

East Chiltington Parish Council

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Members of **East Chiltington Parish Council** are required to **attend the annual meeting** of the Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 11th May 2023** **this meeting will follow the annual parish meeting (7pm) in The small Hall, Plumpton.**
Please keep to safe distancing rules.

Jenni Toomey, Clerk to East Chiltington Parish Council

Dated 2.5.2023

Up to fifteen minutes are available near the start of the meeting for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda or to bring items to the attention of the council for possible discussion at a future meeting. Public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

- 1 **Election of chair/vice chair and any apologies for absence.**
 - 1A – To consider co-option to fill any vacancies on the council
2. **Signing of the declaration of acceptance to office and register of interests**
 - 2A Any declaration of interest on any of the agenda items
3. **Any questions from the public**
4. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held 14.3.23 (to be agreed, signed as a true record)**
5. **Matters arising from last meeting** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) to note actions taken.
Min.no 3.23.13. A letter was sent to Claire Dowling (ESCC) 18.3.23 regarding the deteriorating condition of local roads and flooding issues –Ref: 13867001) Ruby Brittle will reply
Min.no.3.23.8 Clerk has spoken to the site manager in Novington Lane who has given assurance that damage to verges will be made good.
6. **Financial matters**
 - a) To approve payment of invoices (including v.a.t) and any cheques to be signed
 - *Cheque No: 101155 £ Clerk salary/expenses for March 23
 - *Cheque No: 101156 £150.00 Plumpton magazine EC page
 - *Cheque No: 101157 £ 240.00 Countrymans Contractors Mowing - April
 - *Cheque No: 101158 £ Clerk salary/expenses for April 23
 - b) **To note** the Council's current financial situation

Business Current Account	£3714.80
(*Less payments outstanding)	
Reserve account	£3095.00**

**Includes CIL funds & Village day funds
 - c) To declare that East Chiltington parish council is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015
 - d) To consider the findings of the internal audit review
 - e) To approve the Annual Governance Statement
 - f) To consider the Accounting Statements and to approve the Accounting Statements
 - g) To ensure the Accounting Statements are signed and dated by the chair
 - h) To note that the accounts will be available for public inspection between the 12.6 and 21.7.23
 - i) To consider the annual subscription to NALC/ESALC - £120.48

7. **Planning matters** (P&E committee: Chair)

a) **To note or discuss any current application**

b) **To note any decisions by LDC:**

LW/22/0418 Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to 56 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), public open space, landscaping, and sustainable drainage systems and vehicular access point Land West Of A275 South Chailey - *refused*

c) **The LDC call for sites – EC2 and EC11 and the LDC planned LCA**

The parish council has received another brochure from the Eton developers claiming that the building of the ‘New Town’ will actually improve the ecology of the farmland which they say ‘has been lost due to pesticide use and intensive farming’ (presumably by Eton College who have owned the site for the last 23 years). The brochure also claims to have a partnership with OART (Ouse and Adur rivers trust). They have assured the council that this is definitely not true, the developers approached OART for a river survey which has been carried out. The river is in a good condition but the banks need to be improved to avoid damage from farming and livestock and to aid wildlife. The developers proposal was for a scheme to start at once and OART gave no support to that scheme or to the proposed new town.

8. **To consider councillor roles and any reports:**

a) **Finance & Staffing:** Cllr.David

b) **Hollycroft grass and maintenance:** Cllr.David

Removal of thorn saplings -Cllr.David

c) **Communications/website:** vacant

d) **Magazine:** Cllr.Medvei on the magazine committee. Monthly report - vacant

e) **Environment/Litter pick:**

f) **Community events:** Cllr.Elms – July 1st village day

g) **Highways, Verges:** through the clerk to ESCC /Cllr.Milligan

To note that it is still flooded under the rail bridge in Beechwood Lane. Clerk continues to report this. The condition of Chapel Lane is still deteriorating, Cllr.Banks has raised this with ESCC who state that the condition is deemed safe and no repairs will be carried out.

9. **Correspondence received since last meeting** - to note all and agree any actions required.

10. **TECT – (The East Chiltington Trust)** – Any report from Chair/Cllr. David

11. **Any update on replacement marquee-** Chair

12. **Update on the Parish Priority Statement** – Chair/Cllr. David/Cllr.Elms/Cllr.Medvei

13. **To consider any councillor wishing to apply to sit on the SDNP board**

14. **Any update on the Church at East Chiltington** – Cllr.Medvei

15. **Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda.**

16. **The dates for the 2023 meetings of the Parish Council :**

Tuesdays - 11th July, - 12th Sept, and 14th Nov at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge from 7pm

signed.....Mrs J.Toomey, Clerk to East Chiltington Parish Council

Agenda Item no.9. **Correspondence received since last meeting**

Note: The rural bulletin is an online publication received every week if councillors wish to see a copy.

Note: A weekly bulletin from NALC and SSALC is available if councillors wish to see a copy

- 7.3.23 Carbon literacy event – emailed to all
- 8.3.23 CPRE Open spaces/facilities/assessments & Parish priority statements
- 9.3.23 LDC settlements services study
- 14.3.23 SDNP newsletter
- 16.3.23 LDC re: works in a conservation area
- 17.3.23 LDC Town/Parish briefing – emailed to all
- 17.3.23 Biosphere webinar – emailed to all
- 22.3.23 HMRC – starting the tax year
- 22.3.23 ESALC – The new practitioners guide now available
- 25.3.23 Community planning alliance viability webinar slides
- 30.3.23 Reply from SDNP re. Works in a conservation area
- 31.3.23 SDNP presentations from workshop – parish priority statements – emailed to all
- 3.4.23 Cllr.Osborne re: flood under rail bridge
- 3.4.23 Southern water solutions (not East Sussex)
- 4.4.23 ESALC CIL consultation – emailed to all
- 5.4.23 Summer road safety briefing
- 11.4.23 ESCC cllr.Dowling, reply to PC letter (passed to Ruby Brittle ESCC)
- 11.4.23 Kim Bryce LDC – OK to co-opt
- 11.4.23 SDNP vacancy on board – emailed to all
- 12.4.23 ESCC cannot clear flood under rail bridge – blocked private ditches
- 15.4.23 CPRE newsletter – emailed to all
- 17.4.23 LDC play inspections – ordered for 2023
- 18.4.23 ESALC training dates – emailed to all
- 18.4.23 SDNPA Jean Chambers re: work in conservation area
- 19.4.23 CPRE guided walk – emailed to all
- 23.4.23 CPA – dates of consultations – emailed to all
- 1.5.23 Maria Caulfield news

Correspondence received from residents:

- 21.3.23 Re: works in a conservation area – council has replied
- 27.4.23 Enquiry re: allotments – passed to cllr.David