



# EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES:** of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston at 19:00

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

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross

**ABSENT:** Councillors Patricia Gander and David Moore

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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.

### **656/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

An apology and a reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Gander (childcare) and Moore (away).

### **657/22 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

No declarations were made.

### **658/22 PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **659/22 BLUE PLAQUES**

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

## **Blue plaques**

**Committee is asked to review the installation of the Heywood Hardy blue plaque for Forge House.**

The plaque was installed on 1<sup>st</sup> July, courtesy of Sean and Steve at DART Ltd., and unveiled on the afternoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The unveiling was attended by about fifteen people and was followed by a small reception in the British Legion.

**Committee is also asked to consider any further suggestions received.**

The committee is already aware the Preservation Society is apparently considering a suggestion to place a blue plaque on the one building remaining from the East Preston Workhouse. Mrs Vos, Chairman of the society, reported after the society's committee's last meeting, "the plaque, if decided on, be placed on the wall of the "Kenhurst" development - being the north wall of the workhouse site (and having some patches of brick which would be easier to fix a plaque to than flint). "Spike Cottage" had been the stables and was later converted into a house for the workhouse engineer. Given the complex history of the site, it was agreed that a plaque would need careful wording - which the Society would be happy to help with (and would depend on where any property owner would be willing to have a plaque positioned)."

Since the unveiling of the Heywood Hardy plaque, Margaret Gilbert and I have had an exchange of emails about commemorating East Preston's first vicar, Ernest Trevor Williams. Margaret has written, "I think this is an inspired suggestion. Absolutely fitting that the first vicar, Ernest Trevor Williams, should be commemorated by a blue plaque on the vicarage. It was in 12th century - 1150 according to Mr Standing - that the bishop of Chichester decreed that EP and Kingston "chapels" should come under the jurisdiction "prebend" of Ferring. Thereafter, curates functioned in our church with, in the early days, the vicar of Ferring minster church coming to it via the Parsons Way route joining the two churches, with a branch to Kingston chapel before the chapel was destroyed by the sea in early 1600s.

"The process of separation was lengthy and complicated. It started in 1893. It was not until June 1913 that approval of the Privy Council was given by Order in Council.

"Mr Williams had been curate from 1908 residing in Roundstone House (next to the caravan park in Old Worthing Road). Rev. Williams moved into the newly built vicarage opposite the church, which became known as "Vicarage Lane". After 800 years of coming under Ferring, the separation of the churches was a momentous event in the history of our church and the village."

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllr Linton added a third suggestion to the discussion, a rainbow plaque for a property in South Strand which had, in the early 1970s, operated as the Hotel Roger Dee, one of the earliest hotels in the country to advertise openly as a gay hotel.

Cllr Linton asked the committee to consider all three suggestions with a view to making decisions at the September meeting. Cllr Linton asked the Clerk to circulate a news article about the Hotel Roger Dee to provide councillors with some background information.

**660/22 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 installation of a village clock.**

The clock was nearly delivered and installed on 13<sup>th</sup> July. However, installation of the clock must be carried out by someone with New Roads and Street Works accreditation. The clock manufacturer does not have such accreditation and WSCC will not allow him to install the clock. WSCC provided a list of West Sussex contractors with the correct accreditation, but these were almost all tarmacers, and were not interested in installing clocks. At the time of writing, I have reverted to WSCC with the fact our Chairman, Cllr Toney, has New Roads and Street Works accreditation, and ask whether he, in combination with the council's £10m

public liability insurance, will be sufficient to oversee the installation with the clock manufacturer.

Cllr Linton would like to install the clock in September.

East Preston residents who have a 2<sup>nd</sup> June birthday and had been lined up to “unveil” the clock on 2<sup>nd</sup> June have all received a Platinum Jubilee beaker to mark their willingness.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The Clerk reported WSCC had confirmed it would be happy for Cllr Toney to oversee the clock installation with the clock manufacturer if his New Roads and Street Works Accreditation was valid. The WSCC contact had suggested the Clerk submit an application for the next permit required, at which point Cllr Toney’s accreditation would be checked. This did mean the installation would fall under the council’s insurance as there was no third party involved.

The committee AGREED to try and install the clock on a Wednesday morning. The Clerk suggested the service road be closed for the duration of the installation, but the committee believed wholly closing the road would not be necessary. Councillors could put out some cones on the western side of the service road on the Tuesday evening and the barriers currently around the site could be reused to provide a working space around the installation. The Clerk reported the clock manufacturer had previously said he could be onsite by 09:00 on the installation date.

Moving ahead, Cllr Linton pondered the dedication of the clock. The committee AGREED the local residents with 2<sup>nd</sup> June birthdays should still be invited to come along, as should the Upbeat Community Singers and the Infant School council. To include the Upbeat Community Singers, the dedication would need to be on a Thursday morning. The Clerk pointed out the previously suggested date of Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, had been a bank holiday and therefore there would have been fewer, if any, businesses open along that stretch of Sea Road, meaning the dedication could spread out a bit. Whenever is decided for the dedication, it was AGREED the southern section of the service road should be closed for half an hour either side of the dedication time. The committee AGREED to delegate further arrangement of this event to Cllrs Linton and Duff in conjunction with the Clerk.

#### 661/22 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

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

### **East Preston Festival, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

The council had agreed to run these events during Festival week:

**Dedication of the Platinum Jubilee tree** – a decent number of members of the public and councillors and officers gathered on the Village Green at 11:30 on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. At 11:45, Cllr Linton and Mrs Lee worked together to dedicate the Platinum Jubilee Field Maple. Although it was not possible to install it at the time, the associated plaque has now been installed by Ferring Nurseries.

**The Bell Orchestra** – this event took place at 17:30 on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was not great, but there were just about enough members of the public willing to participate to keep the event running for the scheduled hour, although it was pretty cold by the end. Public feedback was reasonably positive.

**Come and Meet Your Local Councillors** – this event took place Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June between 10:00 and 12:00. Cllr Chapman again baked for the event. Enough members of the public attended to keep councillors busy. Questions asked have been summarised and responded to in the Summer 2022 Newsletter.

**Festival Carnival Parade** – a few of us sat outside the Council Office between 13:00 and 14:00 on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. *East Preston Official Guide and Map 2022-2024s* were given out. Thanks to Cllr Gunston for the loan of a pasting table and tablecloth.

The committee AGREED each event had been successful and had achieved any objectives. There was some discussion as to whether 17:30 had been a good time for *The Bell Orchestra*. The Clerk explained the time had worked very well for Owls About Town a few years previously and fitted nicely between afternoon and evening events in the Festival programme. The weather had not been on the side of *The Bell Orchestra*, possibly being the biggest factor in low attendance on the day. The committee AGREED there was no big reason not to consider 17:30 events in future years.

#### 662/22 FREE TENNIS-COACHING SESSIONS

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

### **Free tennis coaching**

**Committee is asked to review this year's free tennis coaching sessions.**

The sessions took place on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July, limited to six participants. For some reason, the sessions did not take off this year, and only one couple booked in. They took part in the Warren Recreation Ground sessions on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July, but for the 8<sup>th</sup> July, it was agreed, Andrew did not need to run the Warren Rec session and the couple went directly to the tennis club lunchtime session on the same day. At the time of writing, the couple is still considering whether or not to join the club.

Informally, I have already had conversations with Andrew and Cllr Linton about whether we should perhaps not hold any sessions next year, and then try again the following year.

Cllr Linton had spoken separately to Andrew and he was keen to run the sessions regardless of the numbers that attended in any one year.

The Clerk explained the council's officers still had to design a simple poster, manage publicity and bookings and the return of deposits, regardless of whether two people or eight people attended each session. The committee AGREED Cllr Linton should approach the tennis club to manage the bookings, leaving the Council Office just to do the publicity.

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

### **Merchant Navy Day; Emergency Services Day**

**Committee is asked to receive an update on these activities.**

**Merchant Navy Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, is all on track. This morning, Rev Emma Ham-Riche copied Cllr Toney and I in on an email to Sarah Nathaniel of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Rev. Emma had met with Ms. Nathaniel who had expressed interest in attending our Merchant Navy Day event, with the possibility of giving a short talk on the Commission immediately after the event. I have written to Ms. Nathaniel saying we would be delighted if she would join us.

At the committee's last meeting, it agreed only to raise the Emergency Services flag on **Emergency Services Day, 9<sup>th</sup> September**. The council already has the flag in its possession.

#### 663/22 MERCHANT NAVY DAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022

The committee AGREED Cllr Toney could approach the British Legion about hosting those present for hot drinks after the ceremony. With the ceremony being at 10:00, the Legion would need to be ready from about 10:15. The council would provide biscuits but nothing more. If Ms Nathaniel wished to talk about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, she could do so at the Legion.

**664/22    EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022**

The committee AGREED the Emergency Services flag should be raised at 10:00 on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Duff will consider a short speech to go with the raising of the flag.

**665/22    PLAYSCHEMES IN 2022/23**

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

**Playschemes – 2022/23**

**Committee is asked to consider any matters related to a playscheme in October.**

Sam Cross has agreed to run a playscheme for us during October half-term. Sam has agreed with my suggested date of Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. I have booked the Infant School to run the event there. It may be useful for Sam to know which councillors will be available to help on the day.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllr Gunston said he would be available; Cllrs Chapman and Duff would let the Clerk know if they could be available.

**666/22    ST MARY THE VIRGIN, CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

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

**St Mary the Virgin Christmas Tree Festival, 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Committee is asked to consider the council's involvement in this year's Christmas Tree Festival, which is running 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

This is just a reminder really the committee has agreed to take part in this event again. Cllrs Chapman and Duff are to be asked whether they are happy to lead on this. The committee agreed the theme should be four years of council achievements.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllrs Chapman and Duff agreed to bring their ideas back to the next meeting. The Clerk AGREED to send both councillors the Chairman's Annual Report for the past three years as those would contain a fair idea of the work the council had undertaken during the current term.

**667/22    MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2022**

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May had been circulated to all members on 27<sup>th</sup> May asking for suggested amendments by 6<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Gander noticed a typographical error which was subsequently corrected.

The committee AGREED unanimously the Minutes could be signed as a true record of the meeting which had taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Cllr Linton duly completed this task.

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

## **Matters Arising from previous meetings**

**Minute 261/22 – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Beakers** – the beakers were distributed by Cllrs Linton and Moore to the Infant School on 25<sup>th</sup> May, and by Cllr Duff and myself to the Junior School on 27<sup>th</sup> May. These seem to have been well-received by parents and children alike.

There are about twenty spares and these have been advertised in the Summer 2022 Newsletter at £3 each. The two loaned to the library have been returned.

**Minute 506/22 – Parked projects – defibrillator familiarisation sessions** – during a different conversation, I learned from a Community First Responder, Rustington Parish Council is currently organising a couple of defib familiarisation sessions for later in the year. I have contacted Rustington PC and it has agreed to open the sessions to East Preston residents as there is room enough to do so and their previous sessions have not been fully-booked. For this reason, I have removed defib familiarisation sessions from our list of parked projects.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Nothing further was added.

## 669/22 VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

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

### **Village bus**

**Committee is asked to continue consideration of provision of a village bus from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

Committee members will be familiar with the council’s intention to run a village bus service better serving the southern end of the village.

Since the committee’s last meeting, Cllr Linton has met with Compass Travel and Angmering Parish Council. Here is Cllr Linton’s report on that meeting:

#### **Meeting with Compass Travel Thursday 21st July 2022**

Attendees were Cllr Sylvia Verrinder from Angmering Parish Council; Chris Chatfield, Managing Director, and Neil Glaskin, both from Compass; and myself.

Before the Compass representatives arrived, I had the opportunity to explain to Sylvia the progress East Preston Parish Council had made regarding a bus service to the South of the village as well as detailing our hope to include Angmering.

Covid has set the project back a couple of years and the sums involved have been subject to a 20% increase.

Compass will offer a discounted trial of one year at a cost to us of £24,000. Should Angmering agree to be included this would halve our contribution to £12,000.

East Preston Parish Council has already budgeted the full amount and are therefore ready to start up the bus service anyway.



Bus stops, published route, line markings etc. will all need to be completed before the service starts so a suggested date of 11 April 2023 was agreed. Hopefully, this will give plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements and will include the Easter holidays and the start of the better weather.

Sylvia said she will need to do a survey of the Angmering villagers to gauge interest with a route that will include Littlehampton Tesco, the swimming centre, Rustington Sainsburys, Angmering Station and the Southern end of Sea Road, East Preston as the stops of most interest.

After the one year trial the cost will increase, at the moment, to £36,000.

Rustington already contribute £30,000 per annum and it is hoped if Angmering join us our cost will halve.

It was mentioned that there is no contribution from Littlehampton Town Council and, I think, this matter should be addressed.

With committee's agreement, Cllr Linton would like to recommend to Full Council it commits to starting a trial on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. I have advised Cllr Linton some thought needs to be given to how the council will measure the success of the scheme, as this is something I expect some members of the public will question.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllr Linton reported there was £20,000 in a reserve fund for the Village Bus Service. The committee had agreed not to add any further funding in this year's budget as the £20,000 was sufficient, at that time, for a single year's trial service.

As per Cllr Linton's report, the up-to-date price for a year's trial was now £24,000. Although there was some keenness on behalf of Angmering parish councillors, Cllr Linton was not convinced that council would be in a position to decide a financial contribution in enough time for it to be considered within this council's consideration of this matter. This council reserved the right not to extend the service into Angmering if Angmering Parish Council was not prepared to contribute.

Cllr Linton reminded the meeting, the service would only run Monday to Friday, five times in each direction.

There was some discussion about how the success of the service would be measured. There was general support for the running of a bus service on both social and environmental grounds.

There was also some discussion about whether it was worth starting a trial if the council was not prepared to commit to the £36,000 currently projected to be the annual costs of the scheme after the trial had ended, a sum which would only go up. The meeting AGREED it would be a shame to have to withdraw a service upon which people may have become reliant.

The meeting AGREED it would be easier to ask larger organisations, for example WSCC, for grants towards the running of the service once its success had been proven.

How can the council promote the service and help it to be a success? Cllr Linton replied Compass would do a lot of the necessary publicity.

The committee AGREED it would recommend to Full Council a trial of an extended No. 12 bus service should start on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Council would need to agree to additional expenditure from General Reserves of £4,000, although this could also be countered by something in the 2023/24 budget.

670/22 **NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2022**

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

## **Newsletter – Autumn 2022**

**Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 64, Autumn 2022.**

The Summer 2022 Newsletter was signed off by Cllr Linton late on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July and went to print first thing on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Distribution should start on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The Autumn issue is scheduled for publication at the beginning of November.

Copy dates have not yet been finalised.

Standard year-round articles include:

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

Standard Autumn articles include:

East Preston Christmas Celebrations (AR and SC)

Currently, other potential articles include:

East Preston in Bloom update (PG)  
East Preston Men in Sheds update (SC)  
Lisa's blog (LD)  
Article on the return of the Old Worthing Road bus-stop, successfully campaigned for by local residents with assistance from us (SC)  
Lily Dallimore – national water-polo participant – and Connor McElroy – wheelchair basketball and dressage success – human interest story (SC)

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

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Some councillors confirmed they had received the Summer 2022 Newsletter which suggested delivery was running ahead of schedule.

In light of the decision above to ask Full Council to support the trial of a village bus service, an article promoting the village bus service should be included in the Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023 Newsletters. Otherwise the committee thought it was likely there was enough content for the Autumn 2022 Newsletter.

#### 671/22 COUNCILLOR WALKABOUTS

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

### **Councillor walkabouts**

**Committee is asked to receive any updates from councillors and their walkabouts.**

Has anyone been on a walkabout recently?

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Councillors admitted they had not managed to carry out any walkabouts lately. Cllr Linton said she hoped councillors would be able to do better in the coming month; summer was a good time to catch both locals and visitors.

#### 672/22 WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Toney thanked Cllr Moore for his work on this and reported the Royal British Legion branch committee had decided Sjt. Davis was not eligible for inclusion on the war memorial as he did not fit the national policy of “did not return” from



war. The branch committee felt including Sjt. Davis could invite applications from the relatives of a wide range of other potential candidates for inclusion on the war memorial.

### **673/22 EAST PRESTON IN BLOOM**

The Clerk read the following report received from Cllr Gander, as she was unable to attend:

East Preston in Bloom - report to Committee

We are in the process of setting up a bank account

We have produced a draft weedkiller protocol, which will be submitted to the Amenities Committee on 8/8 for comment and approval.

We are also asking for the Amenities Committee's comments on replanting the large bed at the northern shops, as the current bulbs and plants are being 'choked' by the tree roots.

We have installed planters and plants at the Library site. These will be replanted to provide year-round colour, as needed

We are looking at other potential projects

Two Acres - site near Sea Lane

? A tree at the corner of Normandy Lane and Sea Road

A very proactive group who are keen to continue the ongoing maintenance of public areas in the village. and look for potential new projects to enhance the green areas of the village.

The committee thanked Cllr Gander and all East Preston Bloomers for their hard work around the village so far.

### **674/22 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.**

Six members have come forward and formed the group's first committee. A constitution has been drafted and Cllr Gander and I have both been able to make comments upon the wording.

The first official committee meeting is being held in the Council Office on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, and the next full meeting of the group is scheduled for the British Legion on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The Clerk reported the newly-formed committee was continuing to pursue the idea of a Portakabin-style building to be located on ground at the Conservative Hall. The committee members were very enthusiastic about making the concept work.

### **675/22 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)**

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.** Situation regarding me reviewing the information supplied by Cllr Toney has not changed. At the last meeting, Cllr Linton volunteered to look at the information Cllr Toney has provided and I hope to have pulled that together into a suitable format by the time of the meeting. Cllr Linton has also offered to sit in on a Community Speed Watch shift to see life through the eyes of the Community Speed Watch team.

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26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllr Linton reported she had read the information collated by Cllr Toney and the Clerk. Devices were approximately £3,000 each and could run on mains, solar power or battery. Mains devices would be fixed whereas we were looking for mobile devices we could move around the village. Cllr Toney said signs were apparently only effective for the first four weeks, after that drivers became immune to them. He suggested the council considered buying two devices each with two batteries – one in the device and one on charge. There was £8,000 in the current year's budget allocated to speed indication devices.

The Clerk reported an application would need to be made to Enerveo for permission to hang the signs on lampposts. He would ascertain whether or not all suggested sites could be covered by a single application, and whether or not Enerveo needed to know what signs were going to be where, when.

Cllr Toney AGREED to identify 12 lampposts around the village which could be potential sites for the devices. Suggestions from the committee included North Lane, Sea Road, Sea Lane, Vicarage Lane and the southern side of Old Worthing Road.

The Clerk reported the Community Speed Watch team was not keen on mobile speed indication devices as the members felt the signs encouraged some drivers to try and get up to the speed limit when driving towards a sign. He also reported he had taken part in a Community Speed Watch shift in July at which the team's coordinator, Keith Harris had said he believed vehicle speeds in the village had reduced following the increased observed after each of the lockdowns.

Cllr Toney added one of the proposed devices had the ability to record the registration numbers of speeding vehicles. He would check with Sussex Police the legality of this.

#### **676/22    2023 EAST PRESTON CALENDAR**

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

### **East Preston 2023 Calendar**

**Committee is asked to continue consideration of an idea to produce a 2023 East Preston calendar.**

Cllr Linton to lead on this item. The council has received some suggested photographs from members of the public, the closing date for which is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

We now need a small team of councillors to review the photographs received, to look at the layout of the calendar and suchlike. Regrettably, the Council Office has very little spare resource to work on designing a calendar.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllrs Chapman, Linton and Duff AGREED to review the photographs submitted by members of the public. They would also look at the design / layout of the calendar. Once they had a proposed design / layout, this would be circulated to all committee members for comment and potential agreement.

The committee AGREED 200 calendars should be ordered initially and that go to print by the end of August was a good plan.

The Clerk would send Cllrs Chapman, Linton and Duff a link to Mrs Roberts's preferred suppliers (based upon research done earlier in the year.)

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

## **Garage Sale Trail**

**Committee is asked to consider a public suggestion to hold a Garage Sale Trail.**

On 20<sup>th</sup> July, Sue Loy forwarded the council a link to an article on Nextdoor, advertising “The Angmering Garage Sale Trail 2022 - the biggest yet with at least 70 houses settling up shop!”; Sue was suggesting this council could consider organising something similar.

My initial reply was, firstly, the council has loosely discussed this in the past and not made any decisions and, secondly, the council would support, where it could, a community group that wanted to run with this idea. Does any committee member have any different suggestions? Or is there a community group the committee would like to talk to about this idea?

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The committee initially suggested the idea should be passed over to Ali Marques for her East Preston for Ukraine initiative, but committee members felt this was not the right time for Mrs Marques, who was heavily pregnant.

The committee AGREED to suggest the idea to the East Preston Festival Committee as a fund-raising idea.

Cllr Gunston said the Environmental Initiatives Working Party would also consider this idea at a future meeting, although he appreciated the council was hoping to get another organisation to lead on this sort of event.

## 678/22 **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, other wellbeing projects, Roundstone Level Crossing meeting, East Preston Resource Centre, future village publications, and *How do we recognize village heroes?*.**

This Standing Agenda Item is 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**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Nothing was discussed or added.

## 679/22 **EAST PRESTON YOUTH CLUB**

Cllr Chapman said the club’s management committee was repeatedly frustrated at the lack of progress in reopening the Youth Club. The Youth Club building was owned by West Sussex County Council and leased to Rascals. The lease included a clause that Rascals had to make the building available for a Youth Club one evening a week but had refused access since before the pandemic.

The management committee had attempted to work with WSCC to resolve this situation but was getting nowhere. The most recent correspondence with County Cllr Elkins was a suggestion from him that an alternative venue be used. The management committee rejected that suggestion as that would come at an unnecessary expense. Cllr Chapman like the

Clerk's suggestion the management committee invited Cllr Elkins to a face-to-face meeting to have a full and open dialogue.

**680/22    NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)**

Nothing was suggested.

*The Meeting closed at 20:58.*

Chairman: *Cllr Elizabeth Linton*    Date: **26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**