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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 14th January 2016 at 7.00 pm in Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge.

Present: Cllr.S.Israel - Chair
 Cllr. E.Harrison Cllr.C.Funnell
 Cllr. J.Fleming Cllr.M.Webber
 Cllr.C.Farmelo Cllr.J.Tingle

Apologies: PCSO

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. LDC Cllr.S.Osborne.

		Action
01/16/01	Apologies for absence – as above, noted and accepted by the council	
01/16/02	<p>Any questions from the public</p> <p>Cllr.Osborne said the LDC New Homes project was now on pause and she felt the first wave of applications might fail as not being developable. She will lobby to get the second wave of applications, including Hollycroft, dropped. Key sites are likely to fail to achieve enough funding to support some of the affordable housing planned. The parish council had been told by Karis that building on Hollycroft would depend on funding provided through the sale of other sites. The LDC legal team, officers and leader of the council will make the decision. She told the council that Jenny Rowlands had now left LDC and Rob Cotterill from Eastbourne council will become the new joint chief executive. Cllr.Osborne will be asking LDC to devolve ownership of the Hollycroft field to the parish council. An independent scrutiny committee has been set up by LDC to look into the whole New Homes project and Sarah will let the PC have a list of the members.</p> <p>LDC are facing more funding cuts of around 30%.</p> <p>The housing and planning bill is going through the Lords. Council tenants with an income over £30k will face rent increases and all tenants will be means tested. Social housing in rural areas is likely to be sold off when vacant to save costs and tenancy will be limited to 5 years. There are major changes to the planning system proposed.</p> <p>Cllr.Osborne would like details of broadband speeds available in the parish as there is funding available and an obligation to provide upgrades for speeds belows 2mbps.</p>	
01/16/03	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
01/16/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November were agreed and signed as a true record.	
1.16.5	<p>Matters arising</p> <p><i>Min.no.11.15.02. Any update on Plumpton rail crossing closure</i>-The Plumpton crossing will re-open with new barriers from Feb.8th.</p> <p><i>Min.no.11.15.6.4. Any update on maintenance of wildflower verge in Novington Lane.</i> - Chair will speak to the environment officer at LDC</p>	Cllr.Israel
1.16.6	Financial matters	
1.16.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices:	
	*Cheque No: 903 £278.14 Clerk salary/expenses November	
	*Cheque No: 904 £328.54 Clerk salary/expenses December (inc. £8.40 vat)	
	*Cheque No: 905 £15.00 Ouse and Adur rivers trust - subscription	
1.16.6.2	Council noted the current financial situation	
1.16.6.3	Council agreed that the precept required for 2016/17 was £4,684 (plus LDC grant of £190). This will leave tax for band D properties at the same rate as last year (apx.£24)	Clerk
1.16.7	Planning matters	
1.16.7.1	Report from the planning committee: SDNP/15/05709/HOUS Stantons Farm, Chapel Lane – Retrospective application for the	

1.16.7.2	change of use from first floor garage storage to holiday let – <i>support</i> Council noted decisions made by LDC: LW/15/0808 North Hall, Novington Lane – Demolition of part of existing property, and erection of new ground and first floor extensions, new roof, internal alterations and external landscaping- <i>granted</i>	
1.16.7.3	Council considered the LDC proposed changes to providing information on planning applications and agreed that the weekly list should go to one councillor for checking as well as the clerk, Cllr.Tingle agreed to check the weekly lists for any applications in the parish. Council will respond to the consultation to ask that paper plans for applications should still be provided if requested. Cllr.Fleming asked if clerk can request a list of all trees with TPO orders on, sited within the parish.	clerk
01/16/08	Report from The East Chiltington Trust The annual quiz will be on February 8 th at the Jolly Sportsman. Events planned for 2016 include apple pressing, tree mulching and possibly digging a pond. This would depend on an inspection pit being dug to see if it would hold water before a consultation to see if the idea is popular. There are two allotments vacant. Any resident wanting an allotment should contact Jo White. There was still no progress at all regarding use of the church as a community space. The chair has contacted the church warden and will follow this up.	Cllr.Israel
1.16.9	Any reports on current issues and meetings attended by councillors or the clerk Waste & minerals, Highways : The chair had contacted ESCC about flooded cars and the depth markers had been repositioned. LDALC: Cllr.Funnell.said she will not be able to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 8 th March at 2pm. Cllr.Tingle and the clerk will attend. Finance: Cllr.Farmelo had nothing to report Footpaths, Rights of Way: Cllr.Webber – nothing to report. Chair said that any damaged styles need to be reported to the Monday group for repair. Springett & Campion trust: The trust will meet next week SDNP: Nothing to report	Clerk Cllr.Tingle
1.16.10 1.16.10.1 1.16.10.2 1.16.10.3 1.16.10.4	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting. Council noted the SALC introduction to the new sector led audit arrangements and agreed to do nothing for the time being. Council noted a reply from Network rail to PC request for verge repairs – chair has asked them to speak to ESCC highways and will follow this up. No response from ECPC to the SALC Southern Counties Devolution bid and no councillors were available to attend the meeting. No councillors were able to attend the CTLA networking meeting in Newhaven on 29.1.16, but this could be an important meeting for parish residents who use the service. CTLA provide the only bus service in the parish on a Wednesday or when a service is needed but not provided by another bus company. Council will ask if any bus service users would be able to attend to represent the parish council and report back. If needed the parish council agreed to pay for transport to the meeting.	Cllr.Isreal
01/16/11	Update on the Hollycroft land and registration of the land as a village green. F.O.I. Request. The chair will press for completion by LDC of all ECPC requests. Local green spaces: Nothing further on this at present Village green application: LDC have been granted an extension until the end of January to respond to the new ECPC evidence.	Cllr.Israel
1.16.12	Update on production of a Local Landscape Character Assessment Due to the poor weather there had been no further progress	
01/16/13	To note any report from the pcso No report received for the meeting but a later report is attached below.	
01/16/14	Update on the production of a neighbourhood plan Cllr.Harrison reported that there had been no progress at present.	

01/16/15	Any update on development proposals by Eton Estates Nothing further to report – agenda item for March	
01/16/16	To consider repairs to the Fingerpost Chapel Lane/Novington Lane junction – Church Council agreed to contribute 50% of the expected cost of £760 as ESCC will pay the other 50%. Clerk will arrange the repair and request that the finger from the post should be saved as this could raise some funds.	clerk
01/16/17	Council considered any response to the draft LDC Council plan Council agreed to respond to this consultation.	clerk
01/16/18	Update on road speeds around the parish Cllr.Tingle said training to use the recording system is being arranged by Steve O'Connell.	
01/16/19	Any update on boundary signs/village gateways in Honeypot Lane Council asked clerk to get prices for installing a bespoke boundary sign (not a village gateway) at the Chailey/East Chiltington boundary and report back to the March meeting.	atClerk
01/16/20	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. Council noted the annual Litter pick will take place on February 28 th starting from the Basketball court at Hollycroft. Details for the 2016 Parish Day need to be decided at the March meeting	
01/16/21	The next meetings of the parish council will be : Wednesday March 2nd 2016. Note: 7.00pm At Beechwood Hall Wednesday May 4th 2016. Annual Parish meeting at 7.00pm at Beechwood Hall and Annual council meeting to follow at 7.30pm.	

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

Glossary:

LDC – Lewes District Council

SDNPA - South Downs National Park Authority

ESCC - East Sussex County Council

SSALC – Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils

TECT – The East Chiltington Trust

SLR – Strengthening Local Relationships (meetings with ESCC Highways)

LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils

CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

Min.1/16/13 PCSO report

District priorities -Scam calls –

Further reports have been made of recent scam calls.
Please remember a member of the police will never ask for bank details.
The caller will encourage you to ring 101 to confirm that they are genuine. If you wish to check this on 101 then call from another phone as the caller will likely still be on the line and intercept your call.

If you receive a call you believe to be a scam, do not discuss personal business with the caller. Occasionally a caller may ask if you live alone. Never admit to this as this could be a way of picking out a property to target for potential burglary.
We are still receiving reports of scam calls from people claiming to be police. A member of the police will also never ask for bank details.
A recent scam which has been reported force wide is people flagging down motorists and claiming they need cash for petrol to get home. They offer some form of compensation i.e. jewellery or a phone for the money and then leave the area.
This scam is becoming regular. Please report any activity such as this to the police.

If you would like more information on scams, please contact your local officer.

Please remember that nobody who calls you will ask you for bank details, not even your bank.

Burglary –

Burglaries to outbuildings have been regularly reported recently and Sussex Police urge all residents to be mindful about their security.
Keep sheds and garages locked and keep valuable items secure and if possible out of sight.
Contact your local officer if you would like some free security advice.

This also applies to burglaries to dwellings.

Floods -

The heavy rain recently has caused numerous flood problems in the area and residents are reminded to drive with caution.
Several incidents have been reported of drivers stranded in flood water from attempting to drive through it. We urge drivers not to attempt this unless they have a vehicle suitable for flood waters.

Op Crackdown

Op Crackdown has been put in place to allow members of the public to report Anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles easily without having to use the switchboard. This method has proven to be very reliable with a number of drivers being dealt with accordingly thanks to the reports made on Op Crackdown.
To make a report on Crackdown simply visit www.operationcrackdown.org. Each report will take about 5 minutes.

Local officer contact

To contact your local officer you can email to steven.knowles@sussex.pnn.police.uk
Or call **07912896004** or **101 - ext 563018**

Please note that if you are reporting an incident all calls should go through the police switchboard. Non emergency 101 Emergency 999

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