



East Dean & Friston P a r i s h C o u n c i l

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 4th June 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm or immediately following Planning Committee which starts at 6.30 pm.

East Dean and Friston Parish Council will treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.

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.

Phil Burgess
Clerk to the Council
30th May 2026

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Public Session

Council Session

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
3. Member of Parliament Report. (Report Item 3).
4. County Councillor report.
5. District Councillor report.
6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2026.
7. Matters Arising from the minutes and updates from actions. (Item 7 annotated minutes).

For Decision

8. **Payments and Receipts** (Report Item 8) To note payments and receipts for March 2026.
9. **Bank Balances & Reconciliations.** (Report Item 9). To note current balances for both active accounts as at 31st March 2026 (Financial Year End) £115,824. Chair to sign reconciliations.
10. **Disability Plan.** (report Item 10) To consider and adopt a new Disability Plan.
11. **Friston Pond Renovation** (Report Item 11) To appoint a contractor to undertake works required.
12. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return AGAR 2026 – Governance (Report Item 12)**
 - a) To review and approve the governance statement for the year 2025-2026 (AGAR Section1) and **for the chair and clerk to sign section 1 page 4).**
 - b) To formally confirm the effectiveness of the council's Internal Audit regime for the year 2025-2026 and approve the internal auditor's recommendations. (report Item 12b)
 - c) To consider and take note of the report of the Internal Auditor 2026 on page 3 of the AGAR. (Report Item 12c).
13. **AGAR 2026 – Accounts (Report Item 13)**
 - a) To consider and approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2026, Agar Section 2, with supporting end of year bank reconciliation (see item 9 above) and Explanation of Variances. **The Chair to sign Section 2 Page 5 of AGAR.** (Report Item 13a)
 - b) To approve the suggested period from Wednesday 10th June to Tuesday 21st July 2026 for the exercise of electors' rights in relation to the Annual Return prior to submission to the External Auditor.
 - c) To note and approve the overall bank and investment reconciliation as at 31st March 2026. (Report Item 13c)
 - d) To note and approve the listing of significant variances between 24/5 and 25/6 years. Significant in this instance means 15% and over. (Report Item 13d)
14. **Dog Fouling PSPO.** (Report Item 14) To note the renewal of the Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order for the whole of Wealden District Council area.
15. **Toilets in the Village** (Report Item 15) Further information on toilet provision.

16. Art Weekend (Report Item 16) To consider a request for a subsidy for this event.

17. Parking on Michel Dene Rd (Report Item 17) To consider appropriate action regarding this issue.

18. Improvements to the AVM procedure (Report Item 18) To consider suggestions for improvements at the next Annual Village Meeting.

19. Signage on Verges (Report Item 19) To consider “verge restoration” signs to prevent verge parking along the Birling Gap Rd.

FOR NOTING:

20. Urgent Items not on the Agenda which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency. No decision will be made.

21. Reports

- a) Chair of the Council
- b) Defibrillators
- c) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- d) Rights of Way and Highways. *To Include bikes on FP25*
- e) Tree Warden
- f) Recreation Ground *Former Cllr Seeley has offered to repaint the village sign and Beacon. To note EICR electrical certification obtained.*
- g) Downlands Estate Management Group.
- h) Traffic Group
- i) Greensward meetings

22. Correspondence. (Report Item 22)

- a) Concerns regarding Exceat Build and temporary arrangements (to be considered by The Jevington Rd Junction Working Group).
- b) EDDR circular to residents regarding road maintenance.

23. Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.00 pm (following Planning Committee).