EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10th June 2024 at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston at 19:00

PRESENT: Councillors Andrea Chapman, Lisa Duff, Helen Hill, Elizabeth Linton (Chairman), David Moore and Steve Toney

ALSO: Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross

The following abbreviations may appear in these Minutes:

ADC – Arun District Council;
EIWP – Environmental Initiatives Working Party;
KEPT – Keep East Preston Tidy
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 opened at 19:01.

Following the Annual Meeting of the Council on 13th May, the membership of the committee was Cllrs Chapman, Duff, Hill and Moore with one vacancy. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council respectively, Cllrs Toney and Linton were entitled to attend and vote at meetings of this committee.

In advance of the meeting the Clerk had written to all committee members, letting them know Cllr Linton had put herself forward for the role of Chairman. Cllr Duff put herself forward for the role of Vice-Chairman. No other councillors put themselves forward for either role. The meeting AGREED Cllr Hill could act as a second teller alongside the Clerk.

401/24 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/25

Cllr Linton was appointed unopposed.

Cllr Hill confirmed all six councillors present had voted.

402/24 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2024/25

Cllr Duff was appointed unopposed.

Cllr Hill confirmed all six councillors present had voted.

403/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were present.

404/24 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

405/24 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

406/24 2024 PLAYSCHEMES

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

2024 Playschemes

Committee is asked to review any matters relating to the playscheme held on 9th April.

The council engaged Sussex Forest Activities to run a half-day playscheme during the Easter holidays, on 9th April. Cllrs Chapman and Gunston attended on behalf of the council. A report has already been provided to Full Council.

I created a feedback survey, which three of the four households in attendance did complete. Results can be found at Appendix A below.

Committee is also asked to consider when next to offer a playscheme.

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The committee AGREED the playscheme had been a great event and the comments in the feedback survey confirmed this.

The committee AGREED to run a further playscheme, through Sussex Forest Activities, in the October half-term, preferably on a Hallowe'en theme.

407/24 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 13TH MAY 2024

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

Annual Parish Meeting, 13th May

Committee is asked to review any matters related to the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 13th May.

Following discussion at this committee, the meeting included a guest speaker from the Littlehampton RNLI station and drinks and nibbles with attending residents afterwards.

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The committee AGREED the meeting had been better for having a guest speaker and refreshment to draw in a bigger audience. The committee also AGREED it had been ok to have a shorter Annual Meeting of the Council on the same evening.

408/24 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, 31ST MAY TO 9TH JUNE 2024

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

East Preston Festival, 31st May to 9th June 2024

Committee is asked to review the council events in the 2024 Festival.

Come and Meet Your Local Councillors ran on the morning of 1st June, tying in with the Community Market event on the Village Green. This event will run from 10:00 until 12:00 and at least one officer will be present. All thirteen councillors appeared at some point during the event, and most took a turn at talking to residents.

Alongside the event, the council's Environmental Initiatives Working Party ran a stall, partly staffed by community volunteers, and did brisk business in talking to members of the public. For this reason, *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* looked busier than when it has run on a Thursday but I think the event hosted a similar number of residents to recent similar events.

In the knowledge, the Community Market is likely to be a shorter event next year, Cllr Gunston has asked this committee to consider running *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* as part of that event next year, actually being available on the Village Green. Providing drinks would be a problem, but cakes or biscuits could still be provided.

As before, where possible, the matters raised during the event will be collated, with answers, in the Summer 2024 Newsletter.

Dunreyth Alpacas visited the Village Green at 17:30 on Tuesday, 4th June, for ninety public minutes. The cost was £230 (£180 plus £50 mileage). Cllrs Chapman, Duff, Gunston, Linton, Mathias, Toney and Wilkinson attended. Cllrs Bowman, Bradshaw and Hill had given their apologies.

The council took part in the **Festival Carnival Parade on 8th June**, led by Cllr Duff.

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Come and Meet Your Local Councillors had felt busier but this had been a reflection of the Environmental Initiatives Working Party (EIWP) stall alongside. At the last Full Council meeting, Cllr Gunston had suggested the council consider having a stall at the Festival Community Fête and Charity Market on the same day next year. This would be on the Village Green and would attract a far greater footfall. The committee AGREED with this proposal and AGREED to ask councillors to Save the Date for 2025, Saturday, 7th June.

Alpacas on the Village Green had been a real hit, despite the gloomy weather. The Clerk reminded the committee, this had been the latest its series of Tuesday late-afternoon evenings every other year. Councillors suggested maybe a petting zoo would be popular or a reptile display. Cllr Linton questioned why this event could not happen annually and the Clerk replied staffing could be an issue. Councillors AGREED to investigate options for future offerings and to then discuss when those should take place.

The council's involvement in the Carnival Parade had also been successful, raising £80.79 for the RNLI, the Chairman's charity for this year. The committee thanked Cllr Duff for her organisation of the council's involvement.

The Clerk said the *Jazz in the Garden* event at Green Willow residential home, in Vicarage Lane, was a very successful midweek event during the Festival, but each year the council received complaints – both reactive and proactive – about traffic management during the event, which coincided with school pick-up time. Although not a council event, the committee AGREED the Clerk should write to the Festival Committee asking it to consider asking Green Willow to consider moving its event to a weekend date. The council would not want Green Willow not to run its popular event, but Cllrs Hill and Moore and the Clerk had all seen for themselves quite how chaotic the event made Vicarage Lane, even at the end of the event, by which time there would be no impact of school traffic.

409/24 ROUNDSTONE LEVEL CROSSING MEETING, 10TH JULY

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

Roundstone Level Crossing meeting, 10th July 2024

Committee is asked to whether to progress or postpone this meeting depending upon WSCC Highways involvement.

At the committee's last meeting, a new meeting date of 10th July was agreed.

The following day, I booked the hall at East Preston Junior School and sent invites to major stakeholders including the two most major, Network Rail and West Sussex County Council Highways. In my invite to the latter, I suggested to Michele Hulme, head officer at WSCC Highways, a ten-minute chat if that would help. No response.

Council has leant heavily on County Cllr Elkins to get an answer, any answer, out of WSCC Highways, just so we can decide whether or not to progress or postpone the meeting. One of the village's keyboard warriors has started to rattle his sabre on social media, accusing the council of not trying hard enough to secure WSCC Highways representation. Before the Full Council meeting on 3rd June, I asked Cllr Elkins whether he wanted me to push WSCC Highways again for an answer. He said there were things going on within Highways and to leave it to him. He would let me know later this week if there was action he needed me to take.

Network Rail, Stagecoach South, Angmering, Rustington and Kingston parish councils, Sussex Community Rail Partnership, Sir Peter Bottomley and Sussex Police have all acknowledged the invite positively.

Committee is also asked to consider any other matters relating to a public meeting on the subject of the Roundstone Level Crossing.

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After the Supporting Papers for the meeting had been issued, County Cllr Elkins had contacted the council, "You will be pleased to hear that I have arranged for Joy Dennis to attend. So I am sure you will be getting confirmation. We need to discuss the meeting format to get the best outcome as it appears it might be different to the last meeting."

On the morning of the meeting, Cllr Elkins had had a long discussion with the Clerk about the format of the meeting, agreeing the Clerk would send the same details to Cllr Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Reminding Cllr Elkins this council would be agreeing whether to pursue or postpone this meeting, the Clerk asked whether Cllr Dennis's attendance was now guaranteed, or indeed that of anyone from WSCC Highways (WSH). Cllr Elkins had replied the Clerk should check for himself, despite what had been written only three days earlier.

In light of this, the committee AGREED it could not decide yet, but was prepared to wait a few days more. The committee AGREED the Clerk should write directly to Cllr Dennis asking her to confirm which he said he could do when sending her the details of the meeting.

Cllrs Linton, Hill, Duff and Chapman said they were happy to be a working group to agree the format of the meeting and to plan the logistics.

The meeting AGREED with Cllr Toney's suggestion the council contracted a professional facilitator to chair the meeting. Cllr Toney said ADC had one they had been using recently.

410/24 PRESCHOOL PICNIC, 12TH JULY

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

Pre-school picnic

Committee is asked to consider any matters relating to hosting a preschool picnic in the village.

Cllr Duff is lead councillor on this event.

East Preston Village Preschool has responded positively to the suggestion, but Happy Days has not responded at all.

East Preston Village Preschool has proposed a date of 12th July, close to the end of term. It has asked the council to supply some soft play equipment. I am concerned providing such equipment, as opposed to refreshments and entertainment on the day, could be seen by other suppliers in the village as giving the preschool a financial advantage. Here are some examples of soft play equipment:

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Cllr Duff reported on her meeting with the East Preston Village Preschool and explained the £242 softplay equipment requested. The council had still not heard from Carol at Happy Days, four months after the original invite had been issued – the Clerk would email again.

The only cricket fixture on 12th July was an U13 Colts match starting at 17:30. The picnic should be all over in plenty of time.

The committee accepted the Clerk's concerns about spending money on equipment and AGREED to spend up to a similar amount on anything Happy Days asked for if Carol came back wanting to include Happy Days in the event.

Cllrs Chapman and Duff said they would attend on the day.

411/24 MERCHANT NAVY DAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

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

Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2024

Committee is asked to agree whether to run an event and the format of that event.

Council has participated in Merchant Navy Day for several years now. This year, 3rd September falls on a Tuesday.

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Cllr Moore AGREED to contact Bryan Osbourne to ask him to attend. Cllr Moore also AGREED to play some music before and after the flag-raising. Cllr Linton AGREED to recite some words.

412/24 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER

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

Emergency Services Day, 9th September 2024

Committee is asked to agree whether to run an event and the format of that event.

Council has participated in Emergency Services Day a couple of times now. This year, 9th September falls on a Monday.

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The committee AGREED just to raise the Emergency Services flag discreetly on the day.

413/24 CLASSIC CAR MEET

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

Classic Car Meet

Committee is asked to receive any update on the proposal to host a Classic Car Meet sometime in 2024.

Previously, Cllr Toney confirmed Southern Classics was keen to run a show in East Preston and would be in touch once its diary for 2024 was more fully-fledged.

Additionally, Steve Hodgson has now been in touch with the council about possibly running a Classic Car Show on the Village Green in early August. He felt both shows would be able to take place without being in competition with each other.

The council's officers are unaware of any developments on either of these events.

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Cllr Toney said the man from Southern Classics had asked for a slot in 2025, and we could choose the date. The committee AGREED to offer him any Sunday in September 2025.

The Clerk said the Council Office had yet to receive some of the right paperwork from Steve Hodgson but had been approached by a local publican who was working on the event with Steve, which suggested Steve was still planning an event.

The Clerk also reported the council had been approached by a resident wanting to host a supercar show on the Village Green this year. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had met the resident and suggested it was too short notice for this year, and had suggested the event be held as a pre-Festival event in 2025; the resident had liked this idea.

414/24 TENNIS COACHING ON THE WARREN RECREATION GROUND

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

Tennis coaching, June and July 2024

Committee is asked to consider any matters related to this year's free tennis coaching on the Warren Recreation Ground.

The council started to office free tennis coaching sessions, in conjunction with Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, back in 2017. The sessions, initially four a year now down to three a year, have been variably successful, at one point getting up to eight simultaneous participants. These sessions have not recovered post-pandemic though, and Cllr Linton and

I, with input from the tennis club, agreed not to run these sessions this year. Committee is also asked to think about how it can increase the appeal of the sessions which fit neatly into the council's wellbeing agenda.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council** 5th June 2024

Cllr Linton noted Andrew Cook was offering coaching to any parent of any junior member of the club. The committee AGREED to think of ways to encourage greater participation in council tennis coaching sessions in 2025.

415/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March had been circulated to all members on 19th March asking for suggested amendments by 26th March. No changes had been suggested.

The committee AGREED unanimously the Minutes could be signed as a true record of the meeting which had taken place on 18th March and Cllr Linton duly completed this task.

416/24 UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Minute 798/23 – Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Clock – the plaque and mounting post have been installed:

The wording on the plaque is:

This clock was commissioned in honour of
Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

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East Preston in Bloom has agreed to maintain the planters around the base of the clock and have already replaced the small conifers with the flowers visible above.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council** 12th March 2024

The committee AGREED its thanks to East Preston in Bloom for adopting and improving the planting around the base of the clock.

Minute 228/24 – D-Day, 6th June – Cllr Toney said he had been disappointed by the British Legion's contribution to actual D-Day. The council had flown the D-Day 80th Anniversary flag for the whole of the Festival week, i.e. 31st May to 9th June, and had let the Legion know it would be doing so, on the understanding the Legion would choose how to mark D-Day at the war memorial. A very small number of Legion members had attended the war memorial, but this had not been as widely publicised as it could have been.

417/24 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee AGREED unanimously to agree to the proposed Terms of Reference for the committee. These will form v6 of the committee's Terms of Reference.

418/24 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Christmas Lighting

Committee is asked to consider usage of the council's Christmas snowman.

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.
The "Snowman with Hat Photo Op" purchased by the committee arrived at the Council Office on 6th March. The committee does need to consider what it will do with the snowman now. For example, **where will be the safest place to display the snowman? What safety measures we will need to implement? How can we reduce the risk of the snowman being vandalised?**

Cllr Linton has approached One-Stop with a view to locating the snowman in the vicinity of One-Stop so One-Stop could bring the snowman in at the end of the business day, much as Sainsbury's has done with the large seagull in Littlehampton High Street.

Committee is asked to receive any updates on the village's Christmas lighting.

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.

Dawn is in touch with Enerveo about the infrastructure needs of additional tree lights at the northern shops and on Two Acres and is trying to arrange a site meeting. Dawn has also been in touch with a company used by Rustington PC, has met a representative and is chasing a quotation from him.

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Cllr Linton said she needed to pay a return visit to One Stop. Other committee members were concerned no staff from any organisation were likely to want to be lugging the snowman in and out of a business twice a day. Cllr Toney confirmed the snowman was very heavy. Would it even fit in and out of One Stop's doors. After some discussion of alternative arrangements, it was AGREED the council should approach the library about it homing the snowman INSIDE for the pre-Christmas period. If the library agreed, Cllr Chapman would be happy to help decorate around the snowman.

There was no further update on the provision of additional string lighting in the northern shops or in Two Acres.

419/24 VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

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

Village bus

Committee is asked to consider the future of the village bus service.

Cllr Linton is the lead on this project.

At the Full Council meeting on 8th April, the council "**RESOLVED** to fund the village bus service for an additional three months, from 1st June to 31st August." (Minute 257/24, Resolution 1841)

The council has made residents aware of this via an article in the Spring 2024 Newsletter. Unfortunately, this article upset Mr Chatfield, Chief Executive of Compass Travel, as the article says the No. 12 will stop running when Mr Chatfield says he has not said that. Cllr Linton and I both feel the article is realistic and have offered Mr Chatfield the chance to provide a statement which we will consider publishing somewhere.

At the time of writing, there are no new proposals to consider. Rustington PC is investigating community transport options, and Cllr Hill is representing this council at the AGM of Arun Community Transport on 19th June.

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Cllr Linton reported the Chief Executive of Compass Travel, Chris Chatfield, had been upset at the article the council had published about the end of the No. 12 service in its Spring 2024 Newsletter, although she stood by the wording of the article. Mr Chatfield was still positively hopeful new additional funding could be sourced which would enable the bus service to continue for longer. The Clerk had asked Mr Chatfield for a statement which the council would consider publishing.

420/24 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2024

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

Newsletter – Summer 2024

Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 71, Summer 2024.

Please start thinking about articles for No. 71, Summer 2024 issue, to be published at the very end of July. The Summer edition usually promotes the Food & Drink Festival and carries responses to matters raised during *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors*.

Other ideas for articles: Conservative Hall update, bus update, Neighbourhood Plan update, how to dispose of batteries safely (JG), Women in Wheels, possibly a piece about Alan Hultquist and DAG, and the usual Thanks and diary article.

Committee may also wish to discuss whether to move to sole distribution for future newsletters.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council** 5th June 2024

Cllr Linton AGREED to write a review of the Big D-Day Lunch event. Cllr Duff reminded the committee, she has an updated version of her Wellbeing article which could be included if there was space. Cllr Chapman suggested an article on Jane Chaffer and the *dizzy* shop. The committee AGREED to include a version of the Littlehampton Gazette article on the late Alan Hultquist who had still been the chairman of the Disability Action Group at the time of his demise.

421/24 ***AN INTRODUCTION TO EAST PRESTON* MAP**

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

***An Introduction to East Preston* map**

Committee is asked to review feedback on the council's visitors' map of the village

Cllr Gunston is the lead councillor on this initiative.

The map has been available for several weeks now and the feedback has been very positive. Looking at YouTube stats, there is evidence holders of the map are using the QR codes to link to Cllr Bradshaw's short videos about properties referenced in the map.

For the time being, nothing further needs to be said about this map.

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Cllr Gunston had provided the additional written commentary:

> Map initiative came from the EIWP and was put together with help from local historians Richard Standing, Dorothy and Jimmy Lee and Sioned Vos. Drawings by Liz Vrondissis, design by Mandy Armstrong (ADC) and films by Cllr Bradshaw made this a real team effort. Thanks to the EIWP group for doing a test walk with me, Cllr Linton for making some useful suggestions and to Simon for helping to put the whole thing together.

The committee AGREED the map had been a success and this no longer needed to be on the Agenda for future meetings.

422/24 **2025 EAST PRESTON CALENDAR**

Cllrs Chapman and Duff, lead councillors on the project, had contacted Angmering School and would be providing the photography students with a project they could undertake during the summer holidays. The Clerk suggested one or both councillors might be better placed meeting the students in person and introducing the project; this would be investigated.

It may also be possible to approach the winners of the recent Festival photographic competition.

The committee AGREED to aim to have the calendar ready by September.

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting and covers the next two Minutes:

Community Speed Watch

Committee is asked to receive any update from the 20MPH Working Party.

As reported to Full Council, WSCC Highways finally rejected the council's proposed 20mph limit for Sea Road up to the junction of North Lane and Lashmar Road. The council has appealed this decision, although it is not known whether or not there is an appeals process in place (although I asked about that several weeks ago.)

Committee is asked to receive an update on the decision to purchase Speed Indication Devices.

No change, i.e. following the meeting mentioned above, it is possible some of the money being set aside for Speed Indication Devices may need to be diverted to help persuade WSCC to implement the 20mph limit in Sea Road.

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423/24 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – 20MPH WORKING PARTY

The Clerk said there was nothing further from WSCC Highways. The council had a number of matters currently outstanding with WSCC Highways, and he did not want to push this council's luck by pushing this whilst others (i.e. attendance at the Roundstone Level Crossing meeting) was still unconfirmed.

424/24 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

There was nothing to add, as any further progress on this would depend upon the outcome of the above Minute.

425/24 ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WORKING PARTY

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Environmental Initiatives Working Party (EIWP)

Committee is asked to consider whether the EIWP should have a stall at the Food & Drink Festival on 24th August.

Cllr Gunston is Chairman of the Environmental Initiatives Working Party, but no longer a member of this committee; Cllrs Chapman, Duff and Hill are all members of the Environmental Initiatives Working Party.

Noting the success of the EIWP stall alongside the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event on 1st June, Cllr Linton suggested the EIWP may also want to have a stall at the East Preston Food & Drink Festival on 24th August. It was agreed this matter should be considered at this meeting.

At the time this was suggested, I did raise the concern the Food & Drink Festival is a social event and perhaps not appropriate for an EIWP stall. Alison has added she currently has no obvious space in which such a stall could be located and also, in the past, we have turned down businesses wanting a stall if they have not met the Food & Drink criteria – for example, a travel agent and a pottery supplier. Alison believes one such company is likely to attend the Food & Drink Festival and would complain about the EIWP being allowed a stall. That is just the office view just to help the committee with its deliberations.

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Cllr Linton explained why she had suggested this at the Full Council meeting, i.e. the need for the REACH (Renewable Energy Access for Communities and Households) project to attract a certain number of interested people before a certain date. Cllr Gunston had later advised Cllr Linton that currently there was neither a set number needed nor a set date. Cllr Gunston has suggested some advice the working party could give out at the Food & Drink Festival. The Clerk pointed out none of the suggestions made by Cllr Gunston were related to REACH. Some councillors expressed their concerns the Food & Drink Festival should be purely a social event without the council actively talking shop. Cllr Chapman said there were other opportunities for EIWP messages to be promoted to the community, for example at Repair Café sessions. [Clerk's Note: West Sussex Recycles was already booked to attend the Repair Café session on 14th September to promote recycling within the county.]

The committee AGREED not to have an EIWP stall at the Food & Drink Festival.

426/24 REPAIR CAFÉ

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Repair Café

Committee is asked to consider any matters related to the East Preston Repair Café.

Cllrs Gunston and Hill are leading on this event. The first session took place on 15th May and was universally considered a success. More items were repaired than not, and all volunteers are more than happy to continue.

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The committee AGREED the initiative had got off to a good start and thanked Cllrs Hill and Gunston for their work to date. Cllr Toney asked whether it might be possible for the Repair Café to move into the Men in Sheds cabin, once that was fully operational. The Clerk said he thought the shed would be too small once it was kitted out, and Cllr Hill said she understood the Men were hoping to concentrate more on constructing from scratch rather than repairing, at least initially. She and Cllr Gunston would be looking out for Repair Café items it might be possible to pass on to the Men.

427/24 DEFIBRILLATOR

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

***Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* - defibrillator**

Committee is asked to continue consideration of the provision of another defibrillator in the village.

Cllr Linton called in at Hares, thank you, and spoke to Rob the Service Manager. Rob was interested enough to agree to me sending him an email, but I have heard nothing in response to the email I sent on 25th March.

No known response from the Fire & Rescue Service to having an externally-mounted defib at the fire station.

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Cllr Linton said she would revisit Hares in due course. Cllr Toney said he had no further feedback from the Fire & Rescue Service.

The Clerk reminded the committee, Cllrs Gale and Wilkinson were both keen for the council to provide blood kits in the village; these were useful for incidents involving a loss of blood. Cllr Linton said the recent Sussex Police presentation to the council had shown only one local case of possession of a weapon let alone any stabbings. Cllr Toney felt the only place a blood kit might be needed in the village would be near the beach. Committee members AGREED they would research such kits.

428/24 *EAST PRESTON OFFICIAL GUIDE AND MAP*

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Official Guide and Map

Committee is asked to continue consideration of the publication of the next edition.

The current edition of the *East Preston Official Guide and Map* is dated 2022-2024, one year longer than previous editions. As it is now 2024 though, we need to start thinking about what we want to do about a 2025 onwards edition.

The guide is published for us by Local Authority Publishing, the costs being covered by advertising. For a full range of the company's current publications, please visit https://www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/flip_guides/library.html.

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Committee members admitted they had not looked at the publisher's other guides for ideas, but AGREED they would now do so.

429/24 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 any wellbeing projects, Warm Welcome Space 2025 and the WSCC Library Service centenary.

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.

I have let the Library Service know this council is willing to support any Library Service centenary initiatives, but have heard nothing further yet.

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Nothing was added.

430/24 NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (22ND JULY)

Nothing was suggested.

The Meeting closed at 20:28.

Chairman: Cllr Elizabeth Linton Date: **22nd July 2024**

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Appendix A

2024 Playschemes

Committee is asked to review any matters relating to the playscheme held on 9th April.

East Preston playscheme, 9th April 2024 - feedback

1. Overall, did you and your child(ren) enjoy the playscheme on Tuesday, 9th April?

	Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	3

1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Very much. Was so lovely to get out them out on such a blustery day.
2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Yes, we all thoroughly enjoyed the session.
3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Yes indeed.

2. What did your child(ren) enjoy most about the event?

	Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	3

1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	The free kite. It flew so beautifully. So much joy
2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	They loved the kites (and the marshmallows)!
3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	The kite flying, roasting marshmellows, and being engagaed with the lovely people there.

3. As an adult, what did you enjoy most about the event?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Ideas of what to do with my lads outside	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	That the session was so practical and that the children could be very independent in the activity.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Relaxing atmosphere, friendly forest school teacher(Sam), other friendly staffs there (John, Andrea etc.) -- we had lovely chat about forest schooling/ bats/ local enviroment issue etc. And roast marshmellows of course. Love the firepit -- activities we can do on a windy day.	

4. Are there elements of the event you think we could have done better or differently? If you would like us to respond to your comments, please leave your email address.

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	I thought it was brilliant. Can't think of anything to improve	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	No, we were very happy with the event. I would have been happy to pay towards the costs of putting the event on.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Possibly can prepare more activities? It's a shame the weather wasn't good enough for us to go to the woods, or it would be fantastic. If possible, a plan B for indoor nature activity (just in case for a bad weather day) would be nice, to enrich the session.	

5. How did you find out about the event, and how easy did you find it to book?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Parish Council newsletter	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Found out through Harri who also attended.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Eventbrite Easy to book, hope I can get notification for your next event :)	

6. Did you have all the information you needed ahead of the event? If not, what other information would you have liked? If you would like us to respond to your comments, please leave your email address.

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Yes, was great to be emailed in advance with all the info needed.	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Yes, although I would have preferred being able to find out about previous events through something like website/Facebook. Had we not been invited by friends I probably wouldn't have signed up without an idea or what was included.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Would love to have more details -- what activities we are expecting etc.	

7. This was the first playscheme we have not charged for. Do you have any thoughts on this?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Would have been more than happy to pay £5 per child. Well worth it, especially getting a free kite!	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	As it was the first playscheme I have attended, the free tickets encouraged me to try it and I thought it was very generous and was very grateful for an activity that didn't cost. However, I would have happily contributed towards the cost and would be more than happy to pay for future events.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	This is brilliant, have recommend to my friends too, happy to make some donation for the next event.	

8. Would you attend similar events in the future?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	3
	1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Definitely	
	2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Yes.	
	3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	Yes	

9. If you are not already on East Preston Parish Council's e-mailing list, would you be happy for us to contact you about other events we think may be of interest to you and your child(ren)? If so, please leave your preferred email address.			
Answer Choices		**Response Percent**	**Response Total**
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	3
1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	Already get it, thanks.	
2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Yes please - [redacted]	
3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	[redacted]	

10. Finally, is there anything else you would like to tell us about your playscheme experience? Thank you.			
Answer Choices		**Response Percent**	**Response Total**
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	3
1	10/04/2024 09:23 AM ID: 242010664	We love it so much	
2	11/04/2024 22:02 PM ID: 242142896	Thank you so much for organising such a fun event. It has definitely been a highlight of the Easter holidays for my children.	
3	15/04/2024 11:37 AM ID: 242290571	The people there were very nice, thanks for the lovely event :) I'm happy to be involved in these sort of events if my schedule allows, as I do nature related work and often do nature themed activities with kids too.	