



EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

From: Simon Cross Clerk to the Council

23rd December 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, 5th January 2026** at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston commencing at **19:00**.

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. Apologies for Absence.
3. 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

4. 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.

5. An opportunity for Councillors to respond to any matter raised during Public Question Time.
6. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 1st December 2025.
7. To receive an update on matters from previous Full Council meetings.
8. Financial Matters:
 - a) To note **Outstanding Purchase Orders** for 2025/26 to date report totalling £3,413.21 (exc. VAT) for Dec 2025;
 - b) To approve the **Regular Monthly Payments** for Dec 2025 totalling £917.46 (inc. VAT);
 - c) To approve the **Supplier BACS Invoices Paid** reports for Dec 2025 totalling £35,721.59 (inc. VAT);
 - d) To approve the **List of Sales Invoices & Bank Receipts** report totalling £252,933.67 (inc. VAT) for Dec 2025 (Year to Date £581,260.95);
 - e) To note the **Bank Reconciliations** to 12th Dec 2025;
 - f) To note **Budget Summary** for 2025/26 to date including EMRs.
9. 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).
10. Finance & General Purposes Committee:
 - a) To agree a recommendation to set a budget of £538,478 for the 2026/27 financial year;
 - b) To agree a recommendation to increase the Band D precept to £104.15 for the 2026/27 financial year.
11. Amenities Committee:
 - a) To agree to lease the East Preston allotments site from Arun District Council.
12. Audit & Governance Committee:
 - a) To adopt an Artificial Intelligence Policy for the council.
13. To note written reports and to receive any urgent updates from the Parish Council Working Parties:
 - a) 20mph (Chairman – SW);
 - b) Flat and Frontage (Chairman – SW);
 - c) Leases (Chairman – SW).
14. Correspondence:
 - a) To consider a request for car-club spaces in the village.
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 consider a response to the West Sussex County Council consultation on 2027/28 Schools Admission Arrangements.
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 a response to a consultation on ADC’s Public Spaces Protection Order.
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) Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice AGM, 8th December (JG);
 - b) East Preston Repair Café, 13th December (JG);
 - c) Dr Beccy Cooper MP Housing Development meeting, 13th December (EL).
- 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 – 2nd February 2026.
- 22. To resolve to exclude the press and public from the rest of the meeting.
- 23. To consider any matters relating to the purchase of 118-120 Sea Road, East Preston.

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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