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DRAFT minutes of the annual meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge on 24th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr.M.Symes
 Cllr. M.Durham
 Cllr.C.Funnell
 Cllr.R.Nurse Cllr.M.Elms
 Cllr. P.David

Apologies: Cllr.M.Goodenough
 Maria Caulfield MP

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. LDC Cllr.Rob Banks
 ESCC Cllr.Matthew Milligan 1 member of the public.

		Action
5/21/01	<p>Election of Chair. Cllr.David proposed Cllr.Symes, seconded by Cllr.Nurse. Election of Vice Chair. Cllr.Symes proposed Cllr.Funnell, seconded by Cllr.Nurse. Any apologies for absence – Cllr.Goodenough, Maria Caulfield MP</p>	
5/21/02	<p>Any questions from the public There were no questions</p>	
5/21/03	<p>Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None</p>	
5/21/04	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 were agreed and signed</p>	
5/21/05	<p>Matters arising from last meeting None</p>	
5.21.6	<p>Financial matters</p>	
5.21.6.1	<p>Council approved payment of the following invoices: Cheque No: 101070 £ Clerk salary/expenses March Cheque No: 101071 £300.00 R.S. Tree works . Remedial work to Oaks at Chapel Lane *Cheque No: 101072 £ Clerk salary/expenses April *Cheque No: 101073 £153.00 Countryman's Contractors – mow Hollycroft (vat £25.50) *Cheque No: 101074 £20.00 O.A.R.T. Subscription *Cheque No: 101075 Spoilt *Cheque No: 101076 £260.68 CAS Insurance cervices *Cheque No: 101077 £120.00 S.R.Brentnall, Audit fees</p>	
5.21.6.2	<p>Council noted the current financial situation</p>	
5.21.6.3	<p>Council agreed to declare that East Chiltington parish council is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015</p>	
5.21.6.4	<p>Council considered the findings of the internal audit review</p>	
5.21.6.5	<p>Council approved the Annual Governance Statement</p>	
5.21.6.6	<p>Council considered the Accounting Statements and approved the Accounting Statements</p>	
5.21.6.7	<p>Council ensured the Accounting Statements are signed and dated by the chair</p>	
5.21.6.8	<p>Council noted that the accounts and accounting records will be available for public inspection between the 7th June and the 16th July 2021.</p>	

5.21.6.9	Council considered the subscription to NALC / ESALC of £156.61 and agreed that for this year they would subscribe but would ask what, exactly, ESALC offered to their members.	
5.21.7	Council noted any current applications	
5.21.7.1	<p>SDNP/21/01715/TEL Stantons Farmhouse, Stantons Farm, Chapel Lane, East Chiltington: installation of a micro substation enclosure with dimensions of 1.2m x 1.2m x 1.2m- <i>permitted development, no comment made (SDNP have raised no objection)</i></p> <p>SDNP/21/01054/HOUS 1 Chapel Cottages Chapel Lane East Chiltington: Formation of two storey side extension with internal alterations – <i>no objection</i></p> <p>SDNP/21/01989/NMA The Grange Novington Lane East Chiltington: Variation of plans approved under SDNP/19/05837/HOUS to move the location and orientation of the approved pool house and other alterations.- <i>no objection (application now withdrawn)</i></p> <p>LW/21/0262 Land Adjacent Nolands Farm, Station Road, Plumpton Green: Outline application for the demolition of 2 No. existing dwellings and outbuildings and the erection of up to 89 No. residential dwellings, including 40% affordable housing, village business hub, provision of pedestrian and vehicular access, open space, associated infrastructure and landscaping at Nolands Farm, Plumpton Green, all matters reserved accept access. - <i>objection (delegated powers)</i>. <i>There was a discussion regarding the Nolands site and the comments made by the LDC officer which gave only moderate consideration to the Plumpton Neighbourhood plan in contradiction to earlier statements that democratic plans would receive 'high' weight.</i></p>	
5.21.7.2	<p>Council noted any decisions by LDC:</p> <p>LW/21/0001 Mount Pleasant Highbridge Lane East Chiltington: Conversion and extension of redundant forge to dwelling house and demolition of redundant outbuildings. <i>Awaiting decision</i></p> <p>LW/20/0730 North Barnes Farm North Barnes Lane: Extend existing cattle building by 18 meters for the provision of a new indoor livestock handling facility – <i>granted</i></p> <p>SDNP/20/05582/HOUS Denes House Novington Lane: Remodelling of existing dwelling including demolition and extensions – <i>approved</i></p>	
5.21.7.3	<p>Update on the LDC call for sites – EC2 and EC11</p> <p>The parish council continue to work with neighbouring councils who would all be affected by unacceptable levels of traffic if the Eton proposal was to proceed. Cllr.Banks said that LDC would consult on their 'Issues and Options' paper from early July. This will be a public consultation but would probably not be site specific. Chair advised that the Issues and Options document for Eastbourne District was available on the LDC website, which gives us some idea of what to expect. Cllr.Elms asked if LDC had produced a register of Brownfield sites in the district.: https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/brownfield-land-register</p>	
5.21.8	<p>Council considered councillor roles</p> <p>TECT: 2 cllr.trustees required. Chair and Paddy David will continue in these roles</p> <p>Finance & Staffing: Paddy was happy to continue in this role</p> <p>Communications/website: Miranda Goodenough and Magazine: Carol Funnell</p> <p>Environment and litter pick: Roger Nurse Community events: Mike Elms</p> <p>Highway concerns to go through the clerk to ESCC Cllr.Milligan.</p> <p>Planning: Chair, Cllr.Nurse, Cllr.Durham and other councillors as required</p>	

5.21.9	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting. Chair had contacted ESCC regarding the oak tree by the phone box and they will contact the landowner about the dying branches.	
5.21.10	TECT – The East Chiltington Trust TECT will provide plants for the new planters in Hollycroft	
5.21.11	Any update on Data Protection requirements and Parish website (Accessibility Regulations 2018) – No update	
5.21.12	To consider any date for the annual parish summer gathering It was agreed that a provisional date for a scaled back gathering would be September 4 th . Cllr.Elms will liaise with community groups to organise this. It was felt that any profits made could go to the funds fighting the Eton New Town proposals. The parish marquee will need to be erected and there are likely to be repairs or replacement needed.	
5.21.13	To consider the purchase of 2 x Premium Childrens Toddler Cradle Seats Council agreed to purchase these: £68 each from online playgrounds.co.uk (CIL funds)	
5.21.14	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. Council noted that the Whitehouse farm rail crossing steps are repaired and the path re-opened	
5.21.15	Meetings of the Parish Council for 2021 will be determined by circumstances in force at the time but provisionally it was agreed that due to holidays the next meeting could be 28 th June, then 13 th September and 8 th November.	

Meeting closed at 20.30pm

JT 25/5/2021

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

Update for East Chiltington Parish Council 24th May, 2021 – Maria Caulfield MP.

Sorry I can't join you this evening. I just wanted to update you on a couple of issues

1) Local housing and planning

We obviously have a number of applications for large scale housing being made or proposed for the local area. I am working with the Don't Urbanise the Downs on this, especially with reference to the Eton college site which I will be opposing and will call in with the Secretary of State should an application come forward.

There are a number of existing safeguards to see off developments on our green spaces which have successfully seen applications refused in villages recently such as Newick and Wivelsfield and if it would be helpful I am happy to speak to the parish council about a number of the measures that can be used and some changes to planning which may offer us more protection to our green field sites. I will write separately to the council on this with a Parliamentary update and some of the measures that are available with the district local plan needing updating.

2) Covid

Planned Step 3 easements have gone ahead as of Monday 17th May and we hope to keep to the timescale that has been set out by the PM. Step 4 is due to take place no earlier than 21st June. Local grants are still available if there are local businesses struggling as we return to normal.

3) Traffic safety

With one of my other villages we had a productive meeting with Sussex police recently and the new community team who are keen to support villages with road safety and speeding. I would be happy to arrange a meeting if this would be helpful.

4) Virtual meetings

While the Government did not get a chance to extending the current provisions, they are keen to introduce this in the long-term. There is a government consultation on this and we are urging all local councils to take part in this so we can have virtual options in the future.

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