

**MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL**

**2ND MARCH 2026
at 19:00**

SUPPORTING PAPERS

Please note not every Agenda Item will have a supporting paper.

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Agenda Item 6

**Minutes of the Monthly Full Council meeting,
2nd February 2026**

The draft Minutes were circulated to all councillors on 3rd February, asking for suggested amendments by 10th February. None were received.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

11th February 2026

Agenda Item 7

Monthly Update Report

1. **Introduction**
2. **Minute 068/26 – Home-Start Arun, Worthing and Adur**
3. **Minute 071/26 – Public Session – Stagecoach South**

1. **Introduction**

This is the report covering items discussed during Full Council meetings up to and including the meeting held on 2nd February 2026.

2. **Minute 068/26 – Home-Start Arun, Worthing and Adur**

On the morning after the February meeting, I wrote to Vince Mewett to thank him for having attended the meeting. He replied, “Thank you for your email it was a pleasure and I’m glad it was informative.”

3. **Minute 071/26 – Public Session – Stagecoach South**

I wrote to James O’Neill, Stagecoach South Commercial Director, on the morning after the last meeting, asking him questions based upon Peter Galloway’s comments at the meeting.

James replied on 11th February, as follows:

Hi Simon,

Thanks for your email, I hope all is well with you.

I'm pleased to confirm that work is well underway to improve the bus stop case information/flags etc round the village on the 11 route. We've added a few new cases where there were gaps; the WSCC team is also still reviewing and replacing stops more widely around the region with brand new posts including real-time information screens. Whilst that won't mean every stop in East Preston will be changed, it does mean more stops moving over to the new standards and overall a much better image at the roadside.

There's not usually a formal limit for time spent at a bus stop. We don't want to schedule excess time, for obvious reasons, but the 11 needs some slack to cater for railway gates being open or closed at Roundstone and Ferring.

Re fares, we do still offer a through ticket on Coastliner 700/701 although at some stage this will be phased out - not least because, when we can offer tap-on/off payment at some point within the next few years, a linked journey isn't really possible as everything will instead fall under a maximum Day cap. The through ticket saw a boom in popularity under the £2 fare cap because it undercut a Day ticket for the first time. Numbers have dropped a little with the change to a £3 fare cap and we'd expect them to fall away again at the point the fare cap ends (currently expected in April 2027). There isn't a plan to include the 11 in the Coastliner through ticket, because we'd immediately have calls for other routes like the 5, 9 and 10 to be included too - so we have to draw a line somewhere. As a partial mitigation we did introduce a Littlehampton local ticket last Easter, which has reduced the cost of some journeys, albeit not those beyond Worthing.

The daytime 11 is reasonably okay at the moment, but it does carry a high number of concessionary passengers which means revenue is challenging (the reimbursement we get has never been enough to properly pay the running costs of a bus service). The evening trips are extremely quiet as are a couple of the early morning buses. These may yet be subject to change at the next timetable review, although there's no commitment either way on that just yet.

I hope that all makes sense.

Thanks,

James

Meanwhile, on around about the 12th or 13th February, a number of new timetables appeared on bus stops where there had not previously been a timetable.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

23rd February 2026

Agenda Item 9

Committees

Since the last Full Council meeting the following committees have met: Amenities, Finance & General Purposes, Major Events, Personnel and Planning & Licensing. Draft Minutes from all but the Personnel Committee meeting have been circulated to all councillors. Those from the Personnel will only be circulated to members of that committee.

Agenda Item 9a

Amenities Committee

Cllr Wilkinson is chairman of this committee.

The committee met on 9th February.

Warren Recreation Ground Tennis Court – The committee received a request from Arun Pickleball Club, to consider facilitating the playing of Pickleball at the Warren Recreation Ground Tennis Court. The club gave a presentation at the meeting which outlined the benefits of the sport to the community. The committee raised its concerns relating to Pickleball noise levels and the impact this would have on residents. The committee agreed not to allow this request and suggested the club consider the multi-use games area (MUGA) at Lashmar Recreation Ground.

Warren Recreation Ground south western boundary – The grounds contractor has completed the south western corner improvement work. The area has been cleared, levelled, shrubs planted and new mulch laid. The contractor said the area should be starting to look its best by Mid-Summer.

Sea Road Public Toilets – The committee has changed the opening times for the public toilets to fall in line with Arun District Council opening times. The toilets new opening times are, Summer (1 May to 30 September) - 8am to 7pm, 7 days a week and Winter (1 October - 30 April) - 8am to 5pm, 7 days a week.

Public Seating – As a part of the committee’s ‘five-year bench plan’ to replace older wooden benches with new composite benches. The committee has replaced the bench on the grass verge by the junction of The Street and Sea Lane.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 18th May 2026.

Agenda Item 9b

Audit & Governance Committee

Cllr Mathias is chairman of this committee.

The committee did not meet in January.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 9th March. Councillors are asked to let me know if there is anything they believe should be on the agenda for this meeting.

Agenda Item 9c

Community Engagement Committee

Cllr Linton is the chairman of this committee.

The committee did not meet in February.

Some updates:

Warm Welcome Space 2026 – average attendance at the sessions held so far has increased from 21 last month to 23. Our thanks to all community volunteers who have helped so far this year: Chris and Valerie, John, Naomi, Linda and Mark. Alison, Dawn and I have all taken a turn at helping out too when the number of attendees booked has been high.

Youth Provision – on 26th February, Cllr Chapman and I are attending the next meeting with Angmering and Rustington Parish Councils looking at what is available for local youth and what local youth would like. I have followed up on this council's action to liaise with the publisher of *All About* magazine about a youth-targeted version, and that will be discussed further, I'm sure.

Newsletter No. 77, Winter 2026 – Cllr Linton, on behalf of the editorial team, signed off this newsletter on 9th February. Thanks to Cllr Bowman for producing an article on dog-walking etiquette at short notice after the council's last meeting. The Spring 2026 newsletter is scheduled for publication in May – please let Cllr Linton or me know of any ideas for articles.

Mya de Hoedt, upon seeing the article of which she is the subject, wrote in, "Thank you so much! This is amazing and such an honour. I cannot wait to show the kids ❤️"

Beach Clean, 29th March – I am in discussion with a lead member of KEPT (Keep East Preston Tidy) about how this event will run between the two organisations.

The committee's next meeting will be on 23rd March.

Agenda Item 9d

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr McElroy is the chairman of this committee.

The committee met on 16th February; Cllr Gunston chaired the meeting in Cllr McElroy's absence.

Amongst the matters considered:

Warren Recreation Ground mediation exercise – the committee agreed to set aside a maximum of £1,000 for up to three further two-hour sessions.

Three-year grants – inspired by last month’s Home-Start Arun, Worthing and Adur talk, the committee agreed awarding three-year grants could be beneficial for some organisations. The committee will give this further thought when it considers those organisations which have applied for Grant Aid funding in the new financial year.

Earmarked reserves – the committee reviewed all of the council’s current earmarked reserves and agreed some deletions.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 12th May.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

17th February 2026

Agenda Item 9e

Major Events Committee

Cllr Linton is Chairman of the committee.

The committee met on 16th February.

Amongst the matters considered:

East Preston Christmas Celebrations, 21st November – the committee continued to work upon its plans for a revamped Christmas Celebrations event, which will come with a new name in due course. An earmarked reserve has been created for this event and from that, the council will hire a marquee to cover the Village Hall car-park, pending agreement with the Village Hall committee. The event will run from 11:00 to 16:00 rather than 12:00 to 17:00.

Cllr Bowman will liaise with local businesses in the northern shops to consider the possibility of setting up a children’s area.

One of the next steps will be for committee members to meet with Alison in the office to work out the optimum layout for stalls both inside and outside the Village Hall.

Funday Sunday, 19th April – the event has been publicised in the Winter 2026 newsletter and is effectively on sale from now.

East Preston Food & Drink Festival, 29th August – the committee had no concerns about this event progressing to plan.

Autumn bingo, October 2026 – the committee agreed to a date of 4th October for this event. The bingo will be led by one Simon Tooley and the event will be held at East Preston Junior School. Mr Tooley has provided a lot of relevant information which the committee will consider before its next meeting.

The hall at the Junior School has been booked for 12:00 to 18:00 at a cost of £90.

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November – as mentioned in the committee’s report to the February Full Council meeting (Minute 077/26), the Legion can no longer arrange or pay for the road closure parts of the event. The committee agreed unanimously it would now arrange and pay for the road closures and oversee the marshalling of the parade. Any councillor wishing to be a marshal on the morning of 8th November should let me know as soon as they can.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 20th April.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

23rd February 2026

Agenda Item 9f

Personnel Committee

Cllr Duff is the chairman of this committee.

The committee held an extra meeting on 23rd February.

Part of the meeting was to review the council’s complaints policy and procedure. Look out for an updated policy soon.

Training – the committee agreed it would be a good idea to arrange some chairmanship training for all councillors. This training would not only help chairmen lead more effective meetings but would also help all councillors support the council’s chairmen in those meetings.

Speaking through the Chair – the meeting also agreed to remind all councillors and officers they should always address meetings through the chair. Speaking out of turn may only happen occasionally but it can be very frustrating for the person spoken over.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 20th April.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th February 2026

Agenda Item 9g

Planning & Licensing Committee

Cllr Bowman is chairman of the committee.

The committee met on 9th and 23rd February.

On the 9th February, the committee considered eight applications. The committee agreed not to object to six applications, to defer one pending more information and to object to an application in Beechlands Close.

On the 23rd February, the committee considered the application deferred from the previous meeting. Although the committee had pointed out to the Planning Officer, via me, the drawings were incorrect, no revised drawings were forthcoming for the meeting. The application was for the change of use of a premises in Sea Road. Although it had no objections to the change of use, the committee agreed to object to this application as it had concerns about the proposed layout to the back of the property and how this might affect neighbouring properties. Using their official ADC email addresses, I have let our three district councillors know of our objections and asked them to get involved.

At the same meeting, the committee also agreed not to object to an application to a crown lift for two trees in Sea Lane.

The Regulation 16 consultation period for the revised East Preston Neighbourhood Plan has now officially started. The closing date for comments is 17:00 on 2nd April and this has been advertised in the e-newsletter published on 19th February.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th February 2026

Agenda Item 10a

Amenities and Finance & General Purposes Committees – East Preston allotments

Council is asked to agree to set aside up to £1,000 a year, initially, to manage the East Preston allotments on a lease from Arun District Council.

Cllr Gunston to introduce this item.

Please note, this item is shown under two committees as no decision has yet been taken about which committee will manage the allotments site should a lease be agreed. Council has already agreed, in principle, to a lease with ADC for the management of this site (Minute 013/26, Resolution 2066).

ADC has advised us it currently pays between £35 and £40 per month for water supplied to the site, approximately £450 a year. Realistically, it would be impossible for any organisation to raise that sum from a site of just twelve plots. Cllr Gunston is leading on this project and would like council to set aside up to £1,000 a year to cover running costs and potential improvements to the site.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25th February 2026

Agenda Item 11

Working Parties

None of the council's working parties met in February.

Agenda Item 11a

20mph Working Party

Cllr Wilkinson is the chairman of this working party.

At the December Full Council meeting, it was agreed the council would canvass the public on implementing a village-wide 20mph zone and an article has been published in the Winter 2026 newsletter and members of the public have started to take part in the survey.

Agenda Item 11b

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (Devo WP)

Cllr Gunston is chairman of this working party which is currently dormant.

Agenda Item 11c

Flat and Frontage Working Party (FFWP)

Cllr Wilkinson is chairman-elect of this working party.

No updates from this working party explicitly.

Agenda Item 11d

Leases Working Party (LWP)

Cllr Wilkinson is the chairman of this working party.

Leases Working Party business was discussed as part of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 16th February, the committee agreeing the council's surveyor should continue to negotiate for the terms already put to the Bowls Club. The council's surveyor has acknowledged this.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25th February 2026

Agenda Item 12a

East Preston community boardwalk

Council is asked to consider a request to hold a special meeting of the council to discuss this matter further.

On 18th February, the council received the following statement from Mr Roy Allen:

**Statement about the Community Boardwalk to the Full Council meeting of East Preston Parish Council, 2 March 2026
by Roy Allen BSc (Eng), MIET, ACGE, PGCE, C Eng (retired) on behalf of Sea Road Beach Access Limited (SRBA)**

- 1 At the [Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May 2025](#) I asked the question:
"Would East Preston Parish Council consider accepting a gift of the East Preston Community Boardwalk?"
I now recognise that it is not a simple question for East Preston Parish Council to answer because:
East Preston Parish Council do not know the past experience on which my engineering knowledge and expertise is based.
The Community Boardwalk is a unique, novel design for which there are no standards against which it can be judged or tested.
East Preston Parish Council must, of course, exercise due diligence; they require reassurance that the design and execution are of a suitable standard.
- 2 I would like to present a short, illustrated talk to the Full Council to address the Council's concerns. I would cover:
My qualifications;
Why the design challenges of designing and building a boardwalk beside the sea are similar to designing and building an offshore oil platform;
How the East Preston Community Boardwalk improves on the designs of the Aldwick and Shoreham boardwalks;
How allowance has been made for global warming;
How the design has a small carbon footprint and is sustainable;
How the design incorporates features to mitigate damage in the event of a major weather incident affecting the shingle beach;
Why the design requires no routine maintenance;
The advantages of East Preston Parish Council owning the Community Boardwalk.
I will, of course, answer any questions Councillors may have.
- 3 I understand that there are no Council meetings scheduled for either 16 or 30 March 2026. I am able to present a talk on either of those dates.

I hope that after my talk East Preston Parish Council will have sufficient information to make an informed response to the question:

"Will the Parish Council accept the gift of the East Preston Community Boardwalk, together with Sea Road Beach Access Limited's remaining funds."

Roy Allen BSc (Eng), MIET, ACGI, PGCE

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25th February 2026

Agenda Item 15

Sussex Police

Council is asked to note any report from Sussex Police should one be received.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th February 2026

Agenda Item 16

Clerk's Report

1. **Introduction**
2. **Police matters**
3. **Anti-social behaviour matters**
4. **Freedom of Information / Data Protection requests**
5. **Sea Road telephone kiosk**
6. **Network Rail incident, 27th January**
7. **Annual meeting with Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, 10th February**
8. **Social media**
9. **MailChimp stats**
10. **A selection of things we have been asked since the last meeting**
11. **Recent bouquets and complaints**
12. **Leave**
13. **March meetings and events**

1. **Introduction**

This is the report mainly covering February 2026 and matters which may not arise elsewhere on the agenda.

2. **Police matters**

Further to the incident on 12th January when a driver knocked over and drove over two of the council's safety bollards at the northern shops and Sussex Police taking our advice an officer needed to visit the driver as CCTV footage showed him apparently unaware of the damage he had done to the bollards and also to his car. On 9th February, I had a call from our current Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, Alex Johnston, telling me he had called upon the gentleman who had said he and his family had agreed he should no longer drive. Sgt Johnston had given the man an eye-test outside the property and the man had been unable to read a complete numberplate at 20m. After a few attempts, Sgt Johnston had no option but to advise the DVLA to revoke the man's driving licence.

PCSO Raj was available outside the library for an hour on the morning of Tuesday, 3rd February. The weather was poor. Nobody brought him any bicycles to security mark.

We have had a couple of reports concerning a damaged car in The Street, just west of the library. I contacted PCSO Raj about this and he confirmed it was a courtesy car and he had been in touch with the relevant garage about retrieving it. Update: the car was removed on 23rd or 24th February.

3. **Anti-social behaviour (ASB) matters**

No developments in anti-social behaviour matters in the village previously reported to ADC anti-social behaviour team.

4. **Freedom of Information (Fol) / Data Protection requests**

The council has received and responded to two Freedom of Information requests from one resident, both without requiring the input of the council's Freedom of Information Panel.

5. **Sea Road telephone kiosk**

Cllr Wilkinson asked me to find out BT's plans for the telephone kiosk (Public Call Office – PCO) on the island across the road from the Council Office. This is the answer received from BT:

Hi Simon

We have no current new plans for the kiosk; it is a kiosk that is protected under Ofcom universal obligation with the poor mobile signal it could not be considered for a removal. We have upgraded the line already ready for the big switch off - of the old copper lines so it is future proofed in advance.

Regards
Jonathan

Jonathan Liggins | Team Member - Bangor | Voice Services |
Payphones | StreetHub | Welsh Helpdesk

For information, the telephone number of the kiosk is 01903 772808

6. **Network Rail incident, 27th January**

Coming to work on the cold, rainy morning of Tuesday, 27th January, I was held up at the Angmering Station level crossing for over ten minutes. Being rush hour, this resulted in traffic backing up northwards on to the A259 and southwards well south of the junction of Worthing Road and Station Road. It was not possible to see how far westbound traffic was backed up on Worthing Road. In turn, this led to some drivers travelling on the wrong side of the road to reach their destination and others turning around out of the traffic with little room for manoeuvre. Schoolchildren were left standing in the cold rain, not the best start for anybody's day.

I reported this all to my Network Rail contacts, and received the following response at the end of 28th January:

Hello Simon,

Thank you for raising this and I am really sorry to hear about the disruption that you and your residents experienced yesterday morning.

We have discussed this internally with the team and I do now have an understanding as to what happened yesterday. Unfortunately, it does look like we could and should have done more here to mitigate the impacts on highway users and I am sorry that was not done.

We had some disruption yesterday, including a few cancellations. The snippet below shows the timings of trains arriving at Angmering; the actual timings for the crossing would be slightly different but this at least provides a view as to what was arriving, and departing, at what point and in which direction.

STP	Plan Arr	Act Arr	Origin	PI	ID	TOC Destination	Plan Dep	Act Dep
WTT	0735	0749%	Southampton Central	1	1N05	SN Brighton	0735	0750
WTT	0737	pass	Brighton	2	2Y08	SN Chichester	0738	0747%
WTT	0741	0742%	Littlehampton	1	2Y11	SN Brighton	0742	0743%
WTT	0742	0827½	Brighton	2	1N10	SN Southampton Central	0743	0828%
WTT	0747	0757%	Brighton	2	1S80	SN Portsmouth Harbour	0747	0759
WTT	0749	0754	Littlehampton	1	1H13	SN London Victoria	0749	0755%
WTT	pass		Westbury Tarmac		6O40	ZZ Ardingly Hanson Aggregates	0753½	(Q)
WTT	0758	0820%	Hove	2	2Y94	SN Littlehampton	0758	0821
WTT	0804	0803	Portsmouth Harbour	1	1S07	SN Brighton	0804	0804
WTT	0806	0817	Brighton	2	1S10	SN Fratton	0806	0818
WTT	0809	0810%	Chichester	1	2Y13	SN Brighton	0809	0812

As you can see we were dealing with some late-running services, and trains were presenting at the station out of their regular sequence.

On the day, the signaller in the box was a relief signaller, meaning that they wouldn't normally be based in this location. They managed the rail service safely and sought to support service recovery, but unfortunately the barriers were left down for longer than needed to have been the case, which resulted in the impacts that you personally observed. In total the barriers were left down for nearly twenty minutes, which is definitely a very long time.

Our Local Operations Manager agrees with that assessment and has spoken to our colleague directly, to review the decisions that were made and to discuss how we can all work to safely support a punctual railway while also considering the impacts that this has on highway users. These conversations will help us to manage this sort of circumstance in a better way in the future.

I am sorry again for the disruption that you experienced.

Yours sincerely,

William AJG Knighton
Senior Public Affairs Manager
Network Rail Southern Region

7. Annual meeting with Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, 10th February

Cllr Gunston and I attended this meeting at the club, held slightly later than usual as the Chairman of the tennis club, Alastair McCubbin had been unavailable for the usual January meeting date.

As the club had chaired the meeting last year, it was the council's turn and Cllr Gunston chose me to be in the chair.

The club representatives – Alastair, Sarah Fisher – Administrator, and for some of the meeting, Andrew Cook – Head Coach and Premises Manager – talked about the club's plans for investing in Court No. 1 to make it a more appealing court upon which to play. This will help the club to offer club sessions at full capacity, something it often cannot do at the moment because of issues with the court's drainage. Work is expected to start by the end of March, will last six months, and will also see a small reduction in the height of the hedge on the western side of the court. The club confirmed neighbours will be informed once a definite start date has been agreed. The court will be artificial clay and its markings will be integral.

On behalf of the council, the club has agreed to run some free tennis coaching sessions at the Warren Recreation Ground during Festival week.

8. Social Media

These are the council's Facebook posts to reach more than 500 people in the past month:

- Post advising of the latest public consultation period for the revised East Preston Neighbourhood Plan – 2,803 people
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- Repost of ADC Changes to Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme post – 806
- Found child's bus pass – 564

(posts up to and including 24th February)

The number of Followers is currently 1,993, an increase of 18 on the last report.

9. MailChimp stats

Since the last papers were issued, the council has sent out the following email to local residents on the council's main e-mailing list:

Parish Council news – 29th January – sent to 960 subscribers, opened by 703 (73.2%)

Parish Council news – 5th February – sent to 960, opened by 706 (73.5%)

Parish Council news – 11th February – sent to 961, opened by 716 (74.5%)

Parish Council news – 19th February – sent to 960, opened by 708 (73.8%)

10. **Things we have been asked since the last meeting**

“I wanted to enquire if there’s possibility of some kind of permit to park outside the shops as a resident?” (Not through this council, directed caller to ADC Civil Parking Enforcement.)

“Do you know anything about new hedgerow laws?” (A quick search online brought me to this - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hedgerow-management-rules-cutting-and-trimming> - which only seems to apply if the hedgerow is on land used for agriculture.)

“Does the council have a policy for scattering ashes on its land?” (Not explicitly no, but it has allowed ashes to be scattered discreetly on the Village Green twice in the past twenty years. Rustington PC similarly asked that discretion is exercised and Angmering and Ferring PCs both said they have never been asked for permission.)

11. **Recent bouquets and complaints**

(In addition to anything reported above)

Thanks from various residents for assistance and advice given in various matters over the past month.

12. **Leave**

I have booked off the 20th and 27th March, so far. Adrian has booked 24th to 27th March and Dawn has booked off 16th and 17th March.

13. **March Meetings and Events**

This list may be incomplete and is subject to change. Where committee meetings fall on the same day, the timings of these meetings may also be subject to change.

- 2nd Full Council (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 6th WSALC Clerks’ Networking Day (10:00, Billingshurst) (SC only)
- 9th Planning & Licensing Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School) (cancelled)
Audit & Governance Committee (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 11th Launch of the Arun Valley Line Podcast (13:00, Bognor Regis railway station) (SC only)
- 13th Meeting our MP (details to be provided nearer the time)
- 14th East Preston Repair Café (10:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 18th Hot Cross Buns at Greenleas (11:00) (DM only)
- 23rd Planning & Licensing Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School)
Community Engagement Committee (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
- 29th KEPT East Preston Beach Clean (11:00, Sea Road)

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th February 2026

Agenda Item 17

Other meetings and events – Part 1

Council is asked to note any reports from Members attending other meetings and events. At the time of writing, no Members have attended other meetings or events this month.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th February 2026

Agenda Item 19

New items to be referred to the next meeting – 13th April 2026

The Finance & General Purposes Committee has invited representatives from East Preston in Bloom, East Preston Men in Sheds and East Preston Repair Café to attend the meeting which will therefore start at **18:30**. Each has been invited to give a five-minute update on how the group is managing and any plans for the future and to be available for a five minutes of questions from councillors. These three groups have been chosen as each is relatively young and has been supported both financially and practically by the council during its setting up.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25th February 2026

Agenda Item 20

To exclude the press and public

Owing to the commercially sensitive nature of the rest of the agenda of this meeting, **council is asked to resolve to exclude the press and public from the rest of the meeting.**

As per Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, a public body can resolve to exclude the public from a meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th January 2026

Agenda Item 21

118-120 Sea Road, East Preston

Council is asked to consider any matters relating to the purchase of 118-120 Sea Road, East Preston. At the time of writing, this is likely to be only updates on decisions already taken, but the situation is understandably dynamic and could change several times between now and the meeting.

Progress is now being made towards signing and exchanging of contracts. The councillors who have been leading on this project have agreed there are no grounds for further negotiation on the purchase price.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

25th February 2026