

# Hooe Parish Council Agenda

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I hereby give notice that all Councillors are summoned to attend the next Full Parish Council meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall when it is proposed to transact the business stated below.

Signed: Jane Warrener, Clerk & RFO

## **Public Attendance**

The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Standing Orders and any person attending the meeting must abide by these rules. The Parish Council may choose to exclude a person under section 1(8) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 if a person fails to meet the standards and comply with the Chairman's requests.

## **Public Questions**

Public participation on matters on the agenda are at the chairman's discretion. In accordance with Standing Orders 3(e-k), the session will last for no longer than 10 minutes with a person speaking for no longer than 2 minutes. Any other question should be put in writing to the clerk in advance of the next meeting. Questions raised for items listed on the agenda that cannot be answered at the council meeting will be brought forward to the next council meeting for response.

End of public participation.

## **Business To Be Transacted**

1. **To receive apologies and reasons for absence** in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S85 (3)

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

Interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council code of conduct.

To receive councillors' declarations of interest regarding matters on the agenda and consider any written requests or dispensation as a result. Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings** to be agreed and signed as a true record.

To approve and sign the Confidential Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and the Full Council Meeting Minutes held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as a true record.

Should any Councillor wish to make any comment relating to the Confidential Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023, the Council must exclude the public from the meeting for agenda item 3 and the following resolution must be passed.

Under the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 3 due to the employee related nature of the content, as the business and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

4. **To receive reports from:**

- a. County Councillor
- b. District Councillor/s
- c. Saint Oswald's Church

5. **To receive the Chairman's Report**

### **Matters for Consideration and Resolution**

6. To consider the grant application submitted by St. Oswald's Church for approval.
7. To discuss the work required to bring the Dunk's Field back into use so it can be let for grazing (or another activity decided by the Parish Council) and agree any actions required.
8. To consider undertaking essential maintenance works to the entrance to the Bogs field and agree any actions required.
9. To discuss the ground maintenance contract and consider any actions required.

### **Financial Matters for Consideration and Resolution**

10. To consider the opening of a Lloyds bank account to transfer the funds from the Barclays account and close both Barclays bank accounts.
11. To receive the external auditors report for the year end 2022/23 and agree any actions required.
12. To receive payments for approval
13. To receive finance reports for noting

### **Matters to be brought forward for consideration to the next meeting.**

#### **The date of the next meeting**

In accordance with The Data Protection Act 2018 all attendees of the meeting are hereby notified that the meeting will be recorded as an aide memoire for the clerk when compiling the minutes. The recordings are held securely and are deleted after the resolution that the minutes are a true and correct record. Members of the public should be aware that being present at a meeting of the Council or one of its committees or sub-committees will be deemed as the person having given consent to being recorded (photograph, film or audio recording) at the meeting, by any person present. A person or persons recording the parish meeting are reminded that the "Public Session" period may not be part of the formal meeting and that they should take legal advice for themselves as to their rights to make any recording during that period.

## Members' Update – East Sussex County Council – September 2023

### Cllr Bob Bowdler - Wealden East Division

**(Wealden East Division:- Heathfield, Horam, Hooe, Herstmonceux, Ninfield, Warbleton & Wartling parishes)**

## Adult Social Care

### Robotic pets bring comfort to dementia sufferers

A mechanical pet project to help people with early-stage dementia has been launched in East Sussex. The county council's RoboPets scheme aims to support clients living with the early stages of the condition by giving them a robotic cat or dog which acts as a positive distraction for them. The automated pets help with anxiety and ease the pressure felt by carers by providing companionship.

Since the project's launch in April, 50 companion pets have been homed across the county, with carers seeing positive health and wellbeing benefits for the people they care for. When the project ends in April 2024, the council will evaluate the benefits of the pilot scheme to establish whether the pets should be made more widely available to eligible residents across East Sussex.

More information about dementia support in East Sussex is available [here](#).

Details about local dementia services can be found on the [East Sussex 1Space website](#).

Further information about this story can be found [here](#).

## Children's Services

### New film highlights need for more foster carers

A powerful new film released on 26 September highlights the difference fostering can make. 'Any of Us' is the sixth film produced by a growing partnership of councils and children's trusts to promote local authority fostering. The film follows three people from different walks of life, who deal with everyday situations and realise that they have the skills to become a foster carer and make a difference.

The project is the largest public sector fostering film collaboration to date, with over 80 participants including East Sussex County Council. The film was produced by Reel TwentyFive and project managed by CAN Digital.

Help and advice is available to East Sussex County Council foster carers day or night, and every foster carer has a dedicated social worker who is locally based in East Sussex. An additional 24-7 telephone helpline is also available.

**For more information on fostering with East Sussex County Council and to view the film 'Any of Us', visit the [ESCC website](#).**

**\*PLEASE WATCH THIS FILM, help spread the word, and change a child's life!\***

## Communities, Economy and Transport

### East Sussex County Council approves use of funding to support vulnerable households

At a meeting on 15 September 2023, the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health agreed to approve the use of £2,000,568 from Round 4 of the Household Support Fund to provide support to pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024.

The scheme provides a further opportunity to extend the support to vulnerable households within East Sussex who are experiencing financial challenges.

The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

### App and online platform to boost volunteering efforts

A new app and online platform designed to make it easier for people to volunteer has been officially launched by East Sussex County Council. The Tribe app was unveiled to voluntary organisations in the final week of September, with demonstrations by developer Bronze Labs.

The app enables those interested in volunteering to find opportunities with local groups and organisations. Voluntary organisations will also be able to use Tribe to manage and schedule their volunteer tasks and find new local volunteers. Rother Voluntary Action (RVA), Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA) and Wealden, Eastbourne, and Lewes Voluntary Action (3VA) are working alongside Bronze Labs to assist voluntary organisations in using Tribe, and to get their volunteering opportunities included.

Find out more about the Tribe project and download the app [here](#).

### Eastbourne gallery exhibits the Turner Prize

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, one of the world's most prestigious art awards opened to the public in Eastbourne. The Towner gallery is hosting the finalists in the Turner Art Prize for the next 6 months to mark its centenary. The Turner Prize is the biggest contemporary art prize in the world, and only goes to one venue each year.

More information about the art on show is available on the gallery's [website](#).

### Tree funding boost to council's environmental efforts

Funding from the national Local Authority Treescapes Fund will see more trees planted across the county as the council continues its efforts to address the climate emergency. Nearly £300,000 of funding from the Forestry Commission has been awarded to the county council, following a successful joint bid with Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council for tree planting projects.

The project will include the planting of up to 20,000 trees on the downland fringes between Eastbourne and East Dean and the planting of a number of trees in Chailey parish. It will be delivered over two years, beginning at the start of this winter, and will allow three years of maintenance to ensure the successful establishment of the trees.

The grant brings the total amount secured by the county council from the Treescapes Fund over the last three years to nearly £900,000.

More about this story can be found [here](#).

More information about the actions taken by East Sussex County Council to reduce its carbon footprint can be found on the council's [website](#).

### Highway improvement programme gives county roads a new lease of life

Roads across East Sussex have been given a new lease of life thanks to an annual highways improvement programme.

Surface dressing has been carried out on 17 sites this year, extending the life of almost 30km of road by up to 10 years at a fraction of the cost of removing and replacing the road surface. An additional surface seal was applied to eight of the surface dressing sites where stress is caused due to turning vehicles or higher vehicle speeds. This will further strengthen the roads and help prevent defects, cracks, and potholes from forming.

More information on work taking place across East Sussex is available [here](#).

### Thousands of children take part in summer reading challenge

Over 6,000 children have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge, setting themselves the target of reading six books during the holidays. Throughout East Sussex, young people have visited the library and participated in dance duets, Lego workshops, archery and fencing. Children can receive their certificates for completing the challenge in school by [logging into their library accounts](#) and filling in their details.

### School Crossing Patrols celebrate 70 years

Badges and certificates marking the Platinum Jubilee of the School Crossing Patrol service have been presented to lollipop men and women across the county. Provided by Road Safety GB, the badges and certificates have been distributed to School Crossing Patrols (SCPs) by the county council as part of nationwide celebrations to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the service.

SCPs have been helping children cross the road safely since the service was officially created by the School Crossing Patrol Act in 1953. There are patrols at 28 schools across East Sussex including in Battle, Eastbourne, Hastings, Robertsbridge, Rye, Uckfield and Wadhurst.

Read more about this story [here](#).

### Apprentices invited to graduation ceremony

The commitment and hard work of local apprentices will be celebrated at a special graduation ceremony. The East Sussex Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November will celebrate the county's apprentices of all ages and levels, across all sectors. Apprentices who live or work in the local authority area of East Sussex and who have achieved their apprenticeship between the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 are invited to attend and graduate.

The event is organised by the Sussex Council of Training Providers with support from strategic partner and sponsor East Sussex County Council, headline sponsor the University of Brighton, and sponsors the East Sussex College Group, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), the South East Apprenticeship Ambassador Network, and Apprenticeships in Sussex.

Nominations are also currently being invited for four awards, which will be presented at the ceremony.

More information about the ceremony, the awards, and how to make nominations can be found [here](#). The deadline for nominations is 5pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

### Innovative scheme offering free contraception now available in East Sussex

An online service offering free condoms alongside sexually transmitted infection testing kits is now available in East Sussex. The existing home testing kit delivery service has been expanded to give residents the option to request a complimentary pack of 12 condoms alongside an STI testing kit. In addition, those under 25 who can access free condoms alone are also being offered a testing kit.

The East Sussex Public Health team partnered with Preventx, the largest provider of remote sexual health testing in the UK, to launch the scheme during the Covid pandemic. Following the success of the pilot scheme, the online condom service is now a standard part of the East Sussex sexual health system.

Free condoms are also available at sexual health clinics across the county and by post. The C-card scheme enables those aged 16-24 to access free condoms from a range of outlets across East Sussex.

More information is available [here](#).

Read more about this story on the [East Sussex News Room](#).

### Health officials urge eligible residents to book covid and winter flu vaccinations

Health officials in the region are urging those eligible for their covid and winter flu vaccinations to book their appointments. The jabs are currently being offered to the over 65s and those who are clinically vulnerable.

This story was reported nationally. More information can be found [here](#).

### For your information: Meetings I attended in September as your County Councillor:

ESCC 4 x Weekly DCS/ADCS Briefings  
Wartling Parish Council  
LM Education & Special Needs  
Hooe Parish Council  
ESCC Planning  
Armed Forces Covenant, Newcastle  
Horam Parish Council – DNA  
ESCC Cabinet Briefing  
ESCC HOSC  
South East Region Childrens Safeguarding  
Warbleton Parish Council  
ESCC People Scrutiny  
Turner Prize Opening, Eastbourne



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