

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

Apologies Mrs C.M. Robinson (another meeting), Mrs B. Brittain (hospital). D. Carpenter

- 225 Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 8th January having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 226 Minute 206 South Downs National Park and the need for a new car park. It was noted that no further information had been received from E.S.C.C.; there was a possibility that the land to the north of the proposed site may be available. Some members had concerns about encroaching on the Strategic gap between Ditchling and Keymer, it was agreed that the sub group would look for any other possible sites, it was also agreed that A.T. Jones would join this group who would report back any suggestions to the full Council.
- 227 Minute 207 Neighbourhood Plans It was agreed to register the formal request to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that it should include the whole Parish. Regarding the way forwards both the SDNP and LDC would be asked for guidance re the first stage of introducing the concept to the residents. When matters progressed further D. McBeth would be the Scribe, meanwhile Mrs M. Bolton would draw up a working plan indicating the various stages to be covered. The matter would be progressed at the next Special Council Meeting on 12th February.
- 228 Minute 208 SLR Meeting For some time there had been some concern about the value of these meeting which took up Officer time etc. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive Becky Shaw and Rupert Chubb cancelling the next and future meetings. When any matters needed exploring in depth the Council would ask for a site meeting with the relevant officer as had proved very successful in the past.
- 229 Minute 210 Lewes Parking Review. It was noted that there was no formal response from E.S.C.C.
- 230 Minute 211 Moonriders Night Cycle overnight cycle ride for Charity 12th July 2013 It was noted that the organiser had contacted St James Cricket Club but the Club thought it was not suitable, he suggested the area on the north side of the Keymer Road, he is now in contact with the Craven family.
- 231 Minute 212 Bank Accounts. Details of interest rates from the Clydesdale Bank had been circulated, other options had been looked at, it was agreed to continue to be aware of the possibilities and consider any changes again at the Annual Council Meeting in May.
- 232 Minute 213 Cardboard recycling etc No progress had been made regarding this issue, the Clerk would ask Andy Bryce at LDC to look into the matter further.
233. Case No: SDNP/12/03084/LIS
Date Valid: 3 January 2013 Decision due: 28 February 2013
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)
Applicant: Mrs C Robinson
Proposal: Blocking off existing front door and reinstating front door in original location. Extend garden wall to enclose new entrance, create hallway to existing staircase and install wood burner in existing fire place
Location: 17 Beacon Road, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8UL
No objections.
- 234 Case No: SDNP/12/03251/FUL and SDNP/12/03252/LIS
Date Valid: 2 January 2013 Decision due: 27 February 2013
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)
Applicant: Miss N Shaw
Proposal: Refurbishment of first floor flat and installation of two conservation roof lights
Location: 2 West Street, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8TS
Grid Ref: 532575 115194
No objections.

235. Case No: SDNP/13/00039/HOUS
 Date Valid: 2 January 2013 Decision due: 27 February 2013
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: RTD
 Proposal: Erection of 2.74m tall green coloured netting around tennis court
 Location: Beards Place, 103 Lewes Road, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8TZ
 No objections.
- 236 Finance matters
- a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of December was laid on the table, having first 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. These were agreed for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and D. McBeth.
- c) Quarterly statement This had been circulated and was noted.
- d) Tree work at Recreation Ground and Burial Ground. Following the tree survey, most of the work was carried out by the Groundsman as recommended. Three recommendations needed the work carried out by Tree Surgeons i.e. Common Ash - Remove faulty stems; Downy Birch - fell to ground level; Lawson Cypress - dead limb on north, remove dead limb and any faulty branches. Three quotes had been received from approved contractors - quote A -£240 + vat, quote B -£585 plus VAT, quote C £790 plus VAT. It was agreed to accept the lowest quote which was from KPS Contractors.
- 237 LDC Joint Core Strategy - proposed submission document The document had been received and details circulated, comments were invited between 11th January and 22nd March. It was agreed to consider this at the Full Council Meeting in February.
- 238 Replacement bollards at re-instated buildout by Dumbrells Court Road It was noted that the wooden ones which were there originally were no longer available. Options had been circulated. It was agreed that they should be replaced by "Victory" bollards as used in Lewes Road and request that the remaining wooden ones were replaced in the same manner together with all the bollards in the High Street.
- 239 Trustee for Oldland Mill Roger Broadbent would like to be re-appointed this was agreed.
- 240 Street Lighting in Lewes Road Website request received requesting more street lights near the School. It was agreed to respond that lighting in Lewes Road was considered adequate.
- 241 Condition of the village A complaint had been received about the untidy appearance of the Village. It was agreed to write an article for the Dialogue inviting residents to help to improve the appearance of the Village; point out to the County Council some of the points raised and ask the Conservation Officer etc to look into the untidy condition of one property to see how they could assist.
- 242 Lewes District Council Report A.T. Jones gave a brief report.
- 243 County Council report. No report.
- 244 Written reports by representatives No written reports
 Management Committee - Mrs Belinda Brittain
 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. Mc Beth and P. Smith
- 255 Overflow car park at the Recreation Ground. The Groundsman has suggested erecting small posts and a chain fence along the boundary to prevent cars driving on the ground during the winter months. At present he puts tape across which the gap which is constantly being removed. The new barrier would be removable during the summer.