

Community Engagement Committee (CE), 8th June 2026, Agenda Items 2 and 3

Annual appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Committee is asked to consider the appointment of a committee Chairman for the council year 2026/27.

Committee is asked to consider the appointment of a committee Vice-Chairman for the council year 2026/27.

On 28th May, members of the committee were asked to let me know if they wished to stand for either of these posts.

To date, Cllr Linton has let me know she is willing to stand as chairman again and vice-chairman if she is unsuccessful in the former quest. Cllr Duff is willing to stand as vice-chairman again unless anyone else would like to stand.

Committee members can let me know at the beginning of the meeting if they wish to stand for either role, but advance notice helps with paperwork.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

1st June 2026

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2026 Playschemes

Committee is asked to continue consideration of any 2026 playschemes.

At the last meeting, it was agreed Cllr Duff should talk further with [Tom's Talking Reptiles](#) with a view to offering something on 27th or 28th October. Cllr Toney was going to find out whether the Scout Hall could be available on either of those days.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

29th May 2026

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Beach Cleans

Committee is asked to reconsider the need for Beach Cleans.

Beach Clean on Sunday, 29th March, was successful with more attendees than there have been for a while. However, or maybe because of that, Sue Hickey does not feel KEPT is capable of yet running future beach cleans without council involvement and support. I have asked Sue to talk to me about this more.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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East Preston Festival, 5th to 14th June 2026

The council is hosting three activities this year.

Friday 5th, Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th June, **free tennis coaching** at the Warren Recreation Ground.

Saturday, 6th June, ***Come and Meet Your Local Councillors on Saturday, 6th June.***

Tuesday, 9th June, ***Putter Madness*** running from 16:00 to 19:00.

The committee is asked to review the *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors* event.

Committee is asked to consider any matters pertaining to mini-golf on the Village Green on 9th June. Cllr Linton has asked councillors to attend the event if they can, just as a presence.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

29th May 2026

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St Mary the Virgin Christmas Tree Festival, 11th to 13th December

Committee is asked to consider the council having a tree in this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Cllrs Chapman and Duff are the lead councillors for this item.

No other updates on this item at the time of writing.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

29th May 2026

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Christmas Lighting

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

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.

I hope to be able to provide a full verbal update to the meeting.

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Youth provision

Committee is asked to receive any update on work undertaken in conjunction with Angmering and Rustington Parish Councils.

This initiative is moving ahead and an initial advert was placed in the relevant All About magazines in the June issue, page 23 for *All About East Preston*. This is a call-out to local organisations to provide information on what they can offer anyone up to the age of 18. Some editorial is being written to be included in a future newsletter and e-newsletter. As mentioned previously, the output will be a website (hopefully) full of information relevant to the age group.

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Newsletter – Summer 2026

Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 79, Summer 2026.

The Spring newsletter is usually delivered during the first half of August.

This issue always carries promotion for the Food & Drink Festival and, depending upon how many questions have been asked, feedback from *Come and Meet Your Local Councillors*.

I have asked our work experience student to write an article about what interesting things she learnt about the council whilst here.

What else might we include?

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Blue plaques

Committee is asked to continue consideration of the case for Miss Winifred Scott, a former resident of Sea Lane.

The last meeting agreed I should seek the view of the Preservation Society on this suggestion. I duly contacted Mrs Vos, Chairman, on 24th March. No direct written response from Mrs Vos,

but Graham Lewis of the Preservation Society stopped me in Waitrose to express his excitement. Local historian, Richard Standing, emailed, "I have been contacted about Miss Scott and the proposed plaque. I trust some effort and mayhap expense has been expended on trying to find more specifically what act or acts of bravery she was given her awards for. I could only find out the generalities. Not wanting the possible expense in further research. Just to make sure what it is the plaque commemorates." This is something a committee member may wish to look into further whilst drafting the wording for the plaque.

The last meeting also asked for this expenditure, just under £600 to be requested of Full Council. I have added that to the July agenda.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Centre for Ageing Better – Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide

Committee is asked to consider any matters arising from the Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide.

Some committee members met and agreed to include a questionnaire in a forthcoming newsletter. I know no more than that.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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East Preston Environmental Initiatives Group

Committee is asked to consider arranging a meeting of local groups which might have an environmental leaning.

At the last meeting the committee agreed to organise a one-off meeting on 15th June. I offered Michał Zarzecki that date and he replied it clashed "with other plans of some of the members who would like to attend. Particularly, we were told that the timing coincides with the peak of EP in Bloom's activities and scheduled commitments. Would a later date be possible?"

On 17th April, I offered him 27th July or 3rd August. I have chased him today and he has said the August date would be preferable. He has proposed an agenda:

1. Introduction from the Chair of the PC – 5/10'
2. Introduction of each group - 30'
Group's mission, vision, audience;
Recent or major projects and outcomes;
Plans for the future (2026-2027?)
3. Networking - 15'

Time to break the ice and meet individual members of the Groups

4. Workshop: what we need/ exploring synergies - 30'

I like Tina's idea of the Resource Marketplace.

Groups post on two walls/flipcharts 'What we have' and 'What we need'. The idea is to match-make needs to resources across the wider group. I like the walk-around exercise format. Let's discuss how this could work on the floor.

A leader of each Group presents what they learned from the exercise with tangible benefits/ideas provided by the group.

Closing remarks - 5'

Looking at this, the council would be present mostly as a facilitator.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Hearing impairment

Committee is asked to continue consideration of supporting the setting up of a support group in the village for those with hearing impairment and their allies.

Cllr Hill is the lead on this project and has been talking individually to members of the public who have expressed interest in this idea. Cllr Hill will update us further at the meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Community Speed Watch

The 20MPH Working Party was disbanded by council on 1st June following a lack of councillors willing to be part of the working party (Minute 401/26).

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

Discussion on this to reopen in light of the above.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

2nd June 2026

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Defibrillators

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

I think I am waiting for feedback from the Station Master on the draft Memorandum of Understanding which Cllr Toney shared with him.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

1st June 2026

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East Preston sports clubs

The council attempted to arrange a further meeting for a date in April, but take up was low; at that time, the cricket club was unsure of its relationship with the council and declined to commit.

I have discussed this with Cllr Linton and we are proposing a further meeting be called for 28th September at 19:00.

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Roundstone Level Crossing

Committee is asked to consider its position regarding the Roundstone Level Crossing traffic consultancy.

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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East Preston Christmas Celebrations fireworks

Committee is asked to consider the fate of the 2025 East Preston Christmas Celebrations fireworks.

Cllr Linton to lead on this item.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Give Your Stuff Away Day

Committee is asked to consider a public suggestion for a Give Your Stuff Away Day.

Ann Bird suggested this to the council - <https://greeningsteyning.org/project/gysad/>. “I know some people might say it could conflict with garage trail idea, but I think it could work the other way – get people into regular decluttering and the idea of walking round the village for stuff, and maybe sellers could have a donation tin for the festival...?”

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Minutes of meeting held on 23rd March

Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March. These were circulated to all councillors on 24th March asking for suggested amendments to be submitted by 31st March. None were received.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Matters Arising from previous meetings

Minute 220/26 – Newsletter – Spring 2026 – the newsletter was signed off by Cllr Linton late evening on 30th April and was sent to print on 5th May – the delay was the bank holiday weekend.

Minute 228/26 – corporate stationery – the corporate stationery arrived here at 26th March, at which point I noticed the web address was wrong. It was correct on the old stationery but the designer had erroneously changed it on the new. I let ADC know and the whole order was corrected and reprinted at no further charge to the council.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Terms of Reference

Committee is asked to review and agree the committee's Terms of Reference for the coming year.

The current Terms of Reference, v7, were last updated and re-adopted on 9th June 2025. There is a discrepancy between all committees' Terms of Reference and the council's Standing Orders which I have only discovered this afternoon. I will work out how to handle that and this item will be back on the agenda in due course.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

28th May 2026

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Parked projects

Committee is asked to note the committee's currently parked projects such as any wellbeing projects, St John Ambulance First Aid training, and Blue Billboard.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

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Next meeting (20th July)

Committee is asked to suggest any news items to be referred to the next meeting.

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