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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th May 2019 at Council Office, Sea Road, East Preston at 10:00

PRESENT: Councillors A Chapman, P Gander, E Linton (Chairman) and D Moore

ALSO: Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross

Keith Harris, East Preston Community Speed Watch (until 10:44)

Mrs R (until 10:44)

ABSENT: Cllrs C Bowman, L Duff and S Toney

The meeting opened at 10:00. Following the Annual Meeting of the Council on 13th May, the membership of this committee was Cllrs Bowman, Chapman, Duff, Gander and Moore. As Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council respectively, Cllrs Toney and Linton were entitled to attend and vote at meetings of this committee.

477/19 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

Cllr Linton was appointed unopposed. Cllr Moore acted as teller alongside the Clerk. The ballot was on paper.

478/19 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

Cllr Duff was appointed unopposed. Cllr Moore acted as teller alongside the Clerk. The ballot was on paper.

479/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

An apology and a reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bowman and Duff (both away) and Toney (work).

480/19 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

481/19 PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs R said she had lived in Sea Lane for five years and in that time she believed the volume of traffic using the road had increased by about 50%. Mrs R said she was a good judge of vehicle speed and several vehicles a day exceeded the speed limit. Many of the regular offenders either lived or worked in the village, she could easily identify several of them and had photographs of their cars. Mrs R felt some were using Sea Lane as a quicker rat-run than using Sea Road. Mrs R expressed concern someone in Sea Lane will get seriously hurt. There were currently young children living in the southern part of the

road. Mrs R said she could report some drivers to Operation Crackdown but was unsure of the value. Delivery drivers were another problem.

482/19 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The committee AGREED to consider Community Speed Watch matters at this point, enabling Mr Harris and Mrs R not to have to stay for the whole meeting.

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Community Speed Watch

Committee is asked to receive an update on Community Speed Watch in the village.

Co-ordinator Keith Harris will attend the meeting to provide an update on progress and to answer any questions you have. This will include a discussion on the value of any statistics Keith thinks can be provided.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

16th May 2019

Mr Harris has been coordinator of East Preston's Community Speed Watch group for a year now. He started by asking Mrs R whether there was any particular time of day in Sea Lane when speeding was worse than at any other time. Mrs R replied it could happen at any time of day but perhaps rush hours were the worst times. Mr Harris said he was willing to organise a patrol in Sea Lane, but the volume of traffic could make the exercise fruitless and the team was not usually available certainly for the morning rush hour.

Mr Harris, via the Clerk, had circulated a pack of documents to committee members in advance of the meeting. This included a report (see Appendix A), the Sussex Police *East Preston, West Sussex, Site Specific Risk Assessment*, Keith's own *East Preston Community Speedwatch Operation Plan 2018/19 – Update 23/05/19*, a previously-published press release and a document produced by Obtrada, *Traffic Surveys Parish Council Initiative 2019*.

Mr Harris explained any statistical analysis was meaningless as any number of variables could effect the behaviour of traffic during the limited amount of hours each week the team can be out on patrol. Each patrol is only a snapshot of vehicles movements at that particular time.

Mr Harris said the team's interactions with the public were almost wholly positive. Drivers in the village were pretty well behaved generally. The patrols could only record vehicles travelling at 36mph or greater. Mr Harris noted some drivers were, conversely, driving too slowly, 16mph, 20mph, and this caused frustration to other drivers. Patrols on a random basis meant drivers could not be sure whether or not they would encounter a patrol and so, Mr Harris hoped, were more inclined to think about their driving when travelling around the village.

The team was very concerned about vehicles being unable to see when they drive out of Willowhayne Crescent in particular. Mr Harris was aware this was already known by West Sussex County Council and he, and fellow Angmering-on-Sea estate residents, were all providing additional evidence in support of the case for greater parking restrictions in the area. Cllr Linton explained this proposal had been considered once in WSCC's annual review of traffic schemes, but only two schemes could be considered for the Arun area in any one year. The proposal would be considered again in November of this year. If it was unsuccessful, the whole application would need to be made again next year, as each application is only considered annually twice.

Mr Harris was happy with the enthusiasm of the current team although more volunteers were urgently needed as, owing to existing commitments of the current team members, it was not possible to be on patrol as often as he would like. Mr Harris said recruitment was a priority and ideally, the team could do with another six members. Mr Harris still planned to approach local schools, hopeful some parents or part-time staff would be willing to join the team, bring some younger blood into the initiative.

Questioned about the effectiveness of the patrol location in Worthing Road as opposed to further east, Mr Harris said the main reason for a Community Speed Watch team in the village was health and safety, the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Although traffic may be moving at a greater speed further east in Worthing Road, the risk factor was judged to be higher further west. Mr Harris was happy to give this further consideration though.

Mr Harris offered a vote of thanks to Richard Cruise of the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service for his support of the team by allowing it to store everything at the East Preston Fire Station and also have its meetings there.

Mr Harris intended on liaising with local businesses in due course, offering a kind of kitemark for businesses who signed up to support the scheme, maybe earning themselves a sticker in the process. Mr Harris planned to attend an East Preston Business Community Business Breakfast soon.

Mr Harris believed many cars driving past the Village Green actually did so at less than 20mph and this could mean the area was eligible to be a 20mph zone.

Mr Harris ended by saying he had learn there were a number of scenarios where the illusion of speed was actually far greater than the reality. Small cars usually looked as if they were travelling faster than they were. White vans, or clattery vans, same thing. Intentionally noisy cars were designed to give the impression they were travelling faster than they were.

483/19 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC COUNTER

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Community Speed Watch

Committee is asked to consider the commissioning of temporary Automatic Traffic Counter systems at locations to be decided.

The council, and presumably many others, has been contacted by a company called **Obtrada**. Amongst other services, Obtrada provide temporary Automatic Traffic Counters, the two strips you sometimes see on roads. The information provided can be very useful in situations where there is a concern about the volume of traffic or the speed of traffic.

I mentioned this to Keith Harris in his role as Community Speed Watch co-ordinator, and he felt such information could be very useful to him and the Community Speed Watch team. The information collected would not only provide justification for the Speed Watch team being in a particular location, it would also enable Keith to ensure a watch was out at the most appropriate time of the day. It would also give information on how bad traffic speeds are in that location overnight, when it's not possible to have a Speed Watch team out.

I went back to Obtrada to ask for a price, and received the following reply:

Thank you for your email.

The pricing for these monitoring units usually varies depending on the location. I actually live within East Preston therefore we are happy to offer you (EPPC) a fixed fee of £250+VAT per 7 day survey.

Once we have confirmation of a location and of the project itself we first gain permission from West Sussex County Council (WSSC require no fee for this), the units are attached to the road for a period of 7 days with the receiver unit at one end. This unit is usually secured to a piece of street furniture i.e. fence, tree or street lamp. Should the only available option for this be a street light we do require further permission from the local lighting contractor, in this case SSE, which can take a few days so we do try to avoid this when possible.

We do also offer camera surveys too, these are great for monitoring road junctions and/or small car parks. Surveys of this time are normally conducted for peak times (6am-10am & 4pm-7pm) from this a report could show how many vehicles in their category's (cars, light goods, heavy goods) are turning in and out of specific junctions and gives great insight into a specific location and its vehicle saturation. These would be priced accordingly however as an example of 6-10 & 4-7 for one camera at one location, for EPCC this would be around £500+vat.

I hope this information helps. If you'd like to view an example report for either of these types of projects I can get this arranged and have something sent over to you.

Kind Regards,
Nicholas Honour

Director

There is £1,000 in this year's Community Engagement budget for Traffic Calming Measures.

An Obtrada Parish Council Info Pack will be circulated under separate cover.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

23rd May 2019

Mr Harris said he thought this was a brilliant idea. If it was possible for the council to fund two surveys now and then again in the same locations in six months time, it should be possible to ascertain the impact Community Speed Watch was having

in the village. Even better would be the council funding a survey at each of the eight current Speed Watch locations, that would enable him better to schedule patrols. Mr Harris said the Clerk had forwarded him details of grants being offered by the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner to groups aiming to tackle crime in their localities and he was planning to submit a bid for funding towards these surveys. He felt it would strengthen his application if there was evidence the council was supporting the surveys financially.

The committee AGREED unanimously to fund two surveys initially. One would be somewhere in the main run of Sea Road, the other would be at Mr Harris's discretion.

Cllr Linton thanked Mr Harris and Mrs R for attending the meeting, and they both chose to leave the meeting at this point.

484/19 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – ANNUAL REVIEW

Cllr Gander suggested a few minor changes to the proposed Terms of Reference. The committee AGREED unanimously to adopt the Terms of Reference incorporating Cllr Gander's suggested amendments. These will be made available to all councillors once all committees have completed an annual review of their Terms of Reference.

485/19 PLAYSCHEMES - FITNESS and FUN 3

The Clerk confirmed publicity had started with posters and an article in the Spring 2019 Newsletter. The Junior School had agreed to display a poster and the Infant School had agreed to email parents, display a poster, hold booking forms and take bookings to pass on to us.

Cllr Gander advised she and Cllr Duff had agreed to be there on the day and would discuss refreshments nearer the time. Cllr Chapman would be there if she was not away on holiday. The committee AGREED that would be cover enough.

486/19 EAST PRESTON BEACH CLEAN NO. 13, 14TH APRIL

The committee AGREED the last Beach Clean had again been successful. Arrangements for Beach Clean No. 14, scheduled for 29th September, would begin at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported East Preston Infant School had organised a beach clean for Saturday, 29th June. Under the banner of Beach Blitz, the event was starting at 09:30 at The Seaview Hotel. All were welcome and a few committee members would try to attend to show some support.

487/19 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL 2019 – COME AND MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS, 13TH JUNE

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Festival 2019

Committee is asked to finalise planning of the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on 13th June.

Committee is reminded the event has been tied into Alzheimer's Cupcake Day - <https://cupcakeday.alzheimers.org.uk/>.

I have booked the tables and chairs from The Clockhouse again. As committee members will know, these need to be carried from The Clockhouse over to the Council Office forecourt. Although the event is 10:30am start, it is likely some members of the public will be around from 10:15am, and therefore we need to be ready by then.

The event has been publicised in the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th May 2019

The committee felt thirty was a reasonable number of cupcakes for Cllr Chapman to supply. Cllr Chapman will keep the relevant receipts in order to claim back any money spent on this.

The Clerk advised Cllr Gunston was unable to attend.

488/19 FREE TENNIS COACHING ON THE WARREN RECREATION GROUND

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Tennis coaching at the Warren Recreation Ground

Committee is asked to review progress on this year's free-to-participate tennis lessons again on the Warren Recreation Ground.

The following session dates have been agreed with Cllr Linton and Andrew Cook, Head Coach at Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club – Friday mornings 5th, 12th and 19th July at 10am.

An article in the Spring 2019 Newsletter announces this. It was not possible to get a photograph sorted in time for the newsletter and photos we have had previously include someone who is currently indisposed, making those photos not useable. I did ask Andrew for a photograph, but that arrived the day the newsletter went to print, by which time there was no room for it. However, we can use that photograph in further publicity.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th May 2019

Some booking forms have already been taken.

Cllr Linton was available to ensure the event started trouble-free on the 5th, the Clerk was able to cover the 12th and 19th. Cllr Duff had said she would try to take part.

489/19 MERCHANT NAVY DAY (3RD SEPTEMBER)

The committee was asked to consider the council's participation in this year's Merchant Navy Day.

The Clerk had contacted the Commanding Officer of the Littlehampton Sea Cadets, Lt (SCC) Brian Osborne RNR, to ask whether he would be willing and able to attend Merchant Navy Day this year and whether he would be able to bring along a piper again. Lt Osborne had seen Cllr Moore at the weekend and confirmed he would attend together with Able Cadet Ella Bartlett who would pipe the Still and Carry On. Cllr Moore volunteered to play sea shanties on his saxophone again.

The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Toney about the Royal British Legion's involvement. The Clerk will also advise the library of the event.

490/19 FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2019

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Friends of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Committee is asked to review any progress on the council's participation in the Christmas Tree Festival in December.

At the last meeting, the committee agreed this year's theme should be Five Ways to Wellbeing.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

14th May 2019

The Clerk will ascertain whether the decorations used last time are in the council's garage. Committee members will meanwhile give some thought to new decorations for the tree, along the theme of Wellbeing.

491/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2019

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March had been circulated to all members on 27th March asking for suggested amendments by 3rd April. No amendments were proposed.

The committee AGREED the Minutes could be signed as a true record of the meeting which had taken place on 25th March and this action was duly completed by Cllr Linton.

492/19 UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following report by the Clerk was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Minute 093/19 – Wellbeing – WSCC Public Health – Healthy Lifestyles Team – before the last meeting, Dr Bailey had provided a draft Five Ways to Health article for inclusion in the Spring 2019 Newsletter. I had forwarded this to Cllrs Duff and Gander for their consideration and we met on 29th April to discuss it further. The article we created has since been published in the Spring 2019 Newsletter. Dr Bailey has seen a preview of the article and emailed in, “From a quick glance seems okay/we could do a lot worse than this.”

Minute 288/19 – Playschemes – initial publicity for the playscheme scheduled for 6th August has started under the banner of **FITNESS and FUN 3**.

Minute 289/19 – KEPT (Keep East Preston Tidy) – Street Clean – after the last meeting, on 26th March, I sent John and Lindy Wintle a thank-you for the Street Clean and mentioned the committee’s suggestion future events start at different locations in the village to capture different catchment areas. John has responded, verbally, agreeing with this suggestion.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

16th May 2019

Nothing was added.

493/19 NEWSLETTER

The following report had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Newsletter

Committee is asked to consider content for Newsletter No. 52, Summer 2019.

The Summer 2019 issue will be published at the beginning of August, in order to catch the Food & Drink Festival market.

This is a list of some articles for inclusion:

- Food & Drink Festival;
- Come and Meet Your Local Councillors feedback;
- final update on South Strand toilets;
- Village Life (diary);
- Thanks;
- Something from East Preston Business Community;
- Car-parking at the southern end of Sea Road;
- Promotion of Beach Clean No. 14

That would probably be a full four-page newsletter. Assistance in writing any of these articles would be appreciated. Having done two six-page newsletters this calendar year, it would probably be best to keep this to four pages.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th May 2019

The committee AGREED a reminder of the free 15 minutes in the car-park would be useful, if possible.

The following supporting paper was circulated in advance of the meeting and covers the next three Minutes:

Wellbeing in East Preston

Committee is asked to receive an update on council involvement in NHS Local Community Networks. Cllr Gander will report.

Committee is asked to give further consideration to intergenerational events.

Committee is also asked to understand more about Reading Friends. Cllr Gander learnt about The Reading Agency's initiative, Reading Friends, through an email from the West Sussex Library Service. According to the Reading Agency's website, "Reading Friends is our exciting new UK-wide programme, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, which connects people by starting conversations through reading. Delivered by volunteers and co-produced with older people, Reading Friends meet regularly to chat and share stories in groups or one-to-one sessions. It aims to empower, engage and connect older people who are vulnerable and isolated, people with dementia and carers." More information can be found here - <https://readingagency.org.uk/adults/quick-guides/reading-friends/>

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th March 2019

494/19 WELLBEING IN EAST PRESTON – NHS LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS

Cllr Gander reported positively on her second attendance of a REAL (Rustington, East Preston, Angmering and Littlehampton) Local Community Network meeting. Other attendees had been from a broad church: NHS, councils, Citizens Advice, MIND, Angmering School to name a few.

From 2020, pupils at Angmering School will be given education in mental health and how to spot problems in their fellow pupils and how to try and help those other pupils.

Relationships education will be compulsory from 2020 too.

With regards to Social Prescribing, GP practices are supposed to cluster in a Primary Care Network (PCN) aimed at about 50,000 patients. Willowgreen is clustering with The Coppice and the Angmering Medical Centre, although that will not bring the cluster up to 50,000 patients yet. A Social Prescriber has been employed, due to start work on 28th May. The Social Prescriber should work with lots of other agencies in the local area to build knowledge of what help is available for people who may have visited their GP for something more social than medical.

Other attendees at the REAL meeting had been impressed by this council's Five Ways to Wellbeing article in the Spring 2019 Newsletter and this had been shared with them.

Similarly, attendees were impressed with the council's fledgling ideas for its Silver Sunday event, and some thought they knew of people who may well be interested in attending.

Cllr Gander confirmed East Preston PC was the only town or parish council present at the meeting.

Cllr Gander ended by talking about an upcoming initiative called Our Town, which will help those with dementia identify businesses where staff have had some form of dementia training. This was initially due to roll out in Littlehampton and Rustington but the committee AGREED Cllr Gander should contact Robin Wickham at ADC about East Preston businesses being involved at the same time as Rustington and Littlehampton.

A full report on the meeting will be presented to the Full Council meeting on 3rd June.

495/19 WELLBEING IN EAST PRESTON – INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

The committee considered there was no need to tackle any other intergenerational activities at the moment. Events such as beach cleans, playschemes, the Food & Drink Festival, Silver Sunday and the Christmas Celebrations were all intergenerational events to some extent.

The committee AGREED the item should remain on the Agenda in case new ideas crop up in the future.

496/19 WELLBEING IN EAST PRESTON – READING FRIENDS

Cllr Gander explained more about the Reading Friends initiative which is due to launch in West Sussex in September 2019.

The Clerk reported he had recently met with Vicki Davey, Cluster Manager with responsibility for East Preston library. Mrs Davey had told him there were two initiatives already underway at libraries under her control – a homeless persons' reading group at Littlehampton and a Reminiscences group at Rustington, which takes a WSCC Reminiscence pack and uses that to fuel conversation. Cllrs Linton and Gander both spoke positively about their own use of WSCC Reminiscence packs. Mrs Davey said she would be willing to consider any Reading Friends-type initiatives this committee suggested.

Cllr Chapman wondered whether there was some possibility of getting children from the Infant and Junior Schools to meet up with elderly residents to read to each other. This could be investigated further with the school headteachers.

497/19 DEATH OF A SENIOR PERSON OF STATE

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Death of a senior person of state

Committee is asked to continue consideration of a policy for actions to be taken upon the death of a senior person of state.

Alison and I have taken the Ringwood Town Council document and started to amend it for East Preston purposes.

Committee is also asked to consider the advance purchase of some condolences books.

Cllr Linton and I have done a little looking online for condolence books. Here are two examples:

<https://www.cherishedcondolences.co.uk/Classic-blue-condolence-book-p/esp090.htm>

<https://stamfordnotebooks.co.uk/products/hand-bound-leather-condolence-book-marine>

Andy Beams said Crowborough advance purchased some condolence books and paid about £60 each for them.

Any expenditure this year on such books would need to be taken from the Misc Community Engagement Expenditure budget line which has £200 in it.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th May 2019

The Clerk and Cllr Linton would continue to refine the Ringwood Town Council document into something suitable for East Preston.

The committee considered the condolence books suggested: the unlined Cherished book cost £21, whilst the Stamford lined book cost £44.95. Cllr Linton believed it would be better to have a book with lines in it. Although there was some small discomfort about the need for condolence books, the committee AGREED unanimously to recommend to Full Council the purchase of two hand-bound leather condolence books from Stamford Notebooks at a cost of £44.95 each. This will be taken from the council's Contingency budget line not the Misc Community Engagement budget line as, for the time being, that will be needed for Silver Sunday although Cllr Gander was hopeful Silver Sunday would be a cost-neutral event.

498/19 OFFICIAL GUIDE 2019/2020

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Official Guide 2019/2020

Committee is asked to review progress on the creation of the guide.

The council worked hard to ensure it had copy with the publishers in plenty of time for this edition. Unfortunately, the publishers seemed to have a problem with the guy selling advertising space and had to replace him with little advertising space sold. This has put publication back dramatically.

Also unfortunately, this seems to have had a knock-on effect on the amount of space that has been sold, and so the draft of the Guide is 32 pages – the 2017/18 Guide was 48 pages. As a consequence, with the email of the first draft, the publisher said, "We are unable to fit in all the editorial supplied."

The sections that we have left out are: Film Society, Library, Junior School, Village Hall and Disability Action Group. If you would like any of these included please can you confirm what editorial you would like removed in their place.”

I responded to the publisher asking how much it would cost to have an additional eight pages and his answer on 14th May was, “Because of the way it works with the printing, the amount of pages have to be divisible by 8. The cost to have an extra 8 pages in the guide would be £250.” I also asked whether it would be possible to change the date of the guide, and he replied, “As requested we can make the guide a 2019/20/21 edition or we can leave the date off completely.”

My personal thinking is we aim to publish a 2020/21 Guide by the end of this year. A lot of the copy already provided may need to be rewritten – for example, the Cricket Club’s article is headed *2018 – A Summer to Remember* and the Festival article will be another out of date. We can find £250 to finance the extra eight pages, although it may be possible for some additional advertising to be found.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

16th May 2019

The committee wondered whether it might be possible to find more advertisers in the time it would take for some of the articles to be updated. The Clerk will discuss with the publishers.

499/19 DEMENTIA AWARENESS EVENTS

As Cllr Toney was particularly interested in this, the committee AGREED it should defer this until Cllr Toney was present.

500/19 IDEAS FOR THE NEW 2019-2023 COUNCIL TERM

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

2019-2023

Committee is asked to consider some ideas for the new council term.

Following the close of the Annual Council Meeting on 13th May, Cllr Toney asked all councillors and officers present to suggest some ideas the council could consider implementing over the next four years.

As this was outside the meeting, I did not take notes, but a few of the ideas mentioned would be:

NHS Blood Donation service visiting the village – I have responded to Cllr Gunston’s idea by contacting the service to ask how we could make this happen

Improve accessibility across the whole village

An East Preston Park Run – for anyone unfamiliar with the concept look here
<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>

Car-free Sundays at the southern end of Sea Road

Encourage one of the banks to provide a mobile banking service in the village – NatWest has quite a schedule for visiting villages in Sussex, including villages where there are still banks

An article has been included in the Spring 2019 Newsletter asking residents for their views on what the council could do for the village in the new term. If I get around to it, I will also include a basic form to be circulated to residents on the e-mailing list. That form could also be available for the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event. Depending upon the outcome to those requests, the committee could initiate a more formal survey, and there is £1,000 in the current budget for such an exercise.

Other ideas received recently: Kelvan Gale has suggested setting up a community radio station and I would like the council to think about an intergenerational playground.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th May 2019

Cllr Linton advised the meeting she and Cllr Toney had attended the Eastern Parishes meeting on 21st May. The no 12 bus service had been discussed at that meeting; this was run by Compass Travel with financial support from Rustington Parish Council. Cllr Linton did not think the financial support from Rustington Parish Council was that great an amount and thought it may therefore be feasible for East Preston Parish Council to contribute to the service in exchange for the route

being extended into the southern part of East Preston. The committee asked the Clerk to find out more information from his Rustington counterpart, Carole Ward.

The Clerk said he had designed a form for members of the public to tell the council what they would like to see in the village in the next four years. This would be available for use at the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on 13th June, would be handed to members of the public calling into the Council Office and would also be downloadable from the next e-newsletter to residents. The Clerk gave a copy of the form to all councillors present so they could complete the form with their own thoughts.

With reference to items mentioned in the report above:

- The Clerk had been in touch with the National Blood Service. This had replied with various criteria for running sessions in the village, none of which suggested it would bring a mobile van to the village. Criteria included space for nine donation beds in a space of 20m x 10m, preferably with a second holding area. The room should be on the ground floor or there should be access via a lift capable of taking ten people. The location should be accessible by public transport and have ample parking. Sessions usually run for nine hours, either 09:00 to 18:00 or 12:00 to 21:00.

The Clerk had been in touch with the Headteacher of the Infant School and she was happy for the council to investigate this further for out of term-time.

Cllr Gander had confirmed the nearest Park Run was held in Worthing. Park Runs were very popular currently and attracted people of all abilities. Cllr Gander was not sure there was any space big enough in East Preston, although this could be discussed with ADC. The Clerk would contact Robin Wickham.

It was AGREED to raise the idea of car-free Sundays at the Business Breakfast to be held on 6th June. The Clerk explained his idea was just to close the stretch of Sea Road from south of the junction with Willowhayne Crescent southwards. That would mean closing the eastern end of Seaview Road and the western end of South Strand. The advantage was members of the public could move more freely in that area and the experience of sitting outside local hostelrys would be augmented by the lack of passing traffic noise and smells.

The Clerk had details of the NatWest's mobile bank which visited a number of sites in Sussex each week, the nearest being Arundel and Barnham. It was believed the mobile bank still visited some locations where there were other banks still on the High Street. The Clerk felt the best way forward would be to visit the mobile bank in Arundel sometime and talk to staff there about how to get in touch with the right people within NatWest.

The committee AGREED to invite Mr Gale to the next meeting to talk more about community radio.

The committee AGREED to think more about the intergenerational playground idea and how to progress that. This would be an item in itself on the next Agenda.

The Clerk reported he had been advised by the Sussex Community Rail Partnership Angmering station had been awarded £50,000 to spend on improving the station. This was in recognition of the disruption station users experienced during the 2016-17 strike action. This was to be spent in conjunction with community groups. He had informed his counterparts at Angmering, Kingston and Rustington Parish Councils for their input. The committee felt the money could be spent on more planting, benches, a mural and hanging baskets. The Clerk will feed these ideas into the Sussex Community Rail Partnerships.

501/19 NEXT MEETING (22ND JULY)

Nothing not already mentioned.

The Meeting closed at 12:20hrs.

Chairman: *Councillor Elizabeth Linton* Date: **22nd July 2019**