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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 2nd March 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: LDC Cllr.S.Osborne.

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

		Action
03/16/01	Apologies for absence – as above, noted and accepted by the council	
03/16/02	Any questions from the public A local resident was concerned that 14 telegraph poles have been erected in Wickham Lane despite there being underground ducting available. Would the parish council lobby against the rights of BT to be able to put poles wherever they want, including cutting back trees, with no permission needed? Q. If ESCC do not own the land where the poles are installed does that make a difference? The parish council were asked to check this. Another local resident said a pole was erected on her land outside her house. She had done some research and thought BT would need a wayleave to have the pole on her land. Also, she had found it was not a lot more expensive to put cables underground.	
03/16/03	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. None	
03/16/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January were agreed and signed as a true record.	
3.16.5	Matters arising <i>Min.no.1.16.5 Chair had met the county ecologist and others, to discuss maintenance of wildflower verge in Novington Lane.ESCC agree to cut twice per year and to flail ditch and below the hedge.</i> <i>Min.no.1.16.10.2 Network rail will not contribute toward cost of repairs to verge in Novington lane, damaged when the lane was used as a cut through. Chair will contact ESCC highway as the drop off from the lane is dangerous in many places.</i>	Cllr.Israel
3.16.6	Financial matters	
3.16.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices: *Cheque No: 906 £278.14 Clerk salary/expenses January *Cheque No: 907 £169.20 Upperbridge. Website fees (inc. £28.20 vat) *Cheque No: 908 £1130.46 LDC. Charges for election held May 2015 *Cheque No: 909 £278.14 Clerk salary/expenses February *Cheque No: 910 £150.00 P & EC News for 2016	
3.16.6.2	Council noted the current financial situation	
3.16.7	Planning matters	
3.16.7.1	There was no report from the planning committee:	
3.16.7.2	Council noted decisions made by LDC: SDNP/15/05709/HOUS Stantons Farm, Chapel Lane – Retrospective application for the change of use from first floor garage storage to holiday let – <i>granted</i>	
3.16.7.3	Council noted a planning workshop from 7pm - 8.30pm on Monday 7th March at Beechwood Hall. - Cllrs. Tingle and Funnell will attend.	Cllr. Tingle Cllr Funnell

3.16.7.4	Council noted that LDC will no longer supply paper copies of planning applications. Cllr. Tingle will raise the PC request for paper copies to be provided by LDC if requested, at the LDALC meeting on Tuesday 8 th March.	Cllr. Tingle
03/16/08	Report from The East Chiltington Trust The annual quiz was a success. A payment has been received from the RPA. Use of the church – Chair had heard that there are plans to remove some of the pews, to be replaced by more flexible seating. Some repairs are planned for the tower.	
3.16.9	Any reports on current issues and meetings attended by councillors or the clerk Waste & minerals, Highways : Nothing to report LDALC: Cllr.Tingle will attend on Tuesday 8th March 2.00pm - 4.00pm in The Yarrow Room, Lewes Town Hall Finance: Cllr.Farmelo had nothing to report Footpaths, Rights of Way: Cllr.Webber – nothing to report. Springett & Campion trust: The trust will meet soon. Cllr.Fleming will be raising money for the trust during 2016. SDNP: Nothing to report	Cllr.Tingle
03/16/10	Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting. AIRS are hosting a Neighbourhood planning workshop which Cllr.Tingle will attend. AIRS are hosting a workshop on Community led development at Beechwood Hall on 21.3.16 which cllr.Harrison will attend.	Cllr.Tingle cllr.Harrison
03/16/11	Update on the Hollycroft land and registration of the land as a village green. LDC have dropped the New Homes project for the present time. Council will write to Maria Caulfield to thank her for supporting the parish in their opposition. Local green spaces: Cllr.Harrison will take this up again with SDNPA. Village green application: LDC contested the latest ECPC evidence on 8.2.16 and ECPC responded to that on 11.2.16. This is now with ESCC.	Chair cllr.Harrison
3.16.12	Update on production of a Local Landscape Character Assessment A survet sheet has been produced and the work is progressing	
03/16/13	To note any report from the pcso -No report received.	
03/16/14	Update on the production of a neighbourhood plan Council discussed this and decided that there was no benefit at present, to producing a neighbourhood plan and this should be removed from the agenda. Cllr.Tingle asked for it to be noted that she strongly disagreed with this decision.	
03/16/15	Any update from the community transport (CTLA) meeting in Newhaven Two residents had attended, representing the parish council. They had found the meeting informative. The community transport service is available to everyone who wants to use public transport when a scheduled service is not available. It is easy and free to register with them as a user. The service is booked in advance and there is a small charge. The service needs better publicising and is also looking for funding. Cllr. Webber felt there may be an opportunity for the parish to run a fund raising event. Council wished to thank the residents who had attended and hoped they would be able to attend the follow up meeting in June.	
03/16/16	To consider repairs to the Fingerpost Chapel Lane/Novington Lane junction – Church Council will contribute 50% of the expected cost of £760 and ESCC will pay the other 50%. The replacement post should be installed in the next 2 weeks.	clerk
03/16/17	Any plans for the parish to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM the Queen The beacon post is leaning and there may be some rot. This must be checked before lighting the beacon – 7.30pm. April 21 st Cllr.Webber will gather a couple of helpers and inspect the post. He will report back with what needs to be done. This will not tie-in with the parish party which will be on 9 th July. The PC had received correspondence from Rev. Broster regarding a service and tea on 19 th June. Clerk is asked to write to wish him well with the event but no EC councillors were able to attend this.	Cllr.Webber clerk

03/16/18	Update on road speeds around the parish Cllr.Tingle had no update	
03/16/19	Any update on boundary signs/village gateways in Honeypot Lane ESCC are changing their contracts so a firm quote for the sign was not available. Clerk will contact Michael Higgs, ESCC and ask for this to be progressed as quickly as possible.	Clerk
03/16/20	Discussions with LDC regarding ECPC role in allocation of existing council-owned property The parish council has made enquiries as to whether there is any local input into allocation of council owned properties, regarding the local connection. Cllr. Harrison will enquire.	Cllr.Harrison
03/16/21	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. To note that Inspector Rob Lovell will attend the Annual Parish meeting on May 4 th at 7.00pm, to discuss changes to local policing in the parish. Any further update from CTLA Plans for the parish party	
03/16/22	The next meeting of the parish council will be : Wednesday May 4th 2016. Annual Parish meeting at 7.00pm at Beechwood Hall and Annual council meeting to follow at 7.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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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 Chilmington Trust
LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
RPA – Rural payments agency
AIRS – Action in Rural Sussex