

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs M Bolton, Mrs Y Sen, D.W. McBeth, D. Carpenter, M. Madden, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies A.T. Jones (away), Mrs C.M. Robinson (unwell), Mrs N. Banfield

150. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 8th October, having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
151. Minute 119 Spatham Lane & Speeding. Letter received and circulated.
152. Minute 120 Neighbourhood Plan Report on last meeting circulated on 1st Sept. Emails had been received and circulated from Tom Dufty re the Code of Conduct etc. It was agreed to co-opt the following members to the Project Management Group providing each completed a Declaration of Interest Form which is to be returned to the Clerk, Richard Flack, Edwina Rowling, Mike Burr, Nicola Meakins, Natalie Mirzoeff (Westmeston Parish), Trevor Kirby (St George's Park), Sallie Collard-Watson, Craig Mayhew, Emma Cleary, Tom Dufty. It was also agreed to co-opt the following to the Advisory Team - Tom Jones, Roy Burman, Rob Mills, Don McBeth, Phillip Smith, Clare Farrands, and Brian Clutterbuck. Brian Clutterbuck would need to complete a Declaration of Interest form as he was no longer a Councillor.
153. Minute 122 18 South Street A response had been received from LDC and circulated. It was agreed that it did not answer the request made LDC to check that the development etc was in accordance with the relevant planning consents.
154. Minute 125 Suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road It was noted that a formal response was awaited following the email from Tim Slaney.
155. Minute 127 Litter Bin at the junction with East End Lane and Lewes Road. Details of suitable bins and costs had been circulated, it was agreed to purchase a Topsy Jubilee litterbin from Glasdon. It was agreed to remove the dilapidated wall mounted litterbin from outside the Sandrock and not replace it.
156. Minute 132 SDNP/13/04472/TCA - Jointure Studios, South Street, Ditchling Yew (T1 on plan) - Reduce and reshape crown by 3-4 metres to growth points. Red Oak (T2) - Remove major deadwood Horse Chestnut (T3) - Reduce and reshape crown by 3-4 metres to growth points Ash (T4) - Remove to 2 metres high Oak (T5) - Trim deadwood | 11 South Street Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex BN6 8UQ the Council responded "No objections" to the application but Tree Preservation Orders have been put on two trees. TPOs had been placed on two of the trees, it was agreed to ask LDC for more details.
157. Minute 134. Conference for Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings Telscombe Civic Centre, South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs BN10 7ES Thursday, 24 October 2013 - 9.15 am to 4.15 pm. It was noted that D. McBeth, Mary Holman and R. Burman would attend,
158. Minute 136 Suggestion received from Martin Craven It was noted that the Flanders Poppy seeds had been obtained and planted.
159. Minute 139 East Sussex County Council Parish and Town Council Conference on Friday 18th October 2013 at the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex. P.M. Smith gave a brief report.
160. Minute 142 Great news for South Downs cyclists - a major new funding package for cycling routes into and within the National Park It was noted that further details were awaited.
161. Case No: SDNP/13/04609/FUL
Date Valid: 30 September 2013 Decision due: 25 November 2013
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
Applicant: National Trust
Proposal: Improvement and enhancement of existing car park
Location: Ditchling Beacon Car Park, Ditchling Road, Ditchling, East Sussex
No objections.

162. Case No: SDNP/13/04788/HOUS
 Date Valid: 9 October 2013 Decision due: 4 December 2013
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Scanlan
 Proposal: Remodelling and extension of chalet bungalow to form a master bedroom suite, indoor swimming pool, detached garage and removal of pitched roof and replacement with a flat sedum roof
 Location: Underfield, Beacon Road, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8UZ
 No objections.
163. Case No: SDNP/13/04064/FUL
 Date Valid: 30 September 2013 Decision due: 25 November 2013
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Ms Samantha Prior (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: Mrs L Bowtell
 Proposal: Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of a gated entrance and parking area
 Location: Holly Trees, Underhill Lane, Westmeston East Sussex, BN6 8XE
 No objections.
164. SDNP/13/04914/TCA - Land at Boddington's Lane This was being put in by the Turner Dumbrell Trust to create a small orchard on the site as a community amenity featuring local varieties of apple trees. The site is small and currently shaded by the trees on the western boundary and we would like permission to remove the five trees shown on my drawing, including a Christmas tree planted by a former tenant, to allow in more light for our planting programme. As I explained I am no tree expert so the names quoted are my best guesses. We would also like to remove the Ionicera hedge and replace it with post and rail fencing to open the site to the lane. I would be grateful for your confirmation as to whether the plot is counted as a garden for the purposes of the regulations.
 It was agreed to support the planting of the orchard but the hedge should be retained because of its environmental value.
165. Appeal DNP/13/01857/HOUS
 Applicant: Miss J Whyte
 Proposal: Section 73A Retrospective application for retention of a boundary fence 1.8 metres (at highest ground level), 2.2/2.3 metres (at middle ground level), 2.5 metres (at lowest ground level) at the rear
 Location: 42 North End, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex
 PC Comment was "It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds – the fence due to its height and design would have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of the neighbouring property due to its overbearing presence. The fence due to its height and design would be out of character with the neighbouring fences and walls and would be harmful to the character and appearance of this part of the Conservation Area" It was noted that no further comments were allowed.
166. Finance matters
 a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance Details for September were laid on the table having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.
 b) Accounts for payment. The list had been circulated prior to meeting and scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers. The invoices were agreed for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and Mrs B. Brittain.
 c) PKF Littlejohn have completed the Audit. This was noted.
 d) Quarterly statement This had been circulated and was noted.
167. SALC & AiRS Joint Conference at the Amex Stadium, Brighton 7th November 9.30am to 5pm D. Mc Beth and R. Burman agreed to attend.
168. Strategic Framework for Road Safety Action Plan – Final Progress Update 2013 This has been circulated and was noted.
169. Tennis Court Email received and circulated stating that the Tennis Court was "unplayable". It was agreed to report this to the Club Secretary and state that further maintenance was required. It was also agreed to ask for details of the Club Committee structure and membership.
170. Openness and Transparency on personal interests Sept 2013 This new document had been circulated.
171. Proposed electricity works at Nye Lane Details had been circulated and no objections raised.

172. LDC – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. The Council had been asked to do the assessment – details of which had been circulated. This was agreed.
173. Lewes District Council Report. A.T. Jones has asked that the following should be noted - LDC Council Meetings were now being videoed and could be seen live or on the website.
174. Written reports by representatives No written reports received other than SALC.

Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs B. Brittain

Ditchling Pavilion Club -Mrs C. M. Robinson.

The Ditchling Society –Mrs Margaret Bolton

Ditchling Village Association – Mrs C.M. Robinson

Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) – D. Mc Beth and P. Smith.

Chairman

12th November 2013