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DRAFT minutes from the meeting of EAST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
 held at Plumpton Village Hall on 7th January 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. C.Medvei, chair
 Cllr.M.Symes, vice chair **Apologies:** None
 Cllr.M.Elms
 Cllr.Martin
 Cllr.M.Marsh
 Cllr.Funnell

In attendance: Mrs J.Toomey - Clerk to the Council. Cllr. D.Stewart Roberts (LDC)

		Action
1/26/1	Any apologies for for absence and to consider the vacancy on the council There were no absentees. Council welcomed Sarah Otway to the meeting and cllr.Symes proposed she be co-opted to fill the vacancy, seconded by the chair. Cllr Otway signed the acceptance of office and joined the council.	
1/26/2	Any declaration of interest on any of the agenda items/update of interests None	
1/26/3	Any questions from the public - Cllr.Stewart Roberts reminded council that the opportunity to support the ‘One Sussex’ option for the proposed reorganisation would end on January 11 th . Councillors were encouraged to complete the consultation as individuals. If the ‘One East Sussex proposal is accepted the local plan would still hold weight, this is not the case if the Brighton proposal to divide up the Lewes District area was to be accepted. The Local Plan consultation ends on February 28 th and as well as any individual comments, cllr.Symes will propose a response from the council. The time scale for the plan is still the end of 2026. SDNPA will take responsibility for it’s own planning applications once devolution occurs but it is hoped there will be a Lewes based office for applications at this end of the park. Cllr.Symes asked if it was possible to access the transport study but the study is restricted to looking at the impacts of only those sites included in the plan, this would not include North Barnes as LDC has ruled that site out for development.	Cllr.Symes
1/26/4	Minutes of the council meeting held 4.11.2025 were agreed and signed	
11/25/5	Matters arising from last meeting Cllr.Marsh will Follow up on quotes for repairs to the Rotunda. Cllr.Funnell suggests April for cleaning up the play equipment (March meeting)	Cllr.Marsh cllr.Funnell
1.2.6	Financial matters	
1.2.6.1	Council approved payment of the following invoices: Cheque No: 101262 £25.00 Royal British Legion Poppy wreath Cheque No: 101263 £ Clerk. Salary/expenses November Cheque No: 101264 £ Clerk. Salary/expenses November BACS 7.1.26 £314.64 Parish Council Websites BACS 7.1.26 £12.40 Plumpton Village Hall – meeting room 7.1.26	
1.26.6.2	Council noted the current financial situation	
1.26.6.3	Council agreed the precept required for 2026-2027 - £9445.00	Clerk
1.26.6.4	Council agreed to appoint James Botting as mowing contractor for 2026	Clerk

<p>1.26.7 7.</p> <p>1.26.7.1</p> <p>1.26.7.2</p> <p>1.26.7.3</p> <p>1.26.7.4</p> <p>1.26.7.5</p> <p>1.26.7.6</p> <p>1.26.7.7</p> <p>1.26.7.8</p>	<p>Planning matters: Cllr.Symes (chair of committee) Cllr.Marsh, Cllr.Medvei Council noted there were no current planning applications.</p> <p>To note any decisions by LDC/SDNP: LW/25/0532 Land South of North Barnes Lane: Construction of 4 beds, 3 bath detached dwelling and 2 storey 3 bay detached garage and 5 parking spaces - <i>granted</i></p> <p>LW/25/0071 Land East Of Lunce's Hill Wivelsfield -Outline Planning Permission - Erection of up to 130 dwellings, together with the change of use of an existing barn for a flexible community and/or commercial use, along with associated outdoor space and landscaping – <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>LW/25/0527 Land South Of South Road Wivelsfield Green -Outline Planning Application - Erection of up to 100 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), provision of vehicular and pedestrian access, public open space and other associated infrastructure provision - <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>LW/25/0148 Goldbridge Farm Goldbridge Road Newick- Outline Planning Application - for up to 250 new homes (40% affordable), access, landscaping, open space and associated infrastructure - <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>LW/25/0339 Land At Cooksbridge Road Cooksbridge :151 residential dwellings (Class C3) including 40% affordable housing and commercial floorspace provision - Council objected due to lack of infrastructure -<i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>LW/25/0442 Land North Of Green Road Wivelsfield Green Haywards Heath Outline Planning Application - Outline planning application for up to 80 dwellings together with provision of open space, flexible community space, formation of a new access and associated works - <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>c) No further update on the Lewes District Plan - site EC11</p>	
<p>1.26.8</p>	<p>Council considered any reports:</p> <p>a) Finance & Staffing: Cllr.Symes had met the clerk to review the precept request</p> <p>b) Hollycroft grass / maintenance: Cllr.Funnell supported the proposed contractor</p> <p>c) Communications/magazine entry: Cllr.Elms requested any input</p> <p>d) Magazine Committee: Cllr.Medvei</p> <p>e) Environment/Litter pick: Cllr.Elms said the litter pick date was 1st March</p> <p>f) Community events: Parish party date is July 11th</p> <p>g) Parish land map – Cllr.Martin has completed the map and supplied PDF's</p> <p>h) Highways, Verges: There seems to be progress on getting the flood gauges moved</p>	
<p>1.26.9</p>	<p>Council noted all correspondence received since last meeting</p>	
<p>1.26.10</p>	<p>TECT – report from Cllr.Marsh</p> <p>The Agm minutes are available on the TECT website.It was a productive meeting. TECT finances are looking good and the quiz on February 10th should boost funds. Sheep will graze the field until the end of March. Cllr.Marsh will follow up the problem of the smelly discharge in the ditch by the entrance to the field. There is concern that this effluent is getting into the stream leading to the Bevern.</p> <p>Cllr.Otway was appointed as the second council representative on TECT</p>	
<p>1.26.11</p>	<p>Council consider an enquiry regarding use of the Hollycroft field for private events. It was felt that any large private events could cause an unwanted disturbance to residents in the area and the field should be kept to community use only. There might also be a problem over insurance. Clerk will reply to the person enquiring.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>1.26.12</p>	<p>Council considered a tree warden for the parish – an offer has been made by Oliver Marlowe of New Leaf tree surgery and this was gratefully accepted. Clerk will contact Oliver with details.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

