

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

3RD DECEMBER 2018

SUPPORTING PAPERS

Agenda Item 2

Clive Maltby

Please be aware, in line with council policy, there will be one minute's silence to mark the passing on Thursday, 8th November, of former councillor, Clive Maltby.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

9th November 2018

Agenda Item 9

Minutes of Monthly Full Council meeting, 5th November

The draft Minutes were circulated to all councillors on 7th November, asking for comments by 19th November.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

20th November 2018

Agenda Item 10

Monthly Update Report

1. **Introduction**
2. **Minute 802/18 – British Transport Police**
3. **Minute 811/18 – Personnel Committee**
4. **Minute 812/18 – Audit & Governance Committee – boundary review**
5. **Minute 814/18 – Personnel Committee – Standing Order 13b**

1. **Introduction**

This is the report covering items discussed during Full Council meetings up to and including the meeting held on 5th November 2018.

2. **Minute 802/18 – British Transport Police**

I emailed PC James the morning after the meeting and thanked him for having come along. He replied on 7th November, “Thanks Simon. Yes, although there is not much I can do about the layout and signage at or near the crossing, or the driving behaviours not associated with the crossing, I did at least understand where the concerns were coming from and the

difficulties faced with negotiating that crossing. I'm not sure what else I can really bring to future meetings other than stats and figures of offenders I've caught. I'm happy to help where I can so please let me know if you require my assistance."

Additionally, Cllr Elkins has spoken to WSCC officer, Rob Torrance, who has confirmed he is happy to meet with a couple of East Preston Parish Councillors to discuss further signage options at the Roundstone Level Crossing.

3. **Minute 811/18 – Personnel Committee**

Andy Beams started work as Locum Assistant Clerk on 1st November, with his first working day being 5th November. He spent his first morning, reading through the Minutes of the last year, concentrating on Full Council and Amenities Committee Minutes. At the end of that, he made two observations; firstly, the council is a very busy council, achieving a lot for this size of village and secondly, some projects take a long time to come to fruition. However, with Andy's expertise on board for a while, we can push on successfully with some of those same projects.

At the time of writing, there have been over 60 applicants for the Assistant Clerk role.

4. **Minute 812/18 – Audit & Governance Committee – boundary review**

I have been in touch with my Angmering counterpart, Katie Herr, and we have a provisional date next week for an initial, informal meeting between Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the two councils. Katie and I will attend too.

5. **Minute 814/18 – Personnel Committee – Standing Order 13b**

Perhaps the wording needs to be, "Excluding the Audit & Governance Committee, which is populated separately, councillors may sit on a maximum of four committees simultaneously."

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th October 2018

Agenda Item 12

Committees

Since the last meeting, the following committee meetings have taken place: Amenities and Finance & General Purposes on 19th November, Community Engagement on the 26th November and Planning & Licensing on 12th and 26th November.

Draft Minutes from all these meetings are likely to have been circulated by the time of this meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Item 12a

Amenities Committee

The committee met on 19th November and primarily discussed the public toilets refurbishment, Sea Road beach access and Lashmar Road recreation ground.

With only one tender quotation received still for the toilet refurbishment, this following the splitting of the building works from the fitting out works, the committee agreed to investigate any other contractors willing to tender in order to obtain comparative prices.

The beach access will be progressed through the County Council Rights of Way Officer and registration of the route on the definitive map.

Solar lighting was agreed for the MUGA at Lashmar Road, with three quotes being obtained before deciding which company to order the lights from.

Members were content that the committee budget remained on track for the current year, and next year's provisional budget has been updated.

Concerns were raised about the ongoing poor mobile phone coverage, and contact is to be made with Ofcom initially to register the issues, with the matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Andy Beams – **Locum Assistant Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Item 12d

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The committee held its scheduled quarterly meeting on 19th November.

The committee continued consideration of its own budgets and will meet again in December to consider the overall budget for the council for 2019/20 and to agree a budget and precept to recommend to Full Council in January.

The committee agreed to release £10,000 to East Preston Youth Club to top up its reserves. In turn, the Youth Club Committee has located a volunteer fundraiser to work for it for the first six months of the new year.

The committee agreed a £500 grant to Arun Basic Essential Transport which is working to make up for some of the hole left by the disbandment of SAMI Transport / Arun Co-ordinated Community Transport. The grant is dependant upon ABET providing free-of-charge minibus support to the Our Lady, Star of the Sea Christmas Day Lunch if needed.

The committee considered a funding request from Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice to provide a regular outreach service in the village over the next two financial years. I have arranged for Luca Badioli of Citizens Advice to attend the next committee meeting to answer any questions the committee has about the proposal before any money is included in next year's budget.

The committee noted the first year's income from the Village Green car-park is just under £2,100 against approximate annual expenditure there of £1,600. This finance is all controlled within the Amenities Committee.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Item 12g

Planning & Licensing Committee

The committee met on 12th and 26th November. The draft Minutes from these meetings will have been circulated by the time of this meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Items 13a-b

Working Parties

Neither the Leases Working Party nor the Website Working Party has met since the last meeting.

The new lease to the Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club is caught in a legal complication and we are waiting for our solicitor and the club's solicitor to work through this. The complication relates to the land's status as an Asset of Community Value. We are awaiting the latest update from our solicitors.

At its meeting on 26th November, the Community Engagement Committee agreed to disband the Website Working Party with immediate effect.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

27th November 2018

Agenda Items 14a

Warren Recreation Ground

Council is asked to consider the following letter received whilst I was on leave:

14th November 2018.

Mr. S. Cross,
Clerk to the Council,
East Preston Parish Council,
122, Sea Road,
East Preston,
West Sussex,
BN16 1NN.

For the attention of all Councillors/Trustees.

Dear Mr.Cross,

Re: The Warren Recreation Ground.

Thank you for your letter of the 30th August 2018 regarding the playing of cricket on the Warren Recreation Ground.

Having considered the response from the Council's cricket club representatives, we as the neighbours of the Warren Recreation Ground cannot be other than dismayed by such a cursory dismissal of our concerns as detailed in my letter of 26th July 2018. It appears that the 'duty of care' obligations expected by The Charity Commission are being ignored and this surely cannot be in the best interests of the Council/Trusteeship. Therefore, we respectfully request that for the benefit of the new councilors that they be made fully aware of the many incidents that have taken place in the past and understand their obligations and responsibilities should they as trustees be faced with a claim in Negligence for allowing an actionable nuisance to take place over a long period of time.

To assist the Council in its deliberations a Legal Update by The League Cricket Conference of 2016 should prove helpful. A Copy is attached. It will then be clear that the Trusteeship has indeed allowed a situation to exist that is actionable in Negligence due to 'the direct interference with the use and enjoyment of land owned by neighbouring residents'. Importantly, the Trusteeship can be shown to have been advised on numerous occasions of the dangers of league cricket being played on such a small ground.

RoSPA Report of 11/12/2007.

'That a larger ground is sought for the senior cricket teams to reduce the risk of injuries due to ball strikes'.

RoSPA Report of 28/04/2011.

'The ground is of suitable dimensions for a village cricket game and training sessions but not big enough to play county cricket'.

RoSPA Report 03/12/2013.

Referring to Residents of Sea Road and Sea Lane.

'It is HIGHLY LIKELY that balls will land on these properties, with the resultant risk of injury to residents who are in their gardens at the time'.

By ignoring the advice given by RoSPA the Trusteeship also leaves itself open to action from the general public and users of the playground and car park.

RoSPA Report 18/04/2007.

'The open area on the eastern boundary, adjacent to the Village Hall, car park and play area is open to ball strikes. It is therefore recommended that a new ball- stop fence is installed in this area. A minimum height of approximately 18 metres should be considered'. (Not done).

RoSPA Report 03/12/2013.

Playground users. High Risk of Injury.

Install tile catcher to north side of Village Hall roof. Add ball-stop fence. (Still not done).

The new members of the Council might find helpful the guidance given in a letter from The National Association of Local Councils to the then Secretary, Christine Swann of The Sussex Associations of Local Councils of 30/07/2003.

'It is the responsibility of a landowner to use his land only in a way that does not prevent the reasonable enjoyment by his neighbours of their own land. This rule applies to local authorities who own land to the same extent as private land owners'.

'Where activities on neighbouring land affects a landowner's enjoyment of his own property he can claim damages and an injunction for the civil wrong of nuisance'.

'Equally the council cannot escape liability by claiming a lack of resources or lack of an alternative site'.

A copy of the letter is attached.

Whilst it is appreciated that the Council appears to have brought to an end the Cricket Club's unauthorized arrangement which allowed clubs without a home ground to use the WRG, it has in general been reluctant to express disapproval of the Club's refusal to adhere to the terms of the Licence. The bias of previous years when councilors/trustees were also members of the Cricket Club still seems to influence decision making, as can be seen in the brief dismissal of our claim that the Club was in breach of sections 5 and 20 of the Licence.

We look forward to the Council/Trusteeship addressing our concerns before the start of play in 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Item 15

Clerk's Report

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Police matters**
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- 4. SLCC Sussex, Arun Clerks' Networking Lunch, 6th November**
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- 6. Unveiling of blue plaque honouring Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill, 17th November**
- 7. Feedback from those attending the unveiling of the blue plaque, 17th November**
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- 11. A selection of things we have been asked since the last meeting**
- 12. Recent bouquets and complaints**
- 13. Leave**
- 14. December meetings and events**

1. **Introduction**

This is the report mainly covering November 2018 and matters which may not arise elsewhere on the agenda.

2. **Police matters**

No direct or indirect contact with Sussex Police since the last meeting.

3. **Freedom of Information / Data Protection requests**

The council received no Freedom of Information or Data Protection requests during the month of November.

4. **SLCC Sussex, Arun Clerks' Networking Lunch, 6th November**

Andy and I attended this third informal meeting of Arun District Clerks, now also open to Chichester District Clerks. The meeting was again held in Bersted, and was chaired by Bersted's Clerk, Debbie Holcombe.

We got there rather early and had to leave earlier than others, but were there for an hour of meeting proper. There were thirteen town and parish clerks and officers present.

West Wittering PC asked other councils for information on electronic banking. Most councils represented were able to contribute to this discussion.

Bersted PC wanted to talk about Community Land Trusts. As Clerks from both Angmering PC and Ferring PC had said they would attend the December meeting, the topic was deferred until then.

Bosham PC wanted to discuss the ethics around the Chichester Local Plan. Apparently Chichester DC has been talking to a number of town and parish councils consecutively but telling them all the information they were discussing was confidential and not for public consumption. There was some debate as to whether or not this stance could be justified. Andy and I left before any conclusion had been reached.

5. **East Preston Business Community Business Breakfast, 7th November**

Cllr Linton and I attended a good but well-attended meeting at *Grub and gumption*.

Thirteen local businesses were represented, Hares of Sussex for the first time. After the initial round of introductions, the meeting was addressed by guest speakers, Fr Andrew Perry and Malcolm McLelland representing the Friends of St Mary the Virgin. Andrew explained the Grade I listed church is the only Grade I Listed Building in the village and is at least 868 years old. With that comes a lot of responsibility and a lot of maintenance which has to be done using particular skills and craftsmen to match in with the existing fabric of the building. Malcolm explained the Friends of St Mary's is gearing up to launch a direct appeal to villagers for only the second time. Malcolm explained some of the options for how businesses can support the appeal both financially and with skills. A lively debate ensued lasting for most of the meeting and involving pretty much everyone there.

Cllr Linton reminded the meeting of the imminent Christmas Celebrations event and asked for volunteers to help at specific times. One volunteer came forward to help set up the Village Hall.

There was some concern about the spraying of dog mess with luminous paint. I explained the council did this, with a few community volunteers, to highlight the problem and to try and shame irresponsible dog owners into clearing up after their dogs. Those concerned felt happier knowing the council was behind this, although it remains possible some residents are doing this independently.

Thanks to Lottie and Piers for use of *Grub and gumption*.

6. **Unveiling of blue plaque honouring Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill, 17th November**

Together with Cllrs Linton and Duff, I attended the unveiling of the village first blue plaque. The plaque has been installed on Far End, Sea Lane in honour of Edith Ayrton and her husband Israel Zangwill. The plaque was physically installed by DART Ltd., and our thanks to them for doing so free-of-charge.

Prior to the unveiling itself, the council hosted a small reception for people who have helped get the plaque in place, including:

Shirley Zangwill – daughter-in-law of Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill

Amy and Simon Comins – current owners of Far End

Felicity Myer and her son Nigel – previous owners of Far

David Sawers and Sioned Vos – East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society

Sue Belton – The Worthing Society

Roddie MacLeod – East Preston resident who remembers having tea with Edith Ayrton at the beginning of the Second World War

Irene Cockroft – author with in-depth knowledge of women's suffrage in Britain

Jessica and Tanya Smart – relatives of friends of the Zangwills

Kevin Page – expert on local women's suffrage

Valerie Sharp – after meeting Kevin Page, Valerie came to the council to suggest the blue plaque

The reception lasted for about three-quarters of an hour, before the party walked round to Far End. There, Cllr Linton made a speech before Mrs Zangwill unveiled the plaque and made a speech of her own. The Littlehampton Gazette had sent a photographer and published the following article on 22nd November:



Suffrage and world peace campaigners are honoured

Elaine Hammond
news@littlehamptongazette.co.uk
01903 282378

East Preston has its first Blue Plaque, recognising the efforts of a married couple who were lifelong campaigners for women's suffrage and world peace.

Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill were successful authors and some of their works may well have been written in the village.

The plaque has been installed by East Preston Parish Council at Far End, in Sea Lane, where the couple lived for many years.

Daughter-in-law Shirley Zangwill unveiled the plaque on Saturday and Irene Cockroft, a leading expert on British women's suffrage, was present at the ceremony.

Shirley, who was married to the couple's younger son, Oliver, said: "I thank East Preston Parish Council so much for asking me to unveil the Blue Plaque to honour

right to vote for the first time. Elizabeth Linton, parish councillor, said: "The council is very pleased to be able to commemorate this wonderful couple on its first blue plaque. This brilliant couple were well known for their literary works and their active idealism for a better world. We were especially pleased to welcome their daughter-in-law Shirley to carry out the unveiling."

Guests included Roddie MacLeod, a lifelong East Preston resident who remembers having tea with Edith Ayrton at Far End at the start of the Second World War, members of East Preston and Kingston Preservation Society, and Jewish community members. Amy and Simon Comins, current owners of Far End, said: "We are very proud of the history associated with our house and the historical significance of the early suffragette movement in our local area."

Edith and Israel Zangwill. It was a fantastic occasion for me and I enjoyed every minute of it, meeting so many lovely and interesting people. Such a wonderful day, thank you once again."

Messages of goodwill were received from the Zangwills' granddaughters, Caroline Zangwill and Patty Holland-Branch, who live in America. They wrote: "Ayrton Israel, their oldest son, was our father. All of our families are appreciative of this significant honour and recognition of our grandparents' contribution to world peace. They continue to be role models to my sisters and my children and grandchildren."

The couple were ardent suffragists and the council said the unveiling this year was especially apt, as 2018 marks 100 years since the Representation of the People Act gave some women the

Shirley Zangwill, left, with East Preston parish councillor Elizabeth Linton

Former councillor and current member of the East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society, Margaret Gilbert, knows of other properties in the village which may be worthy of a blue plaque. Mrs Gilbert will compile a list for the council's consideration.

Meri-Jane Rochelson, a Professor Emerita of English at Florida International University and biographer of Edith and Israel emailed on 25th November, "This past week we celebrated a major American holiday, Thanksgiving, and four generations of the family were at my house. So it is only this morning that I've had a chance to see every one of the photographs, as well as the video and the article in the Littlehampton Gazette. Many thanks to all of you for sharing with me all these wonderful mementos of the celebration, and I, too, have been greatly moved by each and every one. Roddie McLeod, who as a child had tea with Edith Ayrton Zangwill, is a treasure; Shirley, as always, represented the family with dignity, beauty, and grace; and it was a thrill to see Patty and Caroline and all the American Zangwills represented so wonderfully in the newspaper. I, too, look forward to visiting Far End and this beautiful, inspiring blue plaque one day."

I have registered the plaque on a website, openplaques.org. This seems to be as close to an international database of heritage plaques as possible.

7. Feedback from people attending the unveiling of blue plaque honouring Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill, 17th November

Shirley Zangwill, daughter-in-law of Edith Ayrton and Israel Zangwill, "Thank you so much for asking me to unveil the Blue Plaque to honour Edith and Israel Zangwill. It was a fantastic occasion for me and I enjoyed every minute of it, meeting so many lovely and interesting people. Such a wonderful day, thank you once again."

Amy and Simon Comins, current owners of Far End, "Thanks for sending through the photos, yesterday went really well. Thank you for all the organisation that has gone into this, much appreciated."

Graham Lewis, East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society, "An excellent event this afternoon."

Sue Belton, Chairman of The Worthing Society (which lent the council its blue curtains), "Thank you for your hospitality yesterday and very many congratulations for organising such a moving event. I really found the occasion very inspirational and enjoyed meeting everyone. It was a beautiful location and we were so lucky with the weather as well! if you would like us to feature the event on our website please let me know."

Valerie Sharp, who first approached the council with the idea for the plaque, "Thank you so much for inviting me on Saturday. It was such a lovely "do" How wonderful to have a Daughter in law to unveil the plaque. So many incredibly appropriate people were there with different memories. The couple who are the current owners were lovely and so thrilled to be such an important part of the village. Well done to you and to East Preston Council. It was just a delightful special event."

Roddie MacLeod, village resident who remembers having tea with Edith Ayrton in Far End at the beginning of the Second World War, "Very many thanks for your kind invitation to "Operation Blue Plaque" and introduction to the Zangwill family. After nearly eighty years ... it was interesting and certainly the Zangwill local tribute was due. Well done – and thank you – Shalom."

Ian and Barbara Gordon, local residents, "thanks to the Parish Council for the wonderful blue plaque. The words are so apt. We were so pleased to meet Shirley Zangweil and hope she will be able to visit us again and perhaps give us a talk next year."

8. **Feedback from East Preston Christmas Celebrations, 24th November**

“Loved the event in spite of the weather”

“Really great photos capturing a lovely day! X”

“A good day apart from the rain.”

“It was a great time. Thank you.”

“A great community!”

“Thank you to all the people who visited the Chestnut Tree House stall, we raised over £200! Great village atmosphere as always xx”

“Had a fantastic day, even the rain didn’t couldn’t put a dampener in it. Thank you to everyone.”

“So sorry about the weather, but a good event that takes such a lot of hard work to organise. Well done.”

“Well done all of you”

“It’s our first year as East Prestoner’s & the whole family had a great time (kids 6 & 3). Wonderful atmosphere & so well organised. Christmas has officially started!”

“Well done! Weather was not kind but we had so much fun and specially dancing with the kids ♥♥♥”

“Had a great time and our friends from Surrey really enjoyed the day, thanks to all those contributors who give their time to give us a good time.”

“It was brilliant, really enjoyed it despite the weather.”

“I went with a friend and I thought it was great. Well done EP looking forward to next year!!”

“Another Fantastically organised event in the village 🙌 thanks to everyone! Would not live anywhere else EP rules”

“I hope the PC have received some positive comments, despite the weather not being on your side! The PC’s hard work and time spent in all the preparations ensuring everyone has a safe and enjoyable time should be acknowledged. Well done everyone involved.”

From East Preston Library, “Have just checked our ‘footfall’ for the above and from midday we had 417 people in!”

“We enjoyed the Fayre - bought some Xmas prezzies and sampled some excellent Baileys fudge - not to mention G&G’s mulled wine and praline brownies!!”

“Well done to all those who were involved in today’s Christmas celebrations- it was really lovely. The weather was not ideal but it could have been a lot worse”

There has been one negative comment so far, and that was a lengthy email about the price of attractions on offer.

9. **Social media**

These are the Facebook posts published since the last supporting papers which reached more than 500 people:

- Reminder of resurfacing work at the junction of Sea Road and Fairlands – 2,246 people
- * Winner of the Best Dressed Window Competition, Something for the Weekend – 1,491
- Poster for Schools' Christmas Fayre – 1,018
- * carol singing and fireworks post - 900
- * start of East Preston Christmas Celebrations day post - 737
- Link to Littlehampton Gazette article about the unveiling of the blue plaque – 728
- Found bicycle – 700
- * end of East Preston Christmas Celebrations day post - 678
- Found Christmas rubber duck – 653
- Lost rubber severed foot – 630 (found at the Football Club)
- * post promoting the Best Dressed Window Competition - 612
- * reprint of map and timetable – 611
- * post announcing arrival of Autumn 2018 Newsletter - 555
- Found house key – 539
- Poster for a Children in Need bake sale - 534

† Food & Drink Festival page

▲ East Preston Business Community page

* East Preston Christmas Celebrations page

(posts up to and including 26th November)

The number of people currently like the council on Facebook is 1,160, an increase of twelve over last report (I suspect something was wrong with last month's figure).

No posts placed on Nextdoor.

10. **MailChimp stats**

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

Parish Council news – 1st November – sent to 774, opened by 502 to date (64.9%)

Parish Council news – 8th November – sent to 775, opened by 498 to date (64.3%)

Parish Council news – 22nd November – sent to 776, opened by 506 to date (65.2%)

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

"I'm wondering who was the jobsworth who decided that a meeting of the council should take place on Bonfire Night 2018 !!!!! That's not a family-friendly decision !!" (That would probably be me as Full Council meetings are always on the first working Monday of the month and nobody has ever questioned whether that is always the most appropriate day. The same occurred in 2007 and 2012 and nobody questioned it then.)

"Do you know a potter, lives near Cooper-Adams." (No, but we have traced her.)

“Do you know how the new houses on the site of Tudor Lodge will be numbered once they have been built?”

“Can you recommend a window cleaner?” (No, but I can direct you to the Businesses page on the East Preston Village website where there are some window cleaners listed.)

“Should estate agents have their boards tied to the roadsign at the northern end of Copse View?” (I contacted ADC who strongly said, no boards should be attached to their roadsigns. ADC contractors came out and removed the boards soon after.)

12. Recent bouquets and complaints

(In addition to anything reported above)

From a resident of Normandy Drive, “Thanks for the newsletter and info about the Village Christmas celebration day - really clear and helpful. I’m so looking forward to it. How super it is to have all these lovely events on our doorstep!! Thank you all again for all your hard work - always so much appreciated.”

13. Leave

The Council Office will close for Christmas at midday on Thursday, 20th December – on Friday 21st the office would not be open anyway. The Council Office will re-open officially on Wednesday, 2nd January.

14. December Meetings and Events

This list may be incomplete and is subject to change.

1 st	South Strand toilets meeting (11:00, Conservative Hall)
3 rd	Full Council (19:00, East Preston Infant School)
4 th	Arun Clerks’ Networking Lunch (12:00, Bersted) (AB only)
5 th	Business Breakfast (08:00, The Seahorse Café)
10 th	Finance & General Purposes Committee (14:00, Council Office) Planning & Licensing Committee (18:00, East Preston Infant School)
12 th	Arun District Association of Local Councils (tbc)
20 th	Council Office closes for Christmas at midday, reopens on 2 nd January
21 st	Baytree Club Christmas Lunch (12:00, Village Hall) (ST and EL only)
28 th	Planning & Licensing Committee (10:00, Council Office) (tbc)

N.B. where committee meetings fall on the same day, the timings of these meetings may be subject to change.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

26th November 2018

Agenda Items 16a-f

Other meetings and events – Part 1

Council is asked to note the following reports:

Eastern Parishes 2018 meeting, 13th November

Council Office, East Preston

An informal meeting of the Chairs of East Preston, Kingston and Angmering was held on Tuesday 13th November 2018. In attendance were Geraldine Walker and Roger Wetherell Kingston Chair and Vice Chair respectively, John Oldfield Chair of Angmering and Steve Toney and Elizabeth Linton Chair and Vice Chair of East Preston respectively. Ferring Parish Council sent apologies.

All those present agreed they would like to be a dementia friendly council and Steve will speak to Tim Wilkins from WSCC and ask him to contact Simon Cross Clerk of East Preston Parish Council with a view to setting up a joint parishes meeting.

Those present agreed to share their emergency plans so that the content could possibly be standardised. The same would apply with a Business Continuity plan.

There was a discussion on boundary changes.

It was suggested that Rustington, Ferring, Clapham, Patching and Findon should be invited to attend future meetings and that only one representative per parish, ideally the Chair or Vice, should attend. [Clerk's note: Rustington was invited and Cllr Jamie Bennett had said he would attend.]

It was suggested the next meeting should be before JEAAC and 7th February 2019, time and venue to be arranged, was suggested.

Cllr Elizabeth Linton – **Vice-Chairman of the Council**

18th November 2018

Unveiling of blue plaque, 17th November

The Clockhouse and Far End, Sea Lane, East Preston

On Saturday 17th September 2018 the first blue plaque in East Preston was unveiled at Far End, Sea Lane.

Shirley Zangwill, the widow of Oliver, Edith and Israel's son, travelled from Cambridge to do the honours.

A small reception of drinks and sandwiches was held in The Clockhouse and amongst the others present were Shirley's son, Jeremy and his wife Dakia, Roddie MacLeod (who remembers having tea with Edith) and the owners of Far End, Amy and Simon Comins. Others present included Kevin Page of the Votes for All Women Centenary Group; Kevin curated an exhibition at the Look & Sea Centre earlier in the year on the subject of notable local campaigners for women's suffrage – Kevin donated a framed memento of the event to the council and to the current householders. Kevin had liaised with East Preston resident, Valerie Sharp at the Look & Sea Centre, and it was Valerie who first floated the idea of a plaque to the council and who also made the first contact with Mr and Mrs Comins. David Sawers and Sioned Vos represented the East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society, and had given valuable advice on the design and wording of the plaque. Leading authority on women's suffrage, author Irene Cockcroft and her husband were present as were Jessica and Tanya Smart whose relatives had been friends with the Zangwills. Felicity Myer and her son

Nigel attended, having lived in Far End from 1968 for about twenty years. The curtains for the event were loaned by The Worthing Society – Chairman Susan Belton was present.

The assembled group walked to Far End and Shirley unveiled the plaque in the presence of about thirty people including Nicholas Beck of the Sussex Jewish Outreach Group. It was a truly historic moment for the village.

The following is the main part of the speech I delivered outside the house:

“Edith Ayrton met Israel Zangwill in 1893 as a result of her stepmother sending Edith’s early stories to published writer Israel for comments. Edith married the women’s rights supporter, Israel, in 1903 and had three children, a son Ayrton, then Margaret and finally Oliver who was born in Littlehampton. Edith’s novel Barbarous Babe was published in 1904 followed by 6 further books some of which could have been written here at Far End. In 1912 Edith helped form the Jewish League for Women’s Suffrage which was open to both male and female members. It was the only Jewish women’s suffrage organisation in England dedicated to attaining votes for British women and equal religious and communal rights for women within the Jewish community.

“Israel Zangwill was born in London in a family of Jewish Immigrants from the Russian Empire. He excelled at school and eventually became a teacher whilst studying for his degree at the University of London, earning a BA with triple honours in 1884. Israel gained renown as a humorist, a writer of serious fiction and a playwright in the years from 1888 to 1926. He wrote 5 Ghetto books the last of which “Ghetto Comedies” was published in 1907 and could feasibly have been completed here in East Preston. Further books followed including The Melting Pot, the play of this novel was performed on Broadway, popularising a now familiar phrase.

“Together Edith and Israel played an active part in women’s suffrage, campaigned for a Jewish Homeland and endorsed feminism and pacifism. They were a brilliant couple in their literary work and their active idealism for a better world.

“The Parish Council would like to thank Shirley Zangwill, the widow of Oliver, Edith and Israel’s son, for coming here to unveil East Preston’s first blue plaque and also for her donation towards the cost of the plaque. Also here is Shirley’s son Jeremy with his wife Dakia and welcome to Roddy McCloud who remembers having tea with Edith at the beginning of WW2. We would also like to thank Nicholas Beck Chair of Sussex Jewish Outreach Group for coming here today. None of this would have been possible without the consent of the current owners of Far End Amy and Simon Comins. Thank you very much and also to those of you who have attended today.”

Cllr Elizabeth Linton – **Vice-Chairman of the Council**

18th November 2018