

**MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL**

9TH JANUARY 2023

SUPPORTING PAPERS

Please note not every Agenda Item will have a supporting paper.

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Agenda Item 6b

West Sussex County Council – Worthing Road

By chance, Cllr Toney has had a conversation with County Cllr Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport, and she gave him a contact to whom we could apply for traffic calming measures in Worthing Road.

Further to the public representations made at the November meeting (Minute 892/22), do we as a council want to pursue traffic calming measures in Worthing Road, and is there a councillor would like to lead on this, as officer time is not in great supply at the moment?

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

29th December 2022

Agenda Item 8

Minutes of Monthly Full Council meeting, 5th December

The draft Minutes were circulated to all councillors on 6th December, asking for suggested amendments by 13th December. None were suggested but Cllr Gander described them as “Very comprehensive Minutes!”

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

29th December 2022

Agenda Item 9

Monthly Update Report

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Minute 1042/22 – Arun District Council**
- 3. Minute 1048/22 – Personnel Committee – Civility & Respect Pledge**

4. **Minute 1051/22 – Clerk’s Report, Item 9 – Sussex Community Rail Partnership**
5. **(F&GP) Minute 1060/22 – Defibrillator Fund**

1. Introduction

This is the report covering items discussed during Full Council meetings up to and including the meeting held on 5th December 2022.

2. Minute 1042/22 – Arun District Council

I circulated Jan Cosgrove’s *Survey of Parish Councils in Arun District Report* to all councillors on 6th December asking them to let me know if they wanted me to add this to an agenda for formal discussion. At the time of writing, only one councillor has suggested the report needs any further discussion.

3. Minute 1048/22 – Personnel Committee – Civility & Respect Pledge

This council was the 749th council to sign up to take the pledge.

4. Minute 1051/22 – Clerk’s Report, Item 9 – Sussex Community Rail Partnership

My on-site meeting at the Roundstone Level Crossing had to be rescheduled owing to industrial action, so is now scheduled for 10:00 on 12th January.

I have a slight feeling I am being given a bit of a runaround here, but will see whether any Network Rail officers actually attend on 12th January.

5. (F&GP) Minute 1060/22 – Defibrillator Fund

Roy Allen, Premises Manager of the East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Foundation, emailed on 23rd December, “Please pass on to the Parish Council the East Preston and Kingston Village Hall Trustees’ thanks for supplying the enclose for our defibrillator. It is now installed and working well. It is a much more robust design than the previous enclosure.”

On the subject of defibrillators, I have installed new pads in the Council Office defibrillator and ordered a back up set. The newly-installed pads are valid until 2027. The back-up pads have a lead time of 28 weeks (!) at the moment, but our supplier says they have been arriving sooner than that.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 11a

Amenities Committee

The committee did not meet in December.

Northern Shops - 'Happy to Chat' benches – The handymen installed the two new Happy to Chat benches on 13th December 2022. The Happy to Chat bench plaques were reinstated onto the two new benches. The handymen were able to recycle slats from the old benches to reinforce the two benches by One Stop.

Lashmar Bank - Ferring Nurseries installed the second planter at Lashmar Bank on 29th November 2022, the winter floral display was planted up at a later date.

The positioning of the two planters has allowed enough space to the righthand side to add a further planter. Committee agreed to install a third planter at Lashmar Bank. A planting application to install the third planter and floral displays has been submitted to WSCC.

Sea Road Toilets – Now the Sea Road Toilets modernising and renovating work is complete, Committee agreed to remove the WRG Trust - Public Conveniences (Sea Rd) - Modernise/Renovate (Major Works) budget line from the 2023-2024 budget.

Committee has increased the WRG Trust – Ongoing Maintenance/ Improvements for Toilets budget to £1000.00 to cover all general maintenance costs.

Committee is requesting to ringfence £5k left from the 2022-23 WRG Trust - Public Conveniences (Sea Rd) - Modernise/Renovate (Major Works) budget line, to cover any work required on improving access to the Hoist Assisted Toilet (HAT).

Dawn Reid – **Assistant Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 11b

Audit & Governance Committee

The committee did not meet in December.

The committee's next meeting is in March 2023.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

28th December 2022

Agenda Item 11c

Community Engagement Committee

The committee did not meet in December.

Below is a selection of matters discussed.

Village bus – our WSCC Highways contact said it was necessary to go back to square one with a Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines around the north-eastern corner of Willowhayne Crescent as the original public consultation had expired. This required asking the public whether or not it still supported the proposed double yellow lines.

The simplest way of ascertaining this was, I believe, to run an online survey through the e-newsletter. I sent the WSCC officer a draft wording asking him to confirm whether or not the wording would be sufficient for WSCC needs – no reply. With time running out, I ran the survey anyway.

“Do you support the implementation of double-yellow lines around the north-eastern corner of Willowhayne Crescent / the Village Green in order to support the trial of a bus service to the southern end of the village?”

179 people responded. Yes – 158 (88.76%); No – 17 (9.55%); Unsure – 3 (1.69%); Skipped – 1.

I ran the survey until 31st December. At some point this month, I will gird myself and apply for the Traffic Regulation Order.

Cost of Living crisis – Cllrs Gander and Gunston have a proposal for later in this meeting.

The committee’s next meeting is on 23rd January.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 11d

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The committee met on 12th December.

The committee discussed and agreed a budget and a precept to recommend to this meeting. The committee agreed not to increase the precept, for the third year running. The committee is proposing to increase the council’s budget by approximately £10,400, the major part of that being to improve the security at the Warren Recreation Ground.

The committee agreed to make Greener Buildings Project grants to the East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Foundation and the East Preston Sports & Social Club.

The committee agreed to make a Defibrillator Fund grant to the East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Foundation by purchasing a replacement cabinet for the existing defibrillator.

The committee’s next meeting is in February.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

13th December 2022

Agenda Item 11e

Major Events Committee

The committee met on 19th December.

East Preston Christmas Celebrations, 26th November – The committee agreed to run the event on 25th November, 2023. Alison and I have been doing some work to make the event more compact, requiring fewer road closures and hopefully tackling concerns from some participants they feel a bit left out.

Royal British Legion, Remembrance Sunday, 13th November – Nick Ward, Chairman of the East Preston & Kingston Branch of the Royal British Legion, attended the meeting. Although for many years it has been the branch which has organised Remembrance Sunday in the village, national RBL has said for the past two years, branches are no longer allowed to organise the event and it should fall to the local authority. Each of those two years, the council has organised the event but with pretty short notice. This meeting hoped to make an early decision on future Remembrance Sundays so we can plan ahead more effectively.

Mr Ward said the branch committee had been thinking about a different approach to Remembrance Sunday for 2023. Mr Ward agreed to come back with a fully-formed proposal for the committee's February meeting, in response to which this committee could decide whether or not the proposal was right for the council to lead on.

All was in hand for the **End-of-Term Party** in April.

Plans were taking shape for the **Funday Sunday** event scheduled for 23rd April. I have not heard back from the Village Hall Foundation yet as to whether the venue is available.

No updates regarding anything around the **King's Coronation** on 6th May.

The committee agreed to drop any further thoughts of moving the **Food & Drink Festival** to the Warren Recreation Ground. I have let both East Preston & Kingston Horticultural Society and East Preston Cricket Club know this decision.

Cllr Elizabeth Linton –
Chairman of the Major Events Committee

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 11f

Personnel Committee

The committee is scheduled to meet on 16th January.

Cllr Lisa Duff – **Chairman of the Personnel Committee**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 11g

Planning & Licensing Committee

Since the last Full Council meeting, the committee met on 19th December only.

The committee considered six Applications. Three members of the public attended.

The committee agreed not to object to five of the six applications and in the sixth, it agreed to abide by any advice supplied by the ADC Tree Officer to the Planning Officer.

The committee's next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th January. One of the Applications to be considered at the meeting will be K/56/22/PL for the "erection of 48 residential dwellings (including affordable homes)" on "land north-east of Kingston Lane, Littlehampton". As this Application falls within Kingston Parish Council's boundary, I have invited the Chairman of that council's Planning Committee to attend this committee meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 12

Finance & General Purposes Committee – budget and precept for 2023/24

Council is asked to agree to a recommended budget of £314,883.28 for the financial year 2023/24.

At its meeting on 12th December, the committee considered the following supporting paper:

Budget and Precept for 2023/24

Committee is asked to consider a budget and a precept proposal to Full Council for the financial year 2023/24.

Each budget-holding committee has considered its financial requirements for the coming year. These are currently:

| Committee | 2022/23 net expenditure | 2023/24 net expenditure | Difference |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Amenities | £40,100.00 | £42,800.00 | +£2,700 |
| Audit & Gov. | £1,000 | £1,000 | None |
| Admin (F&GP) | £115,583.00 | £108,065.00 | -£7,518 |
| Community Engagement | £34,050.00 | £39,450.00 | +£5,400 |
| F&GP | £50,375.00* | £42,175.00 | -£8,200 |
| Major Events | £6,700.00 | £9,550.00 | +£2,850 |
| WRG Trust (Amenities) | £46,683.78 | £61,843.28 | +£15,159.50 |

Additionally, the council usually includes £10,000 as a Contingency Budget. **Committee is asked to agree to include this in the 2023/24 budget.**

| | 2022/23 net budget | 2023/24 net budget | Difference |
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| without contingency | £294,491.78 | £304,883.28 | +£10,391.50 |
| with contingency | £304,491.78 | £314,883.28 | +£10,391.50 |

Assuming the committee agrees to include the £10,000 contingency figure, the net budget increase (including contingency) for the coming financial year will be £10,391.50 (3.4%) on the current year.

Depending upon any discussion, **committee is asked to agree to recommend to Full Council a budget of £314,883.28 for the financial year 2023/24.**

For the past couple of years, the council has frozen the Band D precept at £98.43. With the councils reserves healthy, there seems no reason not to freeze the precept again. At the time of writing, I do not know what the Council Tax base for the year will be, but once I do know, I will multiply that by £98.43 to produce **a proposed precept for the financial year 2023/24.**

The agreed figure will be presented to Full Council in January. Rather than circulate a paper copy of the budget sheets, I will send around a PDF version. If anyone would like a paper copy too, please just get in touch.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

On 8th December, ADC let me know the Council Tax base for the coming financial year would increase from 2825 to 2827.

Council is also asked to agree a recommended precept of £98.43 per Band D property, i.e. no increase on the current financial year. With the above increase in the Council Tax base, the council will be asking ADC to collect £278,261.61 precept on its behalf.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 13a

Amenities Committee – Sea Road toilets

Council is asked to create a ringfenced reserve of £5,000 from this year's WRG Trust - Public Conveniences (Sea Rd) - Modernise/Renovate (Major Works) budget line, to cover any work required on improving access to the Hoist Assisted Toilet (HAT).

As Dawn reported above, all scheduled works have been completed and this budget line is no longer required.

Slight confusion at the committee meeting meant the committee agreed to ask for the full £5,000 from the current year's budget to be ringfenced for future usage, but £1,122.53 has already been spent, leaving just £3,877.47 in the budget line.

As £5,000 would be a nice, round figure for the ringfenced reserve, I suggest whatever is leftover in the budget line at the end of the financial year is topped up from the council's

general reserves when the ringfenced reserve is set up at the beginning of the new financial year to become £5,000.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 14a

Community Engagement Committee – warm space

Council is asked to take an initial £2,000 from the council’s reserves to provide a warm space in the village for the next couple of months.

Cllrs Gander and Gunston to lead on this item.

Concerned about the impact rising energy costs may have on local residents, the Community Engagement Committee asked Cllrs Gander and Gunston to investigate whether it would be possible for the council to provide a warm space for local residents. Nothing full-time, just something to take a bit of the financial pressure off.

Three local venues were contacted: Conservative Hall, East Preston & Kingston Royal British Legion and East Preston & Kingston Village Hall. With a staffed kitchen already available, the British Legion seemed to be the simplest solution to getting an offering up and running.

Cllrs Gander and Gunston, on behalf of the Community Engagement, would like to offer local residents soup and a roll and a hot drink and company, once a week. This would cost the council approximately £6.50 per attendee. Capacity would be 25 people, £162.50 per week. Starting on 16th January and running until the end of March would, at capacity, cost £1,787.50. £2,000 for the project would allow the committee to buy some extras, a few secondhand board games perhaps, something to keep people entertained if necessary.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15

Working Parties

None of the council’s working parties met in December.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15a

20mph Working Party

As reported to the last meeting, the Community Engagement Committee agreed to set up this working party to work alongside the village Community Speed Watch group with a view to the possible implementation of 20mph zones in parts of the village.

Cllrs Toney, Linton and Moore have volunteered to be on the working party. If any other councillor would like to volunteer, please let me know.

The working party has not met yet and its initial Terms of Reference are to be considered later in the meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15b

Conservative Hall Working Party

The proposed terms of engagement for a Red Book valuation have only arrived this afternoon and I have not had a chance to look at them yet.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15c

Environmental Initiatives Working Party (EIWP)

The working party is next scheduled to meet on 16th January.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15d

Flat Working Party

The new tenant took possession of the keys to the flat on 16th December.

Although we had hoped to find replacement parts for the bits of the hob which had gone missing during the last tenancy, this had proven impossible and a local supplier said we would be better off replacing the hob. We took his advice, although his suggested pricing was somewhat under. A replacement hob was fitted on 30th December.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 15e

Leases Working Party

I have had to rearrange the date for me to sit with reps from the East Preston & Kingston Bowls Club to go through the lease clause by clause. This will now take place on 6th January.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 16a

20mph Zone Working Party – Terms of Reference

Council is asked to agree initial Terms of Reference for the working party.

These are initial Terms of Reference for the working party. To date, Cllrs Toney, Linton and Moore have volunteered to be members of the working party. The Community Speed Watch team will most likely be represented by Coordinator, Keith Harris and John Wintle.

20mph Zone Working Party (20WP)

Terms of Reference

(version 1 – drafted January 2023)

1. Overview
 - a. This working party acts as an advisor to East Preston Parish Council on matters relating to a proposal from the village Community Speed Watch team to implement some 20mph zones in the village.
2. Responsibilities
 - a. To advise East Preston Parish Council on matters relating to a proposal from the village Community Speed Watch team to implement some 20mph zones in the village.

- b. To work alongside representatives of the village Community Speed Watch team to consider any proposal (from that team) for a 20mph zone in the village.
 - c. To provide recommendations to East Preston Parish Council upon matters relating to the implementation of 20mph zones in the village.
 - d. To provide recommendations to East Preston Parish Council as to any professional knowledge needing to be bought in.
 - e. To operate within the terms of council Standing Order 34 which explicitly covers the operation of working parties, unless specific agreement is granted by Full Council or the owning committee of the working party.
3. Timescales
- a. The working party is initially set up for six months from the date of its first meeting.
 - b. As that meeting took place on (date), the initial six months period ends on (date).
4. Membership
- a. Any volunteer invited at the discretion of either the 20WP Chairman or Chairman or Vice-Chairman of East Preston Parish Council. The volunteer need not be a Parish Councillor.
 - b. Membership of the working party should always include at least two current members of the village Community Speed Watch group.
 - c. There is no limit on the number of volunteers joining the working party but membership may be fluid depending on working party needs and volunteer expertise.
5. Reporting Structure
- a. The Chairman of the Council shall nominate the 20WP Chairman, in consultation with other councillors.
 - b. 20WP will report to the Community Engagement Committee in the first place.
 - c. 20WP may make recommendations direct to Full Council where timing is a determining factor.
 - d. No proposal or guidance from 20WP will be council policy until agreed by Full Council.
6. Officer support
- a. There will only ever be limited administrative support available from the council's officers.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 17a

Sussex Police

Council is asked to note a monthly report should one be received in time.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Item 18

Clerk's Report

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Police matters**
- 3. Anti-social behaviour matters**
- 4. Freedom of Information / Data Protection requests**
- 5. Angmering Christmas Event, 2nd December**
- 6. East Preston Men in Sheds, 6th December**
- 7. Sussex Police, 20th December**
- 8. Littlehampton Community Fridge, 2022**
- 9. Social media**
- 10. MailChimp stats**
- 11. A selection of things we have been asked since the last meeting**
- 12. Recent bouquets and complaints**
- 13. Christmas bouquets**
- 14. Leave**
- 15. January meetings and events**

1. Introduction

This is the report mainly covering December 2022 and matters which may not arise elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Police matters

Nothing new to report.

3. Anti-social behaviour matters

There are no updates on previous reports of anti-social behaviour in the village.

4. Freedom of Information / Data Protection requests

No Freedom of Information requests received since the last report.

No Data Protection requests received since the last report.

5. Angmering Christmas Event, 2nd December

To show support, I went and had a wander through this event. The event is centred on the junction of Station Road and Arundel Road, which allows it to be far more compact than our event. The event was well-attended and everyone seemed to be having a good time. I felt there was greater involvement of local businesses than we get, whether that was because this was a Friday evening or not, I don't know.

6. East Preston Men in Sheds, 6th December

I attended this meeting at the British Legion.

The guest speaker was scheduled to be Kelvan Gale on the restoration of HMS Holland 1, the Royal Navy's first submarine, but on the day, he was unable to attend.

Instead, the group caught up with the proposal for the Village Hall car-park and spent time chatting generally. The group will not meet in January, so its next meeting will be on 7th February.

7. Sussex Police, 20th December

This was the latest in the series of calls Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Neil Durkan, has been holding with representatives of Arun town and parish councils.

More senior police officers have noted this work and Neil is soon to present to them on his model with a view to more districts across Sussex repeating his success.

Other councils represented on this call included: Aldwick, Bersted, Patching and Rustington Parish Councils and Littlehampton Town Council.

Neil opened the meeting by giving us all updates on his long-term projects. He has set up an Unauthorised Encampments Workshop in early February, and that will actively walk attendees through some of the processes to be followed.

In the west of the district, there have been reports of children running past OAPs, intentionally knocking them over in the process. Neil was not aware this was a "thing" and it was not something others on the call had heard about.

WSCC has been looking at reducing the number of school crossing patrols it funds. East Preston should be ok as it has long paid for the school crossing patroller in the village after a previous threat would have left the village without a school crossing patroller.

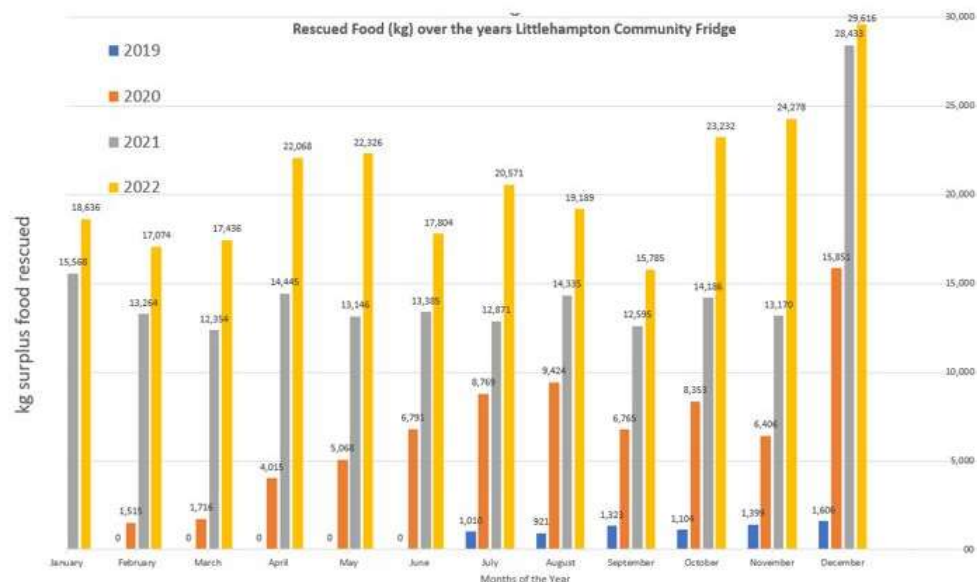
I asked Inspector Durkan if he was happy for me to have a member of his team invited to the Licensing hearing for a certain local business's application to trade into the early hours. Insp Durkan said he was happy to be invited but he could not guarantee anyone would attend. Cllr Bowman has agreed to attend the hearing on behalf of this council.

8. Littlehampton Community Fridge, 2022

As another year of Fridge operation came to an end, Sarah Renfrey, the founder and organiser, issued the following report.

So, I have crunched the final numbers of the year, and oh my goodness we have saved a whopping 248 tonnes of food from being binned this year! (2021 was 178 tonnes which I thought was incredible! So we are a whole 40% more rescued!)

So, as you can see in the graph below from the monthly kg of food saved (1000 kg = 1 tonne), we rescued more every single month in the last year. We even managed to save more food in December this year than last year, despite Christmas eve being a lot less surplus food available. This is in part due to the extra food we are able to collect from FareShare Brighton and UK Harvest boosting our collections and was about 22% of Food saved in December (with the deliveries on Monday and Friday making up 8% food rescued). So our fabulous collectors still collected 70% of the food rescued this month so you are all wonderful!



It has felt at times that we are collecting less, especially from some of our stores which used to have lots of surplus and now don't. But as we are collecting from more stores, and being super flexible and being able to jump in and rescue food often at short notice this has meant that we can be relied on to come and collect and are often the first port of call for businesses if they have surplus food available.

From a waste point of view not included in the figures above is that we are sending 5% of what we collect to animals, and 1.1% to landfill. So even when it looks like a lot of food going into the bins (especially in the last couple of weeks!) it is because we are rescuing so much more food, so of course there will be more waste.

I realise that the goal of the project is there to be less surplus available to rescue. But while there is surplus out there, and especially while the cost-of-living crisis is squeezing everyone, and all the time we have wonderful volunteers to rescue, collect sort and redistribute the food, then we will still be an important community resource to Littlehampton and surrounding areas, and importantly our environment and ultimately the planet.

So, a humble thank again for all your time, patience, hard work and making the project a success!

If anyone has any questions on the numbers or who would be interested to see more specific detailed information, then let me know as I never know how interesting the numbers are to people!

(p.s. we are looking for more regular surplus food collectors most days (minimum once a fortnight collection) so if you know anyone who would like to be part of the success of the project this year, please encourage them to get involved asap as we are already turning down collections this week!)

9. Social media

Since the last report, these are the council's Facebook posts seen by more than 500 people:

- Warning Angmering Station level crossing was closed in both directions, 9th December – 6,605 people
- Reminder the Littlehampton Community Fridge on Tour would be operating on 28th December – 2,046
- Poster for the St Mary the Virgin Christmas Tree Festival – 656

† Food & Drink Festival page

▲ East Preston Business Community page

* East Preston Christmas Celebrations page

(posts up to and including 31st December)

The number of Followers is currently 1,794, an increase of 4 on the last report.

10. **MailChimp stats**

Since the last papers were issued, the council has sent out the following emails to local residents on the council's main e-mailing list:

Parish Council news – 30th November – sent to 905, opened by 652 (72.2%)

Parish Council news – 8th December – sent to 903, opened by 648 (71.8%)

Parish Council news – 15th December – sent to 904, opened by 624 (69.2%)

Parish Council news – 21st December – sent to 904, opened by 618 (68.6%)

Parish Council news – 31st December – sent to 900, opened by 624 (69.4%)

11. **Things we have been asked since the last meeting**

“Is there any sort of local scheme for volunteering to help older people with their shopping?”
(I directed the caller to Age UK West Sussex.)

“Is there anything wrong with the 700 this afternoon?” (Nothing we knew of, but we were able to give the caller a Stagecoach contact number.)

“I am visiting the area and would like to visit the Church. Is it open all the time or at specific times?” (I believe the church is freely open any day when the vicar is not on holiday.)

“I think there should be some kind of memorial to the victims of the workhouse, where members of the public can light a candle and meditate and ask for forgiveness for the sins of our ancestors.”

12. **Recent bouquets and complaints**

(In addition to anything reported above)

Thanks to Caspar from a couple of residents of Meadow Park, after he had found a set of car-keys in Elm Avenue and deposited them in the Council Office. A Facebook post and a visit to Angmering Parish Council, they thought the keys may have been lost in Angmering, led to the couple finding out we had their keys.

From a resident of West Ridings, “Thank you for the information that you gave me a couple of weeks ago for donating to charities dealing with rough sleepers, food banks etc. We do realise the world needs charitable help but this year we wanted to concentrate on UK based charities, with the belief that “charity begins at home”. We contacted the Trussel trust, charity at Christmas, centerpoint and St Mungos and have made financial arrangements with each of them. Again thanks for the time you gave to me in your office in EP”

The following are some of the comments received from residents following the publication of the 31st December e-newsletter which, for the second year running, was a selection of photographs from across the village across 2022:

“How lovely. Happy New Year.”

“Thank you for this wealth of photos from village life. Some things I most definitely missed altogether unfortunately.”

“Another year’s excellent work at the helm of EPPC. Thanks for your hard work and here’s wishing you and the team a happy and healthy new year.”

“Many thanks for sharing all those wonderful East Preston photos – great to look back, especially to those sunny days!”

“Lovely to see the photos. Thank you. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.”

“Definitely made me smile.”

“AWESOME!!! Thank you very much.”

“What a lovely set of photos, thankyou. I’ve sent them on to our son in Australia for him to see what the village gets up to. Happy New Year to all the Parish Council staff.”

13. **Christmas bouquets**

(The following comments arrived in Christmas cards and emails)

From a resident of Willowhayne Crescent, “Thanks for all you do for East Preston. Have a great Christmas and all the councillors too.”

From a family resident in South Strand, “Thanks again to you and your team for all the hard work this year.”

From residents of The Circle, “Very Happy Christmas to you all and thanks for all that you do for the community.”

From a resident of Rustington, recipient of our e-newsletters, “We wish you all a Merry Xmas, plus healthy, peaceful & happy 2023.”

From a resident of Church Field, “Happy Christmas and thanks for all your efforts in the past year.”

From a resident of Sea Lane, “Thank you for all that you do to make this a lovely village to live in. Your hard work is much appreciated.”

From the East Preston Festival Committee, “Thanks for all your support in 2022.”

14. **Leave**

Caspar is on leave at the beginning of the month and office staff will cover his most essential work.

15. **January Meetings and Events**

This list may be incomplete and is subject to change.

- 9th Full Council (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 10th Planning & Licensing Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 16th Personnel Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School)
Environmental Initiatives Working Party (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 17th Meeting with ADC about Beach Access (14:30, Civic Centre) (ST, SW and SC only)
- 19th ADC Safer Arun Partnership Joint Action Group (15:00, Civic Centre) (ST and SC only)
Community Speed Watch team meeting (18:00, RBL) (SC only)
- 23rd Planning & Licensing Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School)
Community Engagement Committee (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 24th Sussex Community Rail Partnership (14:00, online) (SC only)
- 25th NALC *Local Councils and Community Engagement* webinar (12:00, online) (JG only)

N.B. where committee meetings fall on the same day, the timings of these meetings may be subject to change.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

3rd January 2023

Agenda Items 19a-d

Other meetings and events – Part 1

Council is asked to note the following reports:

Southern Water draft Water Resource Management Plan, 7th December

online

Six regional water companies (including Southern Water) have produced a draft Water Resources Management Plan for consultation until 20th February 2023.

The companies provide 6 billion litres of water per day and potentially need to increase that to 8.7 billion by 2075 because of increasing population, climate change, protecting the environment and drought resilience. A range of different scenarios have been considered and a number of different pathways and decision points make the plan as adaptive as possible

Southern Water proposes 4 main solutions to meet these challenges in our region:

1. More efficient usage. Encouraging customers to use less water. Reducing leaks by 50% by 2050. Introducing smart metres.
2. Building a better network to move water around the regions.
3. Catchment and nature based solutions.
4. New water supplies - water recycling, a new reservoir in West Sussex and a desalination plant on the South coast.

The £1.5 billion investment in the first 5 years from 2025-30 could put bills up by £85 per annum.

Have they got the balance right? They would like feedback before producing the final plan in late 2023.

Visit www.southernwater.co.uk/our-story/water-resources-management-plan to have your say.

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Design Council *Design Differently* workshop, 9th December

online

I attended this meeting with representatives from WSCC and UK Community works. We discussed our project with PA Consulting (who are working on a pro bono basis) and they likened it to rural broadband initiatives. We sent PA our draft design brief and they have undertaken to come back to us in January with thoughts on how they can help us put together the constituent parts of the plan.

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Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) Annual General Meeting, 15th December

online

Cllr Bowman to provide a report in due course.

East Preston Greener Buildings, 20th December

online

I attended this update meeting with WSCC and UK Community Works.

WSCC agreed to contact Geospatial Insight to obtain a quotation for a survey of East Preston and Angmering to establish buildings suitable for solar panels.

I agreed to contact Arun DC to keep them informed about progress on the project and possibly arrange a briefing session. We also agreed to share marketing ideas on how to present the project to parishioners.

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