January 2022

The Clerk had not had time to pull together the information he had received from Cllr Toney. The committee AGREED to let the Clerk and Cllr Toney come up with a proposal for its consideration at the next meeting.

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Traffic Regulation Orders – Sea Road / North Lane

Committee is asked to consider the purchase of more wheelie bin stickers.

As per the agreement reached in Minute 735/21, I have now published a poll on increased parking restrictions in the area of North Lane and Sea Road between the junctions with Lashmar Road and Fairlands. This was initially included in the e-newsletter of 1st December, and then again on 8th, 15th and 22nd December. The poll closed on 31st December.

The results were circulated to committee members on 11th January. 186 residents responded to the survey, which was run via a website called Smart Survey, supposedly free of charge, but we will come back to that later.

The main question was, “Do you agree there should be further parking restrictions in North Lane and Sea Road, between the junctions with Fairlands and Lashmar Road?”

152 respondents said yes, a pretty conclusive 83.06%; 23 said no, 12.57%, and 10 said they were unsure, 5.46%. Three respondents skipped this question.

Question two asked respondents to comment up on their answer – 114 did so. Question three asked respondents to provide their post code as we know not all recipients of the e-newsletter are in East Preston (or the UK even) – 180 did so, but I have not fully waded through those to see if there are any post codes clearly identifiable as outside the village. A quick search on BN16 3 showed one respondent from the Rustington part of Station Road and one from another Rustington address.

I contacted the local Operations Manager at Stagecoach and he replied, “We have no problem with your idea, anything which eases the flow of traffic is a good idea in my opinion.”

At least two of the freeform comments have caused some offence:

“Existing parking restrictions should be enforced first. Look at the chaos around ‘southern shops’: builders vehicles, estate agent cars, etc parked with no concern for others. Parish council is complicit because it’s outside your window and you do nothing.” (Lavinia Way resident)

“Because there are far too many pillocks who think they can just park nilly willy without actually using their brain to realise how difficult it is to get past stupidly parked cars. Perhaps try walking their kids to school or using a bike. Maybe they’ll lose some of the blubber off their backsides. Also, it may be a good idea to ban all over 65 year olds from driving in the village altogether because let’s face it, the vast majority are bloody dangerous. I was born in this village and had to endure a 9 year old from my school being killed by a car many years ago. Too many idiots around nowadays. Youngsters who think they’re Lewis Hamilton and too many old people who will tell you that they’ve not had an accident in 50 years of driving. They don’t tell you how many they’ve caused though. I sometimes watch people from this village pull up in between two parked cars and take up 2 parking spaces because they just don’t think. Bloody idiots the lot of them. Put yellow lines on both sides of the road from Roundstone Level Crossing to Southstrand, although I’m sure the people who think they live in Angmering on Sea (No such place) will moan because they can’t find anywhere to park their Jags. This village has become a pain in the arse for all the wrong reasons, especially parking. Get rid of the parking charges in the car park by the Village Green and maybe people won’t park like twats down that end.” (Manor Road resident)

Committee needs to decide whether to recommend to Full Council we now ask WSSC to consider parking restrictions in the area.

Committee also needs to consider whether to include a summary article in the Winter 2022 Newsletter, which in itself would lead to more comments from residents.

Committee members had read the information and comments provided. Members understood any additional parking restrictions had the potential to move the problem elsewhere, although there was a counterargument additional parking restrictions could encourage more people to leave their cars at home.

Following their extensive building works a few years ago, both East Preston schools were now at their new, higher full capacity. Councillors had seen the negative impact this had had on traffic management in the village. Other councillors were surprised to learn some parents waited in their cars for over an hour before afternoon pick up time.

The Clerk had received a response to the survey on behalf of the Disability Action Group of East Preston. This was broadly in favour of additional parking restrictions and had been circulated electronically to committee members.

It was reported the School Crossing Patroller, Victoria Laverick, had also expressed her support for additional restrictions.

The committee AGREED to recommend to Full Council the council refers this matter to WSCC.

The committee AGREED Cllr Linton should write an article for the Winter 2022 Newsletter on this.

080/22 HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Hedgehog highways

Committee is asked to continue consideration of an email received from Linda Cook, Hedgehogs R Us.

On 5th November, the council received the following email:

Thank you for taking time to read this Email!

Please see the attached letter and watch the video using this link:

<https://fb.watch/8Om1mGp0Bk/>

I really hope you choose to take part as together we can make the whole of the UK hedgehog friendly!!

Follow the project on Facebook: Hedgehogs R Us.

Thank You!

Linda Cook, Hedgehogs R Us

The letter is included in Minute 960/21 from the last meeting.

Cllr Gunston has found out the plastic is recycled.

If the committee agrees to this initiative, I am sure we can find the money somewhere.

The committee AGREED to purchase 100 Hedgehog Highways and to make these available to the first 100 people to ask for one. Further details on how the distribution would actually be managed to be agreed by the Environmental Initiatives Working Party.

081/22 2023 EAST PRESTON CALENDAR

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston 2023 Calendar

Committee is asked to consider an idea to produce a 2023 East Preston calendar.

Following the e-newsletter published on 31st December, in which I included a selection of photographs from across the year, Mrs Valerie Sharp emailed, “This is just fab. I wonder if we could do a calendar next year maybe from Sept to Sept as you couldn't wait till the end of the year. Maybe you have a councillor who could do it? I think a lot of people would buy one.”

Unaware of this, Cllr Linton asked me on 12th January to add an East Preston Calendar to the Agenda for this meeting.

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The committee AGREED enthusiastically to produce a 2023 East Preston Calendar but also AGREED to be conservative in the number it ordered. Production could probably take place in September so copies would be available for sale at the East Preston Christmas Celebrations event on 26th November; Cllrs Gander and Gunston both said they would be willing to run a stall selling the calendars to the public.

Cllr Linton AGREED to act as the lead councillor on this project.

The Council Office would investigate some prices.

082/22 EAST PRESTON YARBOMBERS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Yarnbombers

Committee is asked to review the Christmas project from the East Preston Yarnbombers.

The project was installed at the Fire Station on Friday, 19th November, in time to provide an additional attraction as part of the East Preston Christmas Celebrations on 20th November. Following intervention by Storm Arwen, the tree was moved to Two Acres on 30th November, with the agreement of Cllrs Toney and Linton.

The tree raised, to date, £1,241 for The Fire Fighters Charity.



Cllr Toney, representing the council as some of the Yarnbombers hand over a cheque to Darren Seymour and Jeff Rose of the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
(photo courtesy of Eddie Mitchell)

Andy Billups had originally quoted “just the wrong side of £350 including VAT” to construct the infrastructure. He billed us for £227.92.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

The committee AGREED once more this had been a fantastic project and to send an official letter of thanks to the Yarnbombers. The committee was excited to see what projects the group ran this year.

083/22 **EAST PRESTON RESOURCE CENTRE**

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Resource Centre

Committee is asked to consider setting up an East Preston Resource Centre.

In case anyone has had any further thoughts on this, otherwise it will be moved to parked projects.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

Nothing was added.

084/22 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Queen's Birthday Honours

Committee is asked to consider if any local residents should be put forward for an award in a future Queen's Birthday Honours List.

At the September meeting, the committee agreed to think more about any resident who could be put forward for an award. At the last meeting, each committee member was asked to come to this meeting with someone in the village they thought deserving of such recognition.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

19th January 2022

Councillors again AGREED to think of prospective candidates.

The committee was pleased a local resident, Mhairi Sharp, had recently been awarded an MBE at the age of just 32. The Clerk had written an article on Mhairi for the Winter 2022 Newsletter.

085/22 **COME AND MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Come and Meet Your Local Councillors

Committee is asked to consider more chances for members of the public to meet with councillors.

This suggestion was made by Alf Longhurst when he attended the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event in July. Basically, does the committee wish to run other similar events? Members of the public are welcome to meet privately with councillors ahead of Full Council meetings and a few have taken us up on that option over the years.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

17th January 2022

With an event organised for the East Preston Festival week, there was less urgency to discuss this further at this time.

086/22 MEET AND CHAT SESSIONS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Meet and chat sessions

Committee is asked to consider how the council could facilitate more regular meet and chat sessions.

Following the East Preston Voluntary Service Thank You Party, several councillors present at the event have said it highlighted that there are lonely people in the village. We already knew it, but some of us had perhaps not come so face-to-face with it as we did at the party. Lovely people, delighted to be out and amongst other lovely people. As he left, Bob Billingham who was there photographing the event, said he had met some lovely, interesting people he would otherwise never have had the chance to talk with. Some attendees said they just craved the opportunity to get out, to meet others, and there was no need to go to the expense of food and drink.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

17th January 2022

Cllr Gander said she believed ongoing projects such as Men In Sheds and East Preston In Bloom gave residents a similar opportunity to that which this item proposed.

087/22 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 other wellbeing projects and the provision of further blue plaques.

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. This is also an opportunity to remind other committee members of projects which may have been overlooked.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

18th January 2022

Nothing was added.

088/22 NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (28TH MARCH)

Cllr Duff AGREED to think about an updated Wellbeing article for the Spring 2022 Newsletter.

Nothing else was added.

The Meeting closed at 20:45.

Chairman: Cllr Elizabeth Linton Date: **28th March 2022**