

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y Sen, D. Carpenter, A.T. Jones, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain (recuperating),

- 260 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February having been circulated, were taken as read. Agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
251. Minute 226 South Downs National Park and the need for a new car park. The following response to the suggested site on the south side of Keymer Road from the County Council was noted. "From my site visit it is clear that a new vehicular access would be required onto Keymer Road [B2116]. The main issues would be visibility for vehicular egress. The speed limit in this location is the national 60mph and therefore visibility would need to be 2.4 metres back from the edge of the carriageway [from centre of access] for a distance of 215 metres in both directions and taken to the nearside carriageway. It is not clear whether you would have sufficient land control to enable these distances to be achievable. If you could determine that the speed past the site was slower than 60mph then the visibility splay distances may be reduced accordingly. If this is a car park for the village there would also be issues with an increase in pedestrians in this area. As there is no footway on the south side of Keymer Road in this location pedestrian movement would also need to be addressed." It was agreed that the group appointed to look into the possibility of finding a suitable site would meet informally after the Special Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March.
252. Minute 228 SLR Meeting It was noted that the E.S.C.C. Chief Executive Becky Shaw has responded "we are pleased to work with you in whatever way suits the parish council best and I am grateful for your care with officer time - much appreciated!"
253. Minute 229 Lewes Parking Review. It was noted that there had been no formal response from E.S.C.C.
254. Minute 230 Moonriders Night Cycle overnight cycle ride for Charity 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 IT was noted that there was no further information to date, the organiser had been in contact with the Cravens.
255. Minute 232 Cardboard recycling etc It was noted that Andy Bryce had replied "Julia Black is doing some follow up on that site and has already been in touch with various people. She is waiting for some responses from the Legal Department on issues around tenure and leases etc. She has also asked the Council's engineer to look at access and what would need to be done and how much spent on the site to allow us to use it for the drop off point should we be able to acquire it or part of it for that purpose."
256. Minute 237 LDC Joint Core Strategy - proposed submission document It was agreed that emphasis should be put on retaining and protecting the strategic gap between settlements – it needed a specific policy. It was agreed to discuss this matter further on 12<sup>th</sup> March and make comments etc relating to specific parts of the document
257. Minute 238 Replacement bollards at re-instated buildout by Dumbrells Court Road E.S.C.C. had replied "I have arranged for the bollards on the build out near Dumbrells Court Road to be replaced with "Victory" bollards. I cannot arrange for all the bollards in the village to be replaced with this type, but I can get the odd one replaced as and when they need to be" It was agreed to refer the matter to the NPA expressing concern that it would appear that once again the County Council was going to be replace bollards in a piecemeal fashion. Ditchling was an important gateway to the National Park and the Parish Council would like to see some form of conformity in its street furniture. It was a Conservation Area and also an Article 4 Direction.
258. Minute 238 Neighbourhood Plan It was agreed that the next stage would be to send a letter of introduction to every household and business in the Parish inviting them to a presentation on general discussion on a Saturday morning in the Village Hall. When the availability of the Village Hall had been established Andrew Triggs from SDNP and Tal Kleiman from LDC would be approached for to confirm that they could attend.
259. Minute 259 New Car Parking Regulations - Ditchling Village Hall Car Park Response awaited after the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> March.
260. Reference SDNP/13/00532/HOUS  
Address 17 Nevill Cottages Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex BN6 8UT  
Proposal Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension  
Comments to LDC by 28th February

No objections.

261. Case No: SDNP/13/00509/HOUS  
Date Valid: 14 February 2013 Decision due: 11 April 2013  
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Ms Samantha Prior (Lewes DC)  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bichan  
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and alterations to roof  
Location: Wick Place, Underhill Lane, Westmeston, East Sussex, BN6 8XE  
No objections
262. Case No: SDNP/13/00668/TIME  
Date Valid: 11 February 2013 Decision due: 8 April 2013  
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)  
Applicant: Mr M Winstone  
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension (renewal of LW/09/1330)  
Location: 4 Mulberry Lane, Ditchling, East Sussex, BN6 8UH  
No objections.
263. Finance matters  
a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of January were laid on the table having been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.  
  
b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment had been circulated prior to the meeting, having first been scrutinised by one of the financial controllers. The invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and D. Carpenter.  
  
c) Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for signature Grant numbered 487 was signed.  
  
d) Edge Designs had submitted the cost for the next five year contract for the Finance package. It was noted that it was being increased by approx £35 per annum this was agreed.
264. E.S.C.C. Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Details of the Consultation document were available online at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2012/flooding/strategy.htm> Councillors were asked to look at the proposals as they could affect Ditchling regarding flooding etc, it would be discussed at the next meeting providing it was within the deadline.
265. SALC Newsletter - February It was noted that this had been circulated.
266. Spatham Lane It had been suggested that the County Council be asked to erect laser speed recorders on the Lane as they had been used in Plumpton to good effect. It was agreed to support the idea if practicable and refer it to Westmeston PC as the Lane was in their parish.
267. UNESCO supported Biosphere Request received that a case is made for Ditchling to be included. I have attached a copy of the article in the Mid Sussex Times. It was agreed to take no action as many of the issues were being dealt with by the South Downs National Park Authority.
268. Rugby Club It was noted that a request had been received to reconsider allowing the Club to use the main football pitch in front of the Pavilion. Full details had been circulated. There were a number of inaccuracies in the email, corrections had been circulated. It was agreed to point out the inaccuracies to the Club and to say that a review would be held for both Clubs at the end of the Season as agreed in April 2011.
268. Lodge Hill Lane It was noted that a resident had expressed concern about the erosion of the verges and the possible damage to the gas main. Full details had been circulated. It was agreed to support the need for the verges etc to be re-instated and to contact the SDNP to co-operate with E.S.C.C. to have the Lane re-instated.
269. Ditchling Nurseries – The Council had been asked to clarify the current position regarding future use. It was reported that it was on the LDC Register of thirty possible sites and would stay there unless it was ruled out completely. LDC was obliged to look at all sites but it was doubtful that it would be developed.

270. Written reports by representatives No written reports had been received.  
Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs Catherine Robinson  
Ditchling Pavilion Club - Mrs C. M. Robinson.  
The Ditchling Society –R Burman  
Ditchling Village Association – Mrs C.M. Robinson  
Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) – D McBeth and P. Smith.
271. Matters raised by Councillors. Mrs C.M. Robinson - Cemetery Sign. It had been reported that someone could not locate the Burial Ground, it was agreed that the wooden sign on the fence was adequate.

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **12<sup>th</sup> March 2013**