



EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

From: Simon Cross Clerk to the Council

2nd January 2024

Dear Councillor and Parishioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AND COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED to the **Monthly Meeting** of the Council which will be held on **Monday, 8th January 2024** at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston commencing at **18.30**.

The Public has the right to attend; however, numbers are currently limited and attendance should be booked in advance. Please call the Council Office before midday on the day of the meeting to book a space.

Sound equipment can be made available upon advance request to the Council Office.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Introductions.
2. To receive a presentation from Scott Judge, WSCC Gypsies and Travellers Team Manager
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to items on this Agenda, and are reminded they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the item or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the interest in
 - b) whether it is a pecuniary, personal interest and/or prejudicial interest
 - c) the nature of the interest
 - d) if it is a prejudicial or pecuniary interest, whether they will be exercising their right to speak under Public Question Time
5. A **Public Question Time** of up to fifteen minutes. Where it is not possible to give immediate answers, the answers will be given at the next Meeting or, if preferred, sent direct to the questioner.

Note: This Question Time is the only opportunity at which “Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.” (Standing Order 3e)

Each “member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.” (Standing Order 3g)

Members of the public are respectfully asked not to talk during the rest of the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman of the Council.

6. An opportunity for Councillors to respond to any matter raised during Public Question Time.
7. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 4th December 2023.
8. To receive an update on matters from previous Full Council meetings.
9. Financial Matters:
 - a) To approve the **Outstanding Purchase Orders** for 2023/24 to date report totalling £5,590.94 (exc. VAT) for December 23;
 - b) To approve the **Regular Monthly Payments** for December 23 totalling £1312.93 (inc VAT);
 - c) To approve the **Supplier BACS Invoices Paid** reports for December 2023 (totalling £52,489.91 inc. VAT);
 - d) To approve the **List of Sales Invoices & Bank Receipts** report for financial year to date totalling £339,628.86 (inc. VAT) for December 23;
 - e) To note the **Bank Reconciliations** to 14th December 2023;
 - f) To note **Budget Summary** for 2023/24 to date.
10. To note written reports and to receive any urgent updates from the council’s committees:
 - a) Amenities Committee (Chairman – SW);
 - b) Audit & Governance Committee (Chairman – GM);
 - c) Community Engagement Committee (Chairman – EL);
 - d) Finance & General Purposes Committee (Chairman – RM);
 - e) Major Events Committee (Chairman – EL);
 - f) Personnel Committee (Chairman – LD);
 - g) Planning & Licensing Committee (Chairman – GM).
11. Finance & General Purposes Committee:
 - a) To agree a recommended budget of £359,084.28 for the financial year 2024/25;
 - b) To agree a recommended precept of £275,899.29 for the financial year 2024/25.
12. To note written reports and to receive any urgent updates from the Parish Council Working Parties:
 - a) 20mph (Chairman – SW);
 - b) Conservative Hall (Chairman – RM);
 - c) Environmental Initiatives (Chairman – JG);
 - d) Flat (Chairman – SW);
 - e) Leases (Chairman – SW).
13. Conservative Hall Working Party:
 - a) To agree to disband the Conservative Hall Working Party at this time.
14. West Sussex County Council:
 - a) To receive a report from the West Sussex County Councillor representing East Preston (to last no longer than five minutes).
15. West Sussex County Council, Highways Maintenance:
 - a) To agree to a public proposal annual drainage works are included in the new Highways Maintenance contract.
16. Arun District Council:
 - a) To receive a report from the Arun District Councillors representing East Preston (to last no longer than ten minutes).
17. Sussex Police report:

- a) To note the monthly report.
- 18. Clerk's Report.
- 19. To note written reports from Members attending other meetings and events:
 - a) The Baytree Lunch Club, 15th December (DM).
- 20. To consider any matters covered by any of the reports in the above Agenda Item.
- 21. New items to be referred to the next meeting – 8th January at 18:30.

This meeting is open to the public. Where possible, members of the public are asked to be present five minutes before the start of the meeting.

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