



EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

From: Simon Cross Clerk to the Council

24th February 2025

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, 3rd March 2025** at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston commencing at **18.30**.

The Public has the right to attend; however, numbers are 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 representatives of Ian Hart Funeral Services Ltd. regarding the future of the Conservative Hall.
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 3rd February.
8. To receive an update on matters from previous Full Council meetings.
9. Financial Matters:
 - a) To note **Outstanding Purchase Orders** for 2024/25 to date report totalling £1,530.00 (exc. VAT) for February 2025;
 - b) To approve the **Regular Monthly Payments** for February 2025 totalling £903.40 (inc. VAT);
 - c) To approve the **Supplier BACS Invoices Paid** reports for February 2025 totalling £22,000.87 (inc. VAT);
 - d) To approve the **List of Sales Invoices & Bank Receipts** report for financial year to date totalling £387,748.56 (inc. VAT) for February 2025;
 - e) To note the **Bank Reconciliations** to 14th February 2025;
 - f) To note **Budget Summary** for 2024/25 to date including EMRs.
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 – CB).
11. Amenities Committee:
 - a) To agree to set aside up to £40,000 for the provision of replacement outdoor gym equipment on the Warren Recreation Ground;
 - b) To agree to spend up to £2,500 on the provision of four replacement bollards at the Village Green car-park.
12. Community Engagement Committee:
 - a) To agree this council should respond to the government consultation, *Sussex and Brighton devolution*;
 - b) To agree this council should respond to the government consultation, *A railway fit for Britain’s future*.
13. Finance & General Purposes Committee:
 - a) To agree this council should nominate itself to be a participant in discussions concerning the future of local councils after devolution.
14. To note written reports and to receive any urgent updates from the Parish Council Working Parties:
 - a) 20mph (Chairman – SW);
 - b) Environmental Initiatives (Chairman – JG);
 - c) Flat and Frontage (Chairman – SW);
 - d) Leases (Chairman – SW).
15. 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);
 - b) To agree to support residents further in their campaign to increase parking restrictions in Sea Road;

- c) to consider an offer to install electric vehicle charging points in the Village Green car-park.
- 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 any monthly report.
- 18. Clerk's Report.
- 19. To note (written) reports from Members attending other meetings and events:
 - a) Southern Water *Your Water Matters*, 12th February (JG);
 - b) Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur – *Meet The Charity 25th Anniversary Lunch*, 13th February (AC).
- 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 – 7th April 2025.

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.

In case of emergency, lead Fire Warden for this meeting is Cllr Toney, supported by Cllrs Duff, Gunston and Linton and the Clerk.

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