



# EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

From: Simon Cross      Clerk to the Council

30<sup>th</sup> September 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, 6<sup>th</sup> October 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**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Introductions.
2. To observe a minute's silence in memory of Reverend Andrew Perry, vicar of St Mary the Virgin, 2017 to 2025.
3. 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).
4. To receive a presentation from Kirstie Thomas, CEO of 4SIGHT Sussex.
5. Apologies for Absence.
6. 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

7. 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.

8. An opportunity for Councillors to respond to any matter raised during Public Question Time.

9. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

10. To receive an update on matters from previous Full Council meetings.

11. Financial Matters:

- a) To note **Outstanding Purchase Orders** for 2025/26 to date report totalling £2,361.38 (exc. VAT) for Sep 2025;
- b) To approve the **Regular Monthly Payments** for Sep 2025 totalling £400.84 (inc. VAT);
- c) To approve the **Supplier BACS Invoices Paid** reports for Sep 2025 totalling £40,395.51 (inc. VAT);
- d) To approve the **List of Sales Invoices & Bank Receipts** report totalling £145,550.05 (inc. VAT) for Sep 2025 (Year to Date £319,627.38);
- e) To note the **Bank Reconciliations** to 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025;
- f) To note **Budget Summary** for 2025/26 to date including EMRs.

12. 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).

13. Amenities Committee:

- a) To agree to the council sponsoring a mediation exercise related to the playing of cricket on the Warren Recreation Ground;
- b) To agree to additional expenditure of £2,000 to replace the floor panels of the multi-play unit.

14. Planning & Licensing Committee:

- a) To agree to progress the draft revised East Preston Neighbourhood Plan to Regulation 15, submission to Arun District Council.

15. To note written reports and to receive any urgent updates from the Parish Council Working Parties:

- a) 20mph (Chairman – SW);
- b) Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (Chairman – JG);
- c) Flat and Frontage (Chairman – SW);
- d) Leases (Chairman – SW).

16. Arun District Council:

- a) To receive a report from the Arun District Councillors representing East Preston (to last no longer than ten minutes);
- b) To consider any influence this council could have over the future of the Mill Pond Way play area;
- c) To consider correspondence relating to the setting of Arun District Council’s council tax base in future (Keira Stevenson email).

17. Warren Recreation Ground:
  - a) To note the draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September.
18. Sussex Police report:
  - a) To note any monthly report.
19. Clerk's Report.
20. To note (written) reports from Members attending other meetings and events:
  - a) Mulberry Local Authority Services, Governance Assertion 10 training, 5<sup>th</sup> September (JG);
  - b) ADC Western Sussex Rivers Trust event, 10<sup>th</sup> September (JG);
  - c) Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester AGM, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (JG);
  - d) Visits to Greenleas and Ayton House, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September (KB and DM);
  - e) Beccy Cooper MP public meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> September (JG).
21. To consider any matters covered by any of the reports in the above Agenda Item.
22. New items to be referred to the next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.
23. To resolve to exclude the press and public from the rest of the meeting.
24. To consider any matters relating to the purchase of 118-120 Sea Road, East Preston:
  - a) to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for borrowing approval for a loan of £250,000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the purchase of 118-120 Sea Road, East Preston, BN16 1NN. The annual loan repayments will come to around £32,000;
  - b) to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 6% which is the equivalent of an addition £5.72 a year (for a Band D property). This will be subject to a precept increase consultation;
  - c) To agree to Cllrs Toney and Linton being official signatories for transactions related to this purchase.

***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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