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**DRAFT minutes from a meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
 held at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr.M.Elms

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

		<b>Action</b>
11/22/01	<b>Any apologies for absence</b> –Cllr.Elms was not at the meeting The chair welcomed Cllr. Cornelius Medvei to his first council meeting. <b>To note the vacancy on the council</b> – following the resignation of Cllr.Goodenough a vacancy has been advertised but as yet no one has come forward.	
11/22/02	<b>Any declaration of interest on any of the agenda items/update of interests</b> - none	
11/22/03	<b>Any questions from the public</b> None.	
11/22/04	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b> were agreed and signed	
11/22/05	<b>Matters arising from last meeting</b> No matters had arisen.	
11.22.6 11.22.6.1	<b>Financial matters</b> <b>Council approved payment of the following invoices:</b> Cheque No: 101131 £11.00 Hire of Plumpton Village Hall Cheque No: 101132 £36.00 CPRE subscription Cheque No: 101133 £156.06 Countrymans Contractors - mowing Cheque No: 101134 £50.00 CPRE Sussex donation Cheque No: 101135 £ Clerk salary/expenses for Sept. 22 *Cheque No: 101136 £156.06 Countrymans Contractors – mowing *Cheque No: 101137 £50.00 J.Otway. Tree identify course – training grant *Cheque No: 101138 £63.00 LDC Playground inspection *Cheque No: 101139 £ Clerk salary/expenses for October 22 *Cheque No: 101140 £420.00 O.Marlow. Remove dead Ash tree *Cheque No: 101141 £20.00 Royal British Legion poppy wreath *Cheque No: 101142 £10.00 Hire of Beechwood Hall	Cllr.Elms
11.22.6.2	<b>Council noted</b> the current financial situation	
11.22.6.3	Council considered the precept required to cover expenditure for 2023 – the budget had been circulated by the clerk. It was agreed that the precept for 2023 would be set at £8059.	

<p>11.22.7</p> <p>11.22.7.1</p> <p>11.22.7.2</p>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p><b>Council noted and discussed any current application</b></p> <p><b>SDNP/22/04463/CND</b> Denes House, Novington Lane East Chiltington: Amendment of condition 4 in relation to SDNP/22/00641/FUL – <i>PC has made no comment</i></p> <p><b>Council noted any decisions by LDC:</b></p> <p><b>LW/22/0508</b> 2 May Tree Cottages Mill Lane East Chiltington: Replacement of outbuilding with annex ancillary to the main dwelling – <i>approved</i></p> <p><b>LW/22/0446</b> -Between Gradwell and Mill Lane, South Chailey - Marketing sign advertising retirement properties and directing visitors towards the site – <i>refused</i></p> <p><b>LW/22/0498</b> Gradwell End South Chailey - Marketing sign advertising retirement properties with opening hours, contact telephone number and website. This application seeks permission to display the sign for a temporary period of xx months or until all the units have been sold/let, whichever is sooner – <i>approved</i></p>	
<p>11.22.7.3</p>	<p><b>Council considered any update on sites EC 2 and EC 11 and the LDC planned LCA</b></p> <p>Council noted that a brochure 'North Barnes Farm – an introduction' had been widely circulated by the developers. Ditchling PC had asked if local councils planned a response. It was agreed that the chair will contact the inter-council group and suggest that no one responds to this as it was felt advisable that there was no engagement with the developers at this stage. Cllr.Banks understood that the Don't urbanise the Downs group will be contacting those who have been sent the brochure with the counter arguments to the claims the developers have made.</p> <p>Council had asked LDC for sight of the criteria used by AECOM in order to produce the document and were told the study will include a landscape character assessment for the district, identifying Landscape Character Types (LCTs) and Landscape Character Areas (LCAs). Key characteristics and management guidance will be identified for all LCTs and LCAs, supported by photographs and maps. The study excludes the SDNP but has regard to the SDNP Character Assessment.</p> <p>The approach to undertaking the work will include an initial desk-based review with mapping and analyses of: geology, topography, hydrology, soils, vegetation (inc. Ancient Woodland), land uses, and designations (inc. National Park, Conservation Areas). This will be followed with field work including: mobile 'on the ground' mapping, testing character boundaries identified through desk review, record aesthetic and perceptual aspects of character i.e. form, pattern, texture, colour, tranquillity, condition, trends/forces for change, sounds, cultural etc.</p> <p>Council asked Cllr.Banks if there was any update on the LDC proposal to appoint an independent team to consider the merits of the 3 large sites proposed – Ringmer, Cooksbridge and East Chiltington. Cllr.Banks offered to follow this up</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Cllr.Banks</p>
<p>11.22.8</p>	<p><b>Council considered councillor reports:</b></p> <p>Chair and Cllr.David had attended the SDNPA workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. and were interested by a new idea – Parish Priority statements. A simpler document to a parish plan. This will be looked at in January when more details may be available.</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Staffing:</b> Cllr.David – nothing to report</p> <p><b>Hollycroft park, grass and maintenance:</b> Cllr.Funnell said the rotted timber posts around the car park could be removed. This was agreed. The worn grass patches in the playground would recover naturally and the legs of the picnic bench are not too bad but could be cut down if needed. If the bench stood on some paving this may stop</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>further rot. The rope had been removed from the swing and clerk is still waiting for a price on the spring cover.</p> <p><b>Communications/website: This position is vacant.</b></p> <p><b>Magazine:</b> Cllr.Medvei agreed to join the committee which will meet twice a year.</p> <p><b>Environment/Litter pick:</b> Cllr.Nurse reported fly tipping in Novington Lane</p> <p><b>Community events:</b> Cllr.Elms was absent</p> <p><b>Highways, Verges:</b> Cllr.Milligan was not at the meeting but Cllr.Banks said that there had been some repairs carried out on the B2116. Cllr.David and the chair will look into the problem of damage to grass near the church.</p>	<p>Cllr.Medvei</p> <p>Cllr.David/ Chair</p>
11.22.9	<p><b>Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting.</b></p> <p>Cllr.Funnell had attended a zoom from Southern Water which looked at their future plans. Cllr.Banks had met with Southern Water regarding sewage discharge into the rivers. He had been told they were allowed to discharge and were working on reduction.</p>	
11.22.10	<p><b>TECT – The East Chiltington Trust</b></p> <p>TECT had received funding for planting 160 trees to make a 'children's forest' They have produced a new website. Signs are planned to explain what TECT is but these are on hold</p>	
11.22.11	<p><b>A report on possible replacement of the parish marquee</b></p> <p>Cllr.Elms was absent but had sent a report to the chair suggesting possible replacements. Council felt the type of marquee suggested would not withstand any strong winds.</p>	
11.22.12	<p><b>To consider a response to the ESCC transport plan survey</b></p> <p>Council agreed the response would come from councillors as individuals. There is an easy to use interactive map where problems can be noted – ie: flooding, congestion etc</p>	
11.22.13	<p><b>The meeting was adjourned</b> to hear from a resident who presented council with a report suggesting the church could become a 'Festival church' which would be run by a Community Charitable Trust of parish council and parochial church council.</p> <p>Cllr.Medvei agreed to represent the PC at future meetings but was very concerned about the ongoing costs of maintenance and any long term agreement. Council felt the suggestion needed more discussion. Agenda item for January.</p>	Clerk
11.22.14	<p><b>To consider replacing the defibrillator battery</b> which is now 4yrs. old. (apx.£300)</p> <p>Cllr.Funnel had sourced the replacements. Council agreed to purchase what was needed using the CIL funds. Cllr.Funnell to supply the clerk with details.</p>	Cllr.Funnell /clerk
11.22.15	<p><b>To consider a second response to the proposed boundary review</b></p> <p>Council will object again to the proposed review which would put EC in the East Grinstead boundary. Clerk to contact Barcombe to agree a joint response.</p>	Clerk
11.22.16	<p><b>Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda.</b></p> <p>The trees for Hollycroft will arrive on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed for planting on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am..</p>	All
11.22.17	<p><b>Council agreed the future meetings of the Parish Council should be Tuesdays at 7pm in Beechwood Hall if available</b></p>	

Meeting closed at 20.50pm

JT 23/11/22

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  
OART – The Ouse and Adur rivers trust

SDNPA - South Downs National Park Authority  
AIRS – Action in Rural Sussex  
LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils  
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

## Update for East Chiltington Parish Council - November 2022

### 1. Remembrance Sunday

I am looking forward to attending Remembrance Sunday events across the constituency in the coming days to remember all of those from the Lewes constituency who have given so much in the service of the United Kingdom and defence of freedom. This week I will also be laying a remembrance cross in the Royal British Legion Constituency Garden of Remembrance at the Houses of Parliament.

### 2. Road Safety Measures

I have recently spoken in Parliament to raise the issue of road safety in rural areas. I raised with the Transport Minister that many rural parishes in the Lewes Constituency have tried to implement road safety measures such as reducing the local speed limits and the number of HGV's cutting through the villages but have been told by the local transport authority that there haven't been enough people killed or seriously injured to justify a change. I encouraged the Minister to look at whether this policy can be changed to ensure the safety of rural communities.

The Minister responded by confirming that local transport authorities do have the power to put measures in place, such as reducing speed limits and that the Department for Transport issues guidance to support this so I will be asking the County Council to rethink their criteria to allow safety measures to be put in place.

### 3. Raising Farmer's Concerns in Parliament

I recently raised the concerns of farmers from across the Lewes constituency in Parliament during the Farming and Agriculture in Sussex debate. I meet regularly with farmers in my constituency but the key issues for them are the cost and availability of fertilizer, certainty over the payment schemes that are being introduced, and the effects of Avian flu which is the worst we have ever seen this year.

Avian flu is a huge problem in Sussex due to the scale of the outbreak. I am pleased to hear that since this debate, the Government has announced changes to the compensation scheme for farmers when they lose birds to the disease.

### 4. Rampion 2 Consultation

I have been a big supporter of Rampion in my time as the MP for Lewes, the wind farm delivers enough power for 350,000 homes and they also do a lot of work in the community through various projects and funds. I would encourage people to take part in the Rampion 2 consultation to have their say on the proposals before they are submitted next year. They are launching a six-week statutory public consultation from Tuesday 18th October - Tuesday 29th November. The consultation can be found at <http://www.rampion2.com>

Maria Caulfield MP.