



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> April 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 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). To also consider an alternative venue for the August visit if the Village Hall is not available.
4. County Councillor report.
5. District Councillor report.
6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (Financial Year End) £115,824. Chair to sign reconciliations.
- 10. Annual Village Fete.** To consider whether the council should have a table at the Fete to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July between 12 noon and 4.30.
- 11. Signage for visitors to the area.** (Report item 11) To consider forming a working party to improve signage for walkers in the area.
- 12. Gilbert's Drive Path.** (Report Item 12) To consider a more durable surface for the path from the Village Hall bus stop towards the A259.
- 13. Internal Audit Contract.** (Report Item 13) To consider a contract renewal invitation from Mulberry and Co, our internal auditors.
- 14. Grant application.** (Report Item 14) To consider a grant application from the Wealden Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 15. Pavilion Cleaning Services.** (Report Item 15) To set a rate of payment for cleaning services.
- 16. Neighbourhood Plan Information Item.** Councillors are requested to bring a bound copy to both Planning and Parish Council meetings or have access to an electronic copy of the Referendum Version of the recently adopted plan.
- 17. Neighbourhood Plan Priorities.** (Report item 17) To debate priorities and non-policy actions arising from the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 18. Footpath Warden.** (Report Item 18). To consider whether a warden is required to patrol footpaths.

### **FOR NOTING:**

- 19. 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.

### **20. Reports**

- a) Chair of the Council
- b) Defibrillators

- c) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- d) Rights of Way and Highways.
- e) Tree Warden
- f) Recreation Ground
- g) Downlands Estate Management Group.
- h) Traffic Group
- i) Greensward meetings

**21. Correspondence.** (Report Item 21) Notification from SDNPA regarding the new Seven Sisters National Nature reserve.

**22. Confidential Item for debate.** *Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section1 paragraph 2.*

**23. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00 pm (following Planning Committee).**