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DRAFT minutes of the meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge on 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr.M.Symes
 Cllr.M.Goodenough
 Cllr.R.Nurse
 Cllr. P.David
 Cllr. M.Durham

Apologies: Cllr.C.Funnell, Cllr.M.Elms

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

		Action
3/22/01	Any apologies for absence –As above	
3/22/02	Declaration of interest on any of the agenda items and update of interests. - None	
3/22/03	Any questions from the public There were no questions	
3/22/04	Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 were agreed and signed	
3/22/05	Matters arising from last meeting Min.no:11.21.8 ECPC is still awaiting a report from the rights of way rangers regarding possible installation of bollards to prevent cars blocking EC1A	
3.22.6	Financial matters	
3.22.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices: *Cheque No: 101101 £73.00 Plumpton tree services – repair noticeboard *Cheque No: 101102 £ Clerk. Salary and expenses for November *Cheque No: 101103 £100.00 Grant (s.137) Monday rights of way group *Cheque No: 101104 £57.60 Sussex sign centre – 2 signs – no drones *Cheque No: 101105 £32.91 C.Funnell. Purchase Sweet Chestnut memorial tree *Cheque No: 101106 £ Clerk. Salary and expenses for December *Cheque No: 101107 £153.00 Countrymans. Final cut for Hollycroft 2021. *Cheque No: 101108 £212.40 Upperbridge website fees *Cheque No: 101109 £ Clerk, salary/expenses for January *Cheque No: 101110 £20.00 Beechwood Hall hire charge 1.3.22 *Cheque No: 101111 £ Clerk, salary/expenses for February	
3.22.6.2	Council noted the current financial situation	
3.22.6.3	Council agreed the appointment of S.Brentnall as internal auditor for 2022	
3.22.7	Planning matters:	
3.22.7.1	Council noted there were no current applications Council noted any decisions by LDC: 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	

<p>3.22.7.2</p> <p>3.22.7.3</p>	<p>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 except access– <i>refused</i></p> <p>Council discussed any update on sites EC2 and EC11 LDC have appointed consultants to advise on the suitability of EC11 (North Barnes Farm) and the sites in Ringmer and Cooksbridge. The PC have documents informed by traffic consultants GTA Civils which outline the legitimate travel, traffic and environmental concerns which would be raised, should the Eton College proposal be considered. It was agreed that these documents will be sent to ESCC, SDNPA, councillors at LDC and all councils in the inter-council group. Chair asked Cllr.Rob Banks why site EC2 (now marked red on the LDC sites map) was no longer numbered. He thought that was a simple error.</p> <p>Responding to the Glover review Chair will attend a webinar on this and send round her report.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>3.22.8</p>	<p>Council considered councillor reports:</p> <p>Finance & Staffing: Cllr.David – nothing to report Communications/website: Cllr.Goodenough – see item 14 Magazine: Cllr.Funnell will report on todays meeting. Environment/Litter pick: Cllr.Nurse – Litter pick March 13th. Clerk to arrange collection. Cllr.Funnell to arrange refreshments. Info onto website. Community events/: Cllr.Elms was unavailable. The Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm on June 2nd with Hamsey PC. Cllr.Funnell will liaise with Hamsey on fuel etc. The Chiltington parish party will be on Saturday 4th June. It was agreed that this event could not accommodate large numbers from Plumpton due to the lack of facilities and parking on site. Chair will contact residents about a possible float for the Plumpton parade and other arrangements for the occassion. Chair will plant a tree as part of the celebrations. Highways, Verges: reported through the clerk to ESCC Cllr.Milligan</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllrs.</p> <p>Cllr.Funnell /Chair</p>
<p>3.22.9</p>	<p>Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting. Council agreed to object again to the boundary commission proposals to remove East Chiltington from the Lewes Constituency into an East Grinstead centered constituency. The consultation on this runs until 4th April and everyone can comment on the proposals.</p>	
<p>3.22.10</p>	<p>TECT – The East Chiltington Trust TECT are developing a website. The quiz on March 21st is fully booked and TECT are very grateful for the support shown by the new owners of the Jolly Sportsman.</p>	
<p>3.22.11</p>	<p>Council discussed possible wider community use of the church The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm to allow the church warden to address the council. She said the architect report showed around £100k was needed to repoint the flint with Lime as the cement was causing problems. Interior plaster would need replacing. An estimate of £30-40k would be needed to improve heating, drainage, water supply etc. but there are grants available. The Archdeacon is supportive but there needs to be input from parish residents as to how they feel the church should develop. Presently the church is open for a service on the 4th Sunday each month but only a few EC residents join the congregation. The parish council was supportive and asked the warden to progress the matter and report back with further information. Re-convened 7.50pm.</p>	
<p>3.22.12</p>	<p>To consider the '20 is plenty' campaign Cllr.Milligan explained that this campaign was aimed at achieving a 20mph limit on all roads – not just single track rural lanes. ESCC had voted against the proposal which they felt, was not practical on every road. Council agreed that whilst they would very much like to see speeds reduced on the lanes this could never be a blanket policy.</p>	

3.22.13	To consider Woodland trust projects to restore ancient woodlands The details had been sent to James Otway and Mary Parker with the suggestion that Wet Home Wood might be a candidate for restoration. The wood is now only an outer ring of ancient trees sited on the North Barnes farm. An approach had been made to Eton College who own the farm but no reply was received.	
3.22.14	Any update on Data Protection requirements and Parish website (Accessibility Regulations 2018) – Cllr.Goodenough expressed her concerns that despite asking website provider Upperbridge to ensure the website was compliant and chasing this up several times the necessary changes had still not been carried out. Council agreed that this situation was unacceptable and asked that a strongly worded email be sent. It further agreed that alternatives to the present provider should be sought.	
3.22.15	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. To note - signs to prevent drones flying from Hollycroft kindly installed by Chris Symes. This has stopped the drones flying from Hollycroft on race days but operators have moved onto the TECT community orchard. They are committing an offence by erecting shelters on private land. Clerk will contact the rural crime officer. To note -New PCSO contact :Christopher.Marchant@sussex.pnn.police.uk To note -The Sweet Chestnut commemorative tree for John Anderson has been planted To note the appointment of Countryman's Contractors for mowing 2022	Clerk
3.22.16	The next meetings of the Parish Council will be : Wed.11th May 2022 Small Hall, Plumpton and Weds.13th July Small Hall Plumpton. Both 7-9pm. (subject to conditions at the time)	

Meeting closed at 20.10pm

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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
 CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
 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

Sorry I am unable to join you at your meeting tonight. I just wanted to update you on a number of issues since your last meeting.

1. UK Power Network

A number of residents down Novington Lane were without power for 6 days after storm Eunice on Friday the 18th of February. I have been in close contact with UK Power Network throughout this period. I'm glad that this was restored on Thursday the 24th and I thank everyone who was in contact with me regarding this. Payments are expected for anyone who was cut off for an extended period of time so do contact me if you have any trouble accessing this.

2. Dentist Appointments

I understand constituents' concerns surrounding current access to Dentist Appointments. The government has recently written to all dentists to ask them what space they have available and for appointments to become available for others to rebook if they receive a cancellation. If anyone is struggling to get a space at a dentist's surgery, I recommend calling 111 as they will be able to advise you of a local dentist with space. If you do this and they advise you that no local dentists have space, please come back to me and I will raise this with the local Clinical Commissioning Group. The Government has recently invested £50million for 350,000 dentist appointments to help access to appointments.

3. Extra Support for East Sussex Schools

Schools in East Sussex will receive extra support as one of 55 new Education Investment Areas under plans to Level Up education for disadvantaged children and young people across England as part of the Conservative Government's Levelling Up White Paper. This will include funding to help schools retain the best teachers and priority for new specialist sixth form free schools to give talented children from disadvantaged backgrounds the highest standard of education. The Government is targeting investment and support as we build back fairer – helping to level up education standards, ensuring children and young people across the country to fulfil their potential.

4. £1.1m funding boost for local authorities for Domestic Abuse Victims

The breakdown will see East Sussex County Council receive £1,072,232, Lewes District Council £32,867 and Wealden District £32,381, giving a total of £1,137,480. Domestic abuse is a horrific crime, and we must do everything we can to help victims recover and rebuild their lives. I am pleased the Government is giving additional funding to both District Councils and the County Council in my Lewes constituency to help local victims of abuse and their children start again – with better services such as healthcare, social workers and benefits.

5. Support for Household energy costs in Lewes Constituency

I welcome plans from the Government which will mean 34,145 households across Lewes District are set to be supported with a £150 non-repayable cash rebate for homes in Council Tax bands A-D helping both lower and middle-income families. This is as well as a £200 'smoothing' rebate on energy bills for all households, to be paid back over the next five years at £40 per year – starting from April 2023. Global pressures have led to many households across the Lewes constituency feeling a squeeze on their household costs, so it is right that the Government has come forward with this support.

6. Licence fee Freeze

I am backing plans to freeze the BBC License fee at £159 until 2024 and then rise in line with inflation for the following four years. Freezing the BBC license fee at this time when constituents are under financial pressure is the right thing to do. This financial settlement for the BBC strikes the right balance between protecting households and allowing broadcasters to deliver their vital public responsibilities.