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**DRAFT minutes of the meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
 held on **4th November 2019** at 7.30 pm in the Committee room, Plumpton Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr.M.Symes  
 Cllr.C.Funnell  
 Cllr.R.Nurse  
 Cllr.P.David  
 Cllr.M.Goodenough

**Apologies:** Cllr. M.Durham

**In attendance:** Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. LDC Cllr.Rob Banks 2 members of the public

		Action
11/19/01 11/19/1a	<b>Any apologies for absence</b> – Cllr.Durham Council had been approached by two residents wishing to fill two of the vacant seats on the council. Both were co-opted to the council and Paddy David and Miranda Goodenough signed the acceptance of office forms, handed in their register of interests forms and joined the table.	
11/19/02	<b>Any questions from the public</b> Two residents from Highbridge lane asked the council for support in their attempts to get a heavy growth of spear thistles cleared from a field on the South side of Highbridge Lane. The thistles are blocking the public footpath and in the summer the seeds fill the gardens of houses smothering plants and vegetables. They also invade the houses if windows are open, getting everywhere and even growing in the guttering. Residents have contacted Eton Estates who own the land and have been referred on to Batcheller Monkhouse who are the managing agents who in turn referred them to the tenant farmer, Mr N.Harvey. This problem is now in its third year and nothing has been done and the thistles are now providing cover for pheasants which are encouraged onto the field with feeders and are then shot. The parish council was very concerned about shooting taking place in a field with a public footpath and also concerned that the footpath is not usable and the thistle seeds are causing problems. This has been reported to ESCC rights of way. Cllr.Nurse will contact Batcheller Monkhouse on behalf of the parish council to raise these concerns.  LDC Cllr. Banks gave an update on the situation regarding the charges for East Chiltington children using the Chailey school bus.	Cllr.Nurse
11/19/03	<b>Declaration of interest</b> on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
11/19/04	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September.'19</b> were agreed and signed	
11/19/05	<b>Matters arising from last meeting</b> <b>Min No.7.19.5</b> ESCC rights of Way have contacted the council regarding a proposed diversion of Footpath 20 – Novington sandpit. Council looked at the plans and discussed the proposal. They felt that there was no good reason for the proposed diversion and will request that ESCC do not grant this application. The footpath should stay on its direct line as marked on the ordinance survey map. They felt that the proposed diversion would be less convenient to the public and would have a detrimental effect on public enjoyment of the path – both being material matters. The chair will reply to ESCC. Council noted that a large quantity of manure had been dumped on the route of the unofficially diverted path and that this was leaching into the adjacent stream. This has been reported to the environment agency.	Chair
11.19.6 11.19.6.1	<b>Financial matters</b> <b>Council approved payment of the following invoices:</b> <b>a) To approve payment of invoices (including v.a.t) and any cheques to be signed</b>	

<p>11.19.6.2 11.19.6.3</p>	<p>Cheque No: 101021 £36.00 CPRE subscription  Cheque No: 101022 £50.00 Grant:Springett/Campion Ed.Trust (s.137)  Cheque No: 101023 £20.00 Lewes District Association subscription  Cheque No: 101024 £84.00 SALC training course for J.Tingle – not used  Cheque No: 101025 £50.00 Grant to the Monday Rights of Way group (s.137)  Cheque No: 101026 £118.35 LDC election expenses  Cheque No: 101027 £50.00 Grant to the Sussex Air Ambulance (s.137)  *Cheque No: 101028 Clerk salary/expenses September  *Cheque No: 101029 £19.02 C.A.S. Insurance  *Cheque No: 101030 Clerk salary/expenses October  *Cheque No: 101031 £15.00 RBL Poppy appeal – wreath (s.137)  *Cheque No: 101033 £15.00 OART subscription</p> <p><b>Council noted</b> the current financial situation</p> <p><b>Council considered the precept required to run the council for 2020/21.</b>  The clerk had prepared and distributed the budget forecast prior to the meeting. The main extra area of expense would be maintenance of the Hollycroft field, playground and lime trees. Quotes had been received and the annual cost estimated at between £1300 and £1500, which equates to around £4.30 per electorate per year. Council discussed the role of the East Chiltington Trust in the parish and agreed that they would ask the trust for a grant of £500 towards the upkeep of the Hollycroft grounds as this would benefit all residents in the parish who are free to use the area for recreation. Council agreed that the precept request for 20/21 would be £7112 or £6612 if a grant is obtained.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Chair</p>
<p>11.19.7</p>	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b>(P&amp;E committee: Chair, Cllr.Nurse, Cllr.Durham)  <b>Current applications:</b>  SDNP/19/04124 Kemps Cottage Novington Lane - Demolition of back door lean-to structure and erection of a two storey extension comprising office and second bedroom. <i>The parish council had no comment on this application which has now been withdrawn.</i></p> <p><b>Council noted decisions made by LDC and SDNP:</b>  <b>LW/19/0603</b> Yokehurst Farm Mill Lane East Chiltington - Demolition of existing lean-to, Erection of barn for farm storage with two internal isolation stables, enclosure of the existing fuel and water tanks and erection of horse walker.- <i>granted</i></p>	
<p>11.19.8 a)</p>	<p><b>To consider councillor roles and any reports:</b>  <b>TECT:</b> Council considered the appointment of a second Council trustee and Cllr.David agreed to take this role. Council had been asked to approve the appointment of East Chiltington resident Sarah McLaughlin to TECT and this was agreed.</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Staffing:</b> This role is vacant  <b>Communications/website:</b> This role is vacant  <b>Parish magazine report:</b> Cllr.Funnell  <b>Environment and waste:</b> Cllr.Nurse  <b>Community Care:</b> Cllr.Funnell  <b>Highways, verges and SLR meetings:</b> This role is vacant. Clerk will ask for the date of the next planned SLR meeting. Clerk to report the road sign for Mill Lane is down.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11.19.9</p>	<p><b>Any reports from meetings attended by councillors or the clerk:</b>  Chair had attended the SDNPA parish workshop and gave a report.</p>	
<p>11.19.10</p>	<p><b>Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting.</b></p>	
<p>11/19/11</p>	<p><b>Update on proposals for devolution of land at Hollycroft.</b>  The advisory group has held a meeting and has provided a plan for suggested maintenance of the area. Clerk has met with 3 contractors. Estimates range from £125 per cut to £300 per cut. Council agreed to award the contract for 2020 to Countrymans Contractors Ltd.Ringmer. Correspondence had been received from a Hollycroft resident concerned that a member of the advisory group had taken it upon themselves to destroy an area of mature hedging in order to create an opening from the Hollycroft field into the TECT field. This was done without the approval of the parish council and Cllrs.David and Funnell will raise this with the group and emphasise that their role is to advise the parish council on suggestions for use/maintenance of the area but not to carry out any actions without parish council agreement in advance.</p>	

<p><b>11/19/12</b></p>	<p><b>Council considered any possible future developments on land owned by Eton Estates</b>  Council discussed works going on in the field east of Novington Lane by the rail bridge. A large quantity of stone and hard standing has been laid to create an access road which leads to a large compound in the field, owned by Eton estates. This area is being leased from Eton to Network rail as a works site whilst repairs are carried out on the bridge in Novington lane and also on a rail bridge in Streat Lane. There are plans to install site offices, canteen, toilet facilities and lorry and car parking as well as material storage. The clerk has contacted the site manager and been informed that this work is expected to last until February 2020 and will involve an estimated 50 lorry loads of materials to be using the site. Council was very concerned that there had been no consultation with the parish or residents about this work and no application for change of use of agricultural land. Without any documentation, there could be no guarantee that the land would ever be returned to agriculture after February. Clerk had received a call from a concerned resident who noticed that during heavy rain, water which previously soaked into the field and drained into the river was now pouring down the hard surface and flooding the road. Clerk will try contact someone from LDC planning to ask if permission is needed for these works. Cllr Rob Banks also offered to follow this up.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllr.Banks</p>
<p><b>11/19/13</b></p>	<p><b>Council discussed the parish website in light of the Accessibility Regulations 2018.</b>  Clerk has contacted the website provider for a quote on bringing the parish website into line with the new regulations – no reply as yet.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>11/19/14</b></p>	<p><b>Council considered the data protection requirements.</b>  It may be that councillors will be issued with dedicated ECPC email addresses but this will need to be decided when all vacancies are filled.</p>	
<p><b>11/19/15</b></p>	<p><b>Council considered donating one small marquee to TECT</b>  One of the small marquees was badly damaged by severe weather after the harvest event on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The other marquee will be offered to TECT.</p>	
<p><b>9/19/16</b></p>	<p><b>Items to note or for a future agenda</b>  The clerk had received an updated disc from Mary Parker containing her work on a study of the landscape around East Chiltington. This will be kept with council files.  The remembrance service will meet at Scout HQ Plumpton 10.30am 10.11.19 – Cllr.P.David will attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the council.  The clerk has been told that James Otway has taken over the role as EC parish tree warden from Robert Symes. Clerk to contact Mr Otway for his details.</p>	<p>Cllr.David</p>
<p><b>9/19/17</b></p>	<p><b>Meetings for 2020 will be:</b> Mon.6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. all in the committee room, from <u>7.30pm</u>. Plumpton Village Hall</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

JT 5/11/2019

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

Glossary:

LDC – Lewes District Council                      SDNPA - South Downs National Park Authority  
ESCC - East Sussex County Council              AIRS – Action in Rural Sussex  
SSALC – Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils  
TECT – The East Chiltington Trust              LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils  
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England  
ECAG – The East Chiltington Action Group