



**Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of East Dean and Friston Parish Council to be held in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, East Dean on Thursday 5 October 2023 commencing at 6.30 pm**

Members of the public and press have a right, and are welcome, to attend meetings of the council, and to speak during the Public Session. Meetings may be recorded.

*Sam Adeniji*

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Clerk to the Council  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **AGENDA**

### **Public Session**

### **Council Session**

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest\*
3. To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3 August 2023
4. Report of the Member of Parliament
5. Report of the County Councillor
6. Report of the District Councillor

### **FOR DECISION:**

7. **Mowing Contract 2024, 2025 and 2026 (Report Item 7)**  
To review the current mowing contract, and approve the issue of tender documents for the next three-year period.
8. **The Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order 202X (Report Item 8)**  
To note and respond to the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Proposal.
9. **Ecological Survey of Verges Assessment Report (Report Item 9)**  
To accept the ecological survey of Verge's report and consider the conclusions highlighted by Laurie Jackson.
10. **Review the meeting times**  
To review the start times for Full Council meetings.
11. **Parish Correspondence Address (Report Item 11)**

To decide whether the council wishes to adopt a correspondence address and agree on the appropriate course of action.

12. **Repairs to 7 Acacia trees on Michel Dene Road and Lonicera hedging (Report Item 12)**  
To consider a request from the Roads Company for repairs to 7 trees on Michel Dene Road.
13. **Environment projects Funding Request (Report 13)**  
To agree to grant the Greensward Company a sum up of £600 to be spent by them on seeding a portion of the Greensward.
14. **Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) - EV charging (Report Item 14)**  
To consider a response to Wealden's District Council (WDC) invitation to apply for REPF funding for the installation of EV charging points in the parish council-owned car park.
15. **Public Space Protection Order (Report Item 15)**  
To consider Wealden's District Council's response to the request by the Parish Council for a PSPO along Gilbert's Drive to Birling Gap.
16. **Appointments to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Report Item 16)**  
To ratify new appointments to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
17. **Payments and Receipts (Report Item 17)**  
To approve payments to be made in October 2023; and to note payments and receipts for September 2023.
18. **Business in Progress (Report Item 18)**
  - a) To launch the grant awarding process for 2023/24, consider a grant for the council's chosen charities and consider a cut-off date for applications.
  - b) To consider a request for repair works to be carried out to the cricket club marquee.
  - c) **East Sussex Association of Local Councils** – to appoint a second councillor (in addition to the Chair) authorised to vote on behalf of the council at the ESALC AGM on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
  - d) To note a report by the Clerk on progress made since the August meeting.

#### **FOR NOTING:**

19. Urgent Items not on the Agenda which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency but not decision.
20. **Reports**
  - a) Chair of the Council including feedback from meeting with Maria Caulfield MP
  - b) Planning Committee - to note the draft minutes of the committee meeting held on 15 August 2023 and 19 September 2023
  - c) Finance – to note the Budget Monitoring Report for Month 6, 2023/24 (Report Item 20c to follow)
  - d) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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- e) Rights of Way and Highways
  - f) Tree Warden
  - g) Recreation Ground
  - h) Defibrillators
  - i) Downlands Estate Management Group

21. **Correspondence (Report Item 21)**

To note a report by the clerk on correspondence received (if any)

*Under Standing Order 3(d) the Chair will move that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, by reason of its confidential nature:*

22. **Clerk's Probationary Period (Report Item 22)**

The Parish Council's Clerk's 13 weeks probationary period expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August

23. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 6.30 pm (subject to item 10 above)**

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**Declarations of Interests** – Councillors are reminded to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Notice should be given at this point in the Meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should be declared at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent. Members should remember to advise The Clerk of any changes to their declared interests, as they arise.