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DRAFT minutes of the virtual meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held using Zoom on 13th January 2021 at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr.M.Symes, chair
 Cllr.C.Funnell, vice chair
 Cllr.M.Goodenough
 Cllr.R.Nurse
 Cllr. P.David

Apologies: Cllr.M.Elms
 Cllr. M.Durham

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. LDC Cllr.Rob Banks

		Action
1/21/01	Any apologies for absence – As above	
1/21/02	Any questions sent in advance from the public	
1.21.02.1	A resident had asked the council: is it OK if JM cuts back the scrub by the finger post at the junction of Novington Lane/B2116 as it's blocking the visibility to the right when exiting on that tricky junction. Council agreed that this junction is difficult to exit, especially with a loaded tractor. Clerk to ask JM to cut back the scrub.	Clerk
1.21.02.2	Can some chalk bunding be put on the verge to the left of the same junction as people are parking on that verge blocking visibility to the right (the layby area quickly gets full up). Council wanted to be sure that any bunding would prevent parking but allow pedestrians to keep to the verge. Clerk to follow this up	Clerk
1.21.02.3	The rail crossing on paths 11 and 45d has been closed since May waiting for Network Rail to repair the steps. Nothing has been done and a new sign says it will be closed for another 6 months. Can the PC put pressure on NR to get this work completed. Agreed. Clerk to contact ESCC rights of way to ask why Network Rail are taking so long.	Clerk
1.21.02.4	Cllr.Banks gave a report to say the signage for the Covid testing site was now much clearer and this will hopefully prevent drivers wrongly trying to access the site through Chapel Lane. Cllr.Banks has raised concerns over housing numbers the government feel need to be sited within Lewes District, this is despite the fact that government stated their priority is the north of the country. He will work with EC, Plumpton and Streat as part of a steering group. Due to Covid there are absences within the waste and recycling teams and residents are asked to be tolerant of any delays to collections.	
1/21/03	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
1/21/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2020 were agreed and signed	
1/21/05	Matters arising from last meeting	
1/21/5a	Min.No.11.20.02 – Cllr.David had spoken to the resident who raised concerns about Covid support. MG will put an article on the parish website alerting people to the Plumpton Covid support group and CF will put this into the next newsletter item.	Cllr.MG Cllr.CF
1/21/5b	Min.no.11.20.5b – The tree warden and local tree expert have been round to inspect all the trees on Hollycroft and submitted a detailed report. 3 Ash trees give some cause for concern due to die back. 2 further trees on neighbouring land are also of concern and the landowners are now aware of the problem. It was agreed that Cllr.David will speak to one of the allotment holders regarding taking an Ash tree by the allotment water tanks down to a safe height. Council wanted to thank the tree warden for organising an excellent survey.	Cllr.PD

1.21.6	Financial matters	
1.21.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices: Cheque No: 101064 £ Clerk salary/expenses for November Cheque No: 101065 £50.00 Grant to Sussex Air ambulance (s.137) *Cheque No: 101066 £ Clerk salary/expenses for December *Cheque No: 101067 £212.40 Upperbridge website fees for 2021	
1.21.6.2	Council considered the updated financial regulations. These were agreed. Clerk to update website	Clerk
1.21.6.3	Council considered appointing an internal auditor for 2021 and agreed to engage Steve Brentnall.	
1.21.7	Planning Matters: (P&E committee: Chair, Cllr.Nurse, Cllr.Durham)	
1.21.7.1	LW/20/0730 North Barnes Farm North Barnes Lane: Extend existing cattle building by 18 meters (3 bays) for the provision of a new indoor livestock handling facility – <i>council objected to this application due to its lack of provision for any drainage solution. Council also felt that expansion should be within the existing yard rather than encroaching further onto green fields.</i>	
1.21.7.2	LW/20/0755 4 Pouchlands Drive: Roof alteration works/insertion of conservation roof lights – <i>no objection</i>	
1.21.7.3	SDNP/20/05582/HOUS Denes House Novington Lane: Remodelling of existing dwelling including demolition and extensions – <i>no objection</i>	
1.21.7.4	Council noted decisions made by LDC and SDNP: <i>None made</i>	
1.21.7.5	The Lewes Local Plan Part 1 will reach its 5th anniversary of adoption in May 2021. New housing targets will then come into force. A new Interim Policy Statement has been drafted by LDC and will be open for comment until end-Jan 2021. - <i>Council agreed a response to the Lewes District Interim statement</i>	
1.21.8	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting.	
1.21.8.1	A resident had contacted the council suggesting a site to plant a tree in memory of Lady Marina Bury. This site would actually be in St.John Without and council felt something more central would be better. It is suggested that an Oak be planted at Hollycroft. Cllr.David to investigate. Clerk to reply to the resident.	Clerk
1/21.9	Council considered the data protection and website accessibility requirements. Cllr.Goodenough said Upperbridge were still working on some of the updates	
1.21.10	TECT – The East Chiltington Trust No meetings have been held and events are still on hold	
1.21.11	Update on remedial work to 3 Oak trees at Hollycroft 2 Quotes were received to remove dead branches from 3 trees and to reduce the weight on one branch. A purchase order has been issued for the work at a cost of £300.	
1.21.12	To consider the risk assessment for the council and update as necessary . The chair asked if the parish marquee should be included. Cllr.David said it would need to be inspected for safety/damage once erected.	
1/21/13	Items to note or for a future agenda - None	
1/21/14	Council meetings for 2021 will be determined by circumstances in force at the time.	

Meeting closed at 6.55pm

JT 20/1/2021

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

East Chiltington Parish Council

Response to consultation on Draft Interim Policy Statement for Housing Delivery – December 2020

Within the Parish of East Chiltington sits 206 hectares of farmland owned by Eton College that was offered to the Lewes District Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2012 and again in 2018. The site is identified as 11PL and described as 'land between Plumpton Green and South Chailey'. We are requesting that 11PL is correctly identified as 'land in the hamlet of East Chiltington'. In the Policy Statement the Settlement Hierarchy describes East Chiltington as a hamlet.

Lewes District Council has already completed (December 2020) a call for potential new development sites, to which there has been a strong response. We would like to be informed of all sites in our wider locality and be consulted on the reasons they would be considered deliverable, or not. Local knowledge is key in making planning decisions that the combined Lewes-Eastbourne Planning Policy team currently lacks. Parish councils have that knowledge.

With regard to the current housing need figure for Lewes District, we would consider this is unachievable if factors that are considered critical to achieving sustainable development are material considerations in determining applications and compliance with all appropriate development plan policies and criteria as laid out in the statement are adhered to.

Type of houses – the Council must ensure that any new development proposals are for the right type of houses, meaning houses that are affordable, appropriate for the demographic socially and economically and age appropriate. Any development proposals need to be assessed qualitatively rather than simply quantitatively in order to make sure they meet the local need.

The Council must ensure all new developments are in line with the Government's green agenda. This means preference should be given to developments on brown field sites first and, within existing urban centres. All new development should be in sustainable urban sites where residents can live car-independent lives. Green field sites that increase independent car use should not be acceptable on sustainability grounds.

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

OART – The Ouse and Adur rivers trust