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DRAFT minutes of the meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held under distancing guidelines on **2nd November 2020** at 7.30pm at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge.

Present: Cllr.M.Symes, chair
 Cllr.C.Funnell, vice chair
 Cllr.M.Goodenough
 Cllr. M.Durham
 Cllr.M.Elms
 Cllr. P.David

Apologies: Cllr.R.Nurse

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council.

		Action
11/20/01	Any apologies for absence – As above Cllr.Banks had sent a report (attached)	
11/20/02	Any questions sent in advance from the public A resident had asked the council if there was more that could be done to assist anyone in need during the covid crisis. Council discussed this. Cllrs.David and Funnell were both part of local help schemes but had not had any requests for assistance. There were local groups in action collecting supplies etc. for those isolating and neighbours were helping those they knew but it could be that wider publicity was needed for the support schemes. Cllr.David will speak to the resident to see what they had in mind.	Cllr.David
11/20/03	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
11/20/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020 were agreed and signed	
11/20/05 11/20/5a 11/20/5b 11/20/5c	Matters arising from last meeting Min.No.9.20.8.1 – The SDNP enforcement officer had visited the Novington sandpit. The response had been circulated to all concerned with the problems there. Min.no.9.20.10 – Any update on inspection of trees around Hollycroft. Chair has spoken to the tree warden who will accompany an expert to inspect all the trees. Min.No.9.20.11 – Any update on possibly planting a tree in memory of Lady Marina Bury. There has been no progress on finding a suitable place to plant a tree.	
11.20.6 11.20.6.1	Financial matters Council approved payment of the following invoices: Cheque No: 101058 £36.00 CPRE subscription Cheque No: 101059 £100.00 Donation to Monday Rights of Way Group (s.137) Cheque No: 101060 £ Clerk salary/expenses for September Cheque No: 101061 £ Clerk salary/expenses for October Cheque No: 101062 £ 300.00 Countrymans contractors. Mow Hollycroft 5/6 of 6 Cheque No: 101063 £ 17.00 Royal British Legion Poppy wreath	
11.20.6.2 11.20.6.3	Council noted the current financial situation Council considered the precept required for 2021/2022 The clerk presented the budget for 2021/2022. There would be apx.£350 for work needed to make safe 3 Oak trees and possibly £255 for an extra 2 cuts of the Hollycroft field if needed in the spring. Council agreed that if extra cuts were needed this would be paid from CIL funds. It was felt that some of the tree work cost may be offset by selling any timber for logs. Council agreed to set the precept for 2021/2022 at £7,411. Clerk to inform LDC	Clerk
11.20.6.4	Council considered a request for a grant of £250 from the KSS Air ambulance service. As	

	there was only £70 left to fund worthy causes in the parish, chair proposed a grant of £50 be given. Seconded by Cllr.David and agreed by all.	
11.20.7 11.20.7.1	Planning Matters: (P&E committee: Chair, Cllr.Nurse, Cllr.Durham) There were no current applications:	
11.20.7.2	Council noted decisions made by LDC and SDNP: LW/20/0437 8 Pouchlands Drive,East Chiltington:Retention of 4 no. Rooflights and Insertion of window to existing brick feature panel at attic (2nd floor) level- <i>granted</i>	
11.20.8 11.20.8.1	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting. A resident had contacted the council asking for their opinion on a proposed planning application. Council agreed that it was not appropriate to give opinions in advance of any application or for them to predetermine what local opinion might be. Clerk to reply that once the application is with LDC there will be an opportunity for the parish council to respond.	Clerk
11.20.8.2	Council received a request from a resident for approval to trim a lime tree in Hollycroft. The tree warden agreed that some smaller branches (fingerlings) could be removed but cutting back the crown was likely to damage the tree and should be refused. Council felt that any work on the lime trees should be cleared with LDC as they may all have TPO's.	
11.20.8.3	A resident contacted the council,concerned about possible damage from an Oak tree in Hollycroft. The tree warden had received a quote of apx.£350 to remove dead branches from 3 trees and to reduce the weight on one branch. Chair will try to get a second quote for the work. Clerk will contact LDC regarding any permission required.	Chair Clerk
11/20/9	Council considered the data protection and website accessibility requirements. Cllr.Goodenough said Upperbridge were still working on the updates	Cllr.Goodenough
11/20/10	TECT – The East Chiltington Trust The licence to site water tanks partly on ECPC land had been signed and returned. Council noted that sadly the planned village Pic nic and Apple pressing days were cancelled due to restrictions.	
11/20/11	Items to note or for a future agenda Council noted that LDC has listed the church as a community asset Council noted a letter of thanks from The Monday Rights of Way group Council thanked Cllr.Funnell who has offered to represent ECPC at the restricted remembrance service on November 8 th	
11/20/17	Council meetings for 2021 will be determined by circumstances in force at the time.	

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

JT 3/11/2020

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

Sent: 02 November 2020

Subject: Parish report update

Covid Lockdown

Details are in the most recent parish magazine of where help is available from the local Covid 19 support group if people need it but you can also contact Lewes District's "Community Hub" helpline for vulnerable residents which is 01273 099956. I know many people are informally supporting friends and neighbours across the area.

Planning reform

As you will have seen, the government wants to change planning law, which is causing great concern. Under the government plans, land would be put into 3 different zones - for growth, renewal or for protection. The fear is that community voices could be stifled and councils will have very little say in whether to approve applications or not in growth and renewal areas. Objections have been expressed about this by groups such as the Campaign for Protection of Rural England, the cross-party Local Government Association and the Town and Country Planning Association.

On top of this, centrally set government housing targets could see the council being required to more than double the number of houses being built across Lewes District to over 800 a year. The District Council is responding, raising strong concerns - including both around the "zoning" proposals in the White Paper and the housing numbers. I have also submitted a reply as a District Councillor.

Dudman/Novington Sandpit

Alongside some local residents, I have been in touch with PC Attfield at the relatively recently formed Sussex Police Rural Crime Team as he had cause to visit the site recently. He has said he will be speaking with local police and other partners to see if there is a way forward to resolving long running concerns around the site.

Leisure Centres

The District Council, just like many others across the country, has had to offer financial support to keep its leisure centres open. Wave Leisure, who run the leisure centre at Lewes, have been given a £500,000 loan to cover its losses by the District Council due to lockdown closures.

Rob Banks

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 Chilmington Trust	LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	
OART – The Ouse and Adur rivers trust	