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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held on **4th March 2019** at 7.30 pm in the Committee room, Plumpton Village Hall

Present: Cllr. E.Harrison - Chair
 Cllr.C.Funnell - Vice
 Cllr.J.Smith Cllr.M.Symes
 Cllr.J.Tingle Cllr.Nurse

Apologies: Cllr.C.Farmelo

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. 1 member of the public

		Action
3/19/01	Apologies for absence As above	
3/19/02	Any questions from the public A resident said she had spoken to the conservation officer at Chichester DC about proposals for a wildlife corridor in Chichester. She had some information which she would pass on. She suggested a wildlife corridor to connect Waringore wood with Chailey Common. She will get more details and pass to ECPC. Also, she said CPRE are launching a dark skies project, which involves looking at stars from a dark area accessible to all.	
3/19/03	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
4/19/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019 were agreed and signed	
3/19/05	Matters arising from last meeting Min.no.1/19/02 Any update regarding a review of SDNP boundaries – The chair followed up on the issue of the possibility of getting the SDNP boundary shifted (for East Chiltington and neighbouring parishes). However, she drew a bit of a blank regarding the review process that was mentioned in the meeting. The Glover review, which was referred to, took place in 2018 and SDNP provided a response to this, but so far as she could see, it did not cover issues of the park boundary.	
3.19.6	Financial matters	
3.19.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices: *Cheque No: 1002 £366.09 Clerk salary/expenses January 2019 *Cheque No: 1003 £361.19 Clerk salary/expenses February 2019	
3.19.6.2	Council noted the current financial situation.	
3.19.6.3	Council agreed to appoint Steve Brentnall as internal auditor for 2019.	
3.19.7	Planning Matters: Council noted and discussed the following applications: SDNP/19/00232/HOUS Material changes to the approved planning application reference SDNP/18/03339/HOUS The Grange, Novington Lane, East Chiltington – <i>no objection</i>	
3.19.7.1	Council noted decisions by LDC and SDNP SDNP/18/03339/HOUS The Grange, Novington Lane, East Chiltington - <i>granted</i> SDNP/18/05602/HOUS 1 School Cottages Chapel Lane - First floor side extension over existing single storey side extension and new open porch to front elevation – <i>granted</i> LW/18/0815 & LW/18/0816 Little Clears Novington Lane - First floor extension and alterations to provide additional bedroom and bathroom accommodation – <i>granted</i>	
3.19.7.2	Council noted that application LW/18/0999 at Yokehurst had arrived too late to be discussed at the meeting and any comments would be made under delegated powers.	

3.19.8	To receive any reports:	
3.19.8.1	Report from the Chair The chair had nothing to report	
3.19.8.2	TECT There will be a meeting on 5 th March and the annual quiz on March 11 th . There will be a raffle at the quiz and council agreed that 3 village prints stored since the lych gate millennium project should be given to TECT as raffle prizes.	
3.19.8.3	Finance and staff: Nothing to report	
3.19.8.4	Communications/magazine/website: no report	
3.19.8.5	Environment: The annual parish litter pick takes place at 10am on March 10 th . Community events/facilities: A date of July 6 th was suggested for the annual village event which will be a joint event between ECPC and TECT. Council has been advised that the shelves in the phone/book box are deteriorating. New solid wood shelves are needed and council hoped someone in the parish might come forward to make the shelves. Cllr.Tingle offered some pine planks.	
3.19.8.6	Community Care: Bruce has offered to install the defibrillator at the Jolly Sportsman	
3.19.8.7	Highways and items for SLR meetings: Report attached	
3.19.8.8	Verges: Nothing to report	
3.19.8.9		
3.19.9	Any reports from meetings attended by councillors or the clerk	
3.19.10	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting.	
3/19/11	Update on proposals for devolution of land at Hollycroft. LDC will recommend that the Cabinet should agree devolution of the Hollycroft field to ECPC, when they meet in March. In advance of this, LDC are moving things forward and are preparing a report on the title of the land , which they will send to ECPC. The clerk has received an estimate of likely legal costs in the region of £800.	
3/19/12	Council considered the financial regulations for ECPC With one small alteration these were approved.	Clerk
3/19/13	Council considered the Data protection requirements This will be included on the next agenda	
3/19/14	Items to note or for a future agenda There are council elections in May. The litter pick will take place on March 10 th . The Annual parish meeting will take place on May 13 th at 7.00pm to be followed by the annual meeting of the parish council. Council wish to discuss any proposed development on land owned by the Eton Estates at the next council meeting.	Clerk
3/19/15	The 2019 meetings of the PC will be Mon 13th May (following the parish meeting), Mon 8th July, Mon 9th Sept, Mon 4th Nov all in the committee room, Plumpton Village Hall. Future council meetings will start at 7.30pm	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

JT 06/3/2019

Signed.....(Chairman) Dated.....

Glossary:

LDC – Lewes District Council
ESCC - East Sussex County Council
SSALC – Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils
TECT – The East Chiltington Trust
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
ECAG – The East Chiltington Action Group
SLR – Strengthening Local Relationships (meetings with ESCC highways)

SDNPA - South Downs National Park Authority
AIRS – Action in Rural Sussex
LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils

Report for 4th March 2019 East Chiltington Parish Council meeting.

1. The twice-yearly "Strengthening Local Relationships" (SLR) meeting between Highways, and Plumpton and East Chiltington parish councils was held on 29th February 2019 and attended by Julia on behalf of ECPC.

a. White-lining at the junction of Honeypot, Novington & South Road requested in September 2018 but not yet actioned will be actioned by Rob Stevens (RS) of Highways.

b. As requested by the Clerk, Highways were asked to look at Chapel Lane drains because they are too high above the road and are not allowing water to drain away properly, thus causing erosion of the road surface. RS agreed to investigate.

c. The following issues relating to construction sites at Gradwell and Greenacres were raised:-

1. Traffic congestions and hold-ups caused by construction vehicles parking outside Gradwell & Greenacres.

2. Chipped windscreens, and un-cleared construction debris on the roads caused by contractors.

3. Greenacres construction vehicles which narrowly miss surgery and bridleway traffic as they exit the site.

4. The frequent near misses on the blind bend at the corner of Mill & Honeypot Lane.

5. Traffic which drives at excessive speed along Honeypot Lane to compensate for holdups along Mill Lane.

6. Greenacres lorries block access to the surgery because they have to manoeuvre out of an inadequate sized carpark.

7. From 0730 Monday to lunchtime on Saturday East Chiltington residents now live with the constant sound of reverse sounding beacons and building noise.

8. As requested further information and photographs will be sent to Highways.

d. Highways advised that without statistical evidence to suggest road safety is an issue along Mill and Honeypot Lane they are unable to do anything. Data is only retained for the previous three years (which would explain why Highways could not provide evidence of the fatality along Mill Lane when I raised it at the ESCC planning meeting considering Greenacres in July 2018).

e. Attendees were reminded that that there are *two* construction sites operating simultaneously, that the timetable for the large scale Gradwell construction of 65 flats is 2+ years, and that a third major application is about to be submitted for re-development at Chailey School.

f. 30 mph signage request. Part of Honeypot Lane is 60 mph and then drops down to 30 mph at the point where a sign is so small that it is barely of use. Budget constraints were cited as a reason why a larger sign is unlikely to materialise.

g. Plumpton's PC Chair is hoping to encourage sufficient people to join a Speedwatch group. It is hoped to publicise this venture more in both parish magazine entries.

h. The obsolete Highways sign advising that work is about to start in Novington Lane will be removed by RS.

Additional Highways items for report (not part of the SLR meeting).

Work to cure flooding on part of Novington Lane was completed in 4 days instead of 5, and Highways had been thanked.

The Novington Lane sign at the junction of Novington & Honeypot Lane with South Road was finally re-instated by LDC after 6 months and some reminders.

My request to ESCC for a larger and more noticeable junction sign (with a yellow background) for those travelling along Honeypot Lane towards this same 60 mph junction with Novington Lane & South Road was approved and carried out in January 2019.

Cllr. Julia Tingle

Parish Update for East Chiltington Parish Council. - Maria Caulfield MP.
March 2019

Sorry I am unable to join you this evening but I wanted to update you on a couple of issues that I am working on in Parliament

Police funding update

I have been contacted residents who are concerned about increasing levels of rural crime locally. I was therefore pleased that last week extra funding for Sussex police has been announced.

Sussex Police could see an increase of up to £22 million. This includes a £3 million increase in grant funding, a further £2.7m for increased pension costs and flexibility to increase Council Tax by £2 a month which could raise up to £16 million.

There are over 200 new officers planned for Sussex but police will target resources where they identify the most issues. Therefore if there are concerns in the village do let me know and I can flag this up with the local inspector.

BBC licence fee

The BBC recently consulted on scrapping the free licence fee for over 75s. I have formally objected to this proposal.

At the moment all households with someone aged over 75 are entitled to receive free TV licences. In 2016 the Government handed over the responsibility for this directly to the BBC but they provided the funding until 2020. However after that the BBC will have to fund this themselves.

I hope that the BBC will keep being able to offer those over 75 a free TV licence as this is a massive help to many people. If the BBC cannot afford this then they really should be looking at alternative funding arrangements including advertisements. In the age of Netflix, NowTV and other such services many people are leaving ordinary TV behind and in some cases not needing a TV license. The BBC must adapt in these modern times and not leave the older generation having to pay for a TV licence.

We should hear shortly the decision of the BBC.

Litter

I am getting lots of complaints from people over litter on the roadside. Despite Lewes district council collecting litter across the district it is still a huge problem. The Great British Spring Clean is encouraging, which runs from March 22nd to April 23rd, is encouraging everyone to take part in leaning up their local area.

To find out more about the Great British Spring Clean visit www.keepbritaintidy.org or let me know as Lewes District Council can provide help and equipment for local volunteers if they are keen to take part.

As always do let me know if I can help in any way with any issues.