

9.23.10	TECT – The East Chiltington Trust The trustees had taken advice regarding the running of the trust. There were 3 options available: to stay as it is run at present, to convert to the parish council as sole trustee or to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The council felt there was little point in any change since trustees were showing due diligence in their operations, with regular checks, risk assessments and insurance cover. Anyone running an event on the TECT field, if not covered by the TECT insurance, needs to have their own cover. Links between TECT and the parish council need to remain with minutes and accounts available for PC meetings.	Cllr.Symes Cllr.David
9.23.11	To consider the purchase of a secure storage unit to house the newly purchased parish marquees, tables/benches etc. Council felt it was essential the new assets should be securely stored. Funding will need to be sought. Cllr.Symes was looking into possible grant funding. A past resident of the parish had very kindly offered the use of a classic car as an auction prize to aid the fund raising. The PC were very pleased to accept the offer. Planning consent to site the store on the Hollycroft field was not required.	Cllr.Symes
9.23.12	To update the council risk assessment (circulated prior to meeting) This has been slightly amended to accommodate the new assets. Approved by council	
9.23.13	Update on the Parish Priority Statement This had been completed and was approved by council.Clerk to send to SDNPA. Council wished to thank Buzz Harrison and Chris Farmelo for their excellent help on this.	Clerk
9.23.14	Update on parish website – Cllr.Elms Already covered under reports	
9.23.14	Any update on use of the Church at East Chiltington – Cllr.Medvei reported that despite promises of action on this, nothing more had been heard. A recent survey of priests found most felt churches should be available for community use	
9.23.15	Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. The clerk reported that the noticeboard at Pouchlands was not clear since the perspex has deteriorated. She will try to improve it but it may need replacing in the future. Council agreed that meeting would always start at 7pm in future.	
9.23.15	The date for the 2023 meetings of the Parish Council : 14 th Nov. at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge starting at 7.30pm	

Meeting closed at 21.15pm

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

Glossary:

LDC – Lewes District Council SDNPA - South Downs National Park Authority
ESCC - East Sussex County Council NALC – National Association of Local Councils
SSALC – Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils
TECT – The East Chiltington Trust
LDALC – Lewes District Association of Local Councils
CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England OART – The Ouse and Adur rivers trust

Please accept my apologies that I am unable to join you at your upcoming meeting. I do however have the following updates for the parish.

[Northeast Manor Funding Secured](#)

Northeast Manor School specialises in educating young people with Special Educational Needs, maintaining a strong reputation for supporting local and non-local students. East Sussex County Council has announced that funding for Northeast Manor School has been secured for the next three years. Negotiations between East Sussex County Council, Northeast Manor School, Brighton and Hove Council, and West Sussex Council have successfully concluded in agreement for fees covering the academic years 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26.

I welcomed the news, emphasising its positive impact on children and families and I commend East Sussex County Council's efforts in a challenging financial environment.

[1,000 more GP's sign up for new telephone system](#)

Despite the NHS app's introduction, most local practices haven't offered direct digital booking. To alleviate this, over 1,000 more practices have adopted a national digital phone upgrade, backed by £240 million, to eliminate engaged tones and improve call routing efficiency. This initiative is aligned with the Prime Minister's primary care recovery plan, aiming to enhance patient access. Practices are expected to implement the new system nationwide by year-end, streamlining appointments and assessments, with urgent cases receiving same-day attention and non-urgent ones within two weeks. The integration of digital phone technology stands to significantly improve patient experience.

[Forthcoming Levelling Up Votes](#)

I recognise that many people across the entire constituency feel strongly about reforming our planning system, and rightly so. The planning system is at the heart of the homes we live in, the schools our children go to and the community spaces we all enjoy. The Government consulted on its plans to update the National Planning Policy Framework and I am confident that the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill will give local communities more control over what is built, where it is built and what it looks like. For instance, the Government's standard method for assessing housing needs provides a clear starting point for local planning authorities. As part of its proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the Government consulted on making clear that these figures should be an advisory starting point, a guide that is not mandatory. Local authorities – who know their local areas best – will then work with their communities to determine how many homes can be built, factoring in constraints such as Green Belt and taking into account the character of an area.

[Government Suicide Prevention Fund for Charity Sector to be Boosted](#)

Every single suicide is a tragedy - one which still affects too many people in England. Heartbreakingly, it is still the biggest killer of men under 35. This £10 million fund for the voluntary and charity sector will help people nationwide receive crucial mental health support and builds on the success of previous funds, which supported tens of thousands of people approaching a crisis.

Charities in communities across England can now [apply for the latest round of funding from the Suicide Prevention Grant Fund](#) which will ensure as many people as possible can access the support and prevention services they need, when they need it. Funding will also help prevent people reaching crisis point and reduce future demand for these services across both the charity sector and the NHS.

Maria Caulfield, MP