

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd July in the Old Meeting House.

Present D. McBeth in the Chair, Mrs N Banfield, Mrs. C. M. Robinson, A. T. Jones, M. Madden, P. M. Smith and the Clerk.
Apologies. Mrs M. Bolton (away).

The Chairman announced the passing of Mrs Belinda Brittain who had died the previous day. A condolence card was signed by Councillors who each wrote a personal tribute.

57 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 8th July, having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. Matters arising from Minutes dated 24th June and 8th July

59 Minute 33 Neighbourhood Plan. The questionnaires were being distributed to be returned by 31st July.

60 Minute 34 Suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road Blind copy of a response to be circulated for guidance, copy of comment from Martin Craven circulated, also copy of the County Archeologist's response. Other quotations awaited. It was agreed to await further information from the contacts suggested by LDC.

61. Minute 35 Tree planting to commemorate First World War It was noted that this was in hand.

62 Minute 36 Quotations are being sought for the following Quotations still awaited.

Yellow self closing gate on southern fence of children's Play area – this may need to be renewed.

Replacement of fence on both sides of the Burial Ground entrance from Lewes Road. This has rotted and been damaged by the wind.

63 Minute 37 Fly problem in Ditchling 2012 & 2013 Response from LDC received and circulated. LDC Environmental Health Officer had discovered that there had been a sewage leak near South View in 2011. This had been repaired, they had been working closely with the owners of Mac's Farm to make the Farm more resilient to flies, they had also visited local poultry keepers. There were less flies this year. A.T. Jones had spoken to Steven Teale that day they were trying to contact Southern Water re the sewage leak who were not being very co-operative, the fly traps also seemed to be working. It appeared now that the sewage leak was more than likely the main problem, this was being pursued.

64 Minute 38 Parking in Lodge Hill Lane it was noted that there're was no further information to date.

65 Minute 40 Lack of Disabled parking at the Museum there was no further information to date.

66 Minute 41) SSALC and AiRS would like to invite you to attend our joint Resilience Conference on Friday 27th June 2014 at Herstmonceux Village Hall.The Chairman reported on the debates which had taken place regarding the provision of defibrillators in Villages which would be accessible at any time. It was agreed to make inquiries about the legal situation, insurance etc.

67 Minute 42 Boddington's Lane Further details re the water problem awaited.

68 Minute 43 Grounds. Te Ground Committee Chairman report on a visit to meet Andy Frost at LDC regarding the proposed involvement of Parish councils in participating in certain specialist services, Meetings were still being held with Funders etc and the final proposal would be putto the Council on 12th August.

69 Minute 51 Report by Don McBeth following his meeting on 2nd July with Becky Shaw the Chief Executive of the E.S.C.C. He reported that there would be District Conferences in Sept/Oct, among topics to be discussed would communication between County and Parishes, Speeding etc.

70. SDNP/14/03444/TCA

24 South Street Ditchling East Sussex BN6 8UQ

Proposal Norway maple (T1 on plan) - Reduce high limb on south side by approx 1.5m Cherry (T2 on plan) - Fell Gleditsia (T3 on plan) - Fell Ash (T4 on plan) - Remove lowest limb on south side, reduce southern side of crown by approx 1.5m
No comment

71 SDNP/14/03668/TCA The Bull 2 High Street Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex BN6 8TA

Proposal 1 x Laburnum - Remove

No comment

72. Finance matters

a). Checklist for Audit and Insurance . The book was laid on the table

b) Accounts for payment. The list had been circulated prior to the meeting, the invoices were approved foray mento and the cheques signed by the Chairman and A.T. Jones.

c) Quarterly statement and comparison. These had been circulated and were noted

73 Proposed changes to rural bus services The proposed changes would affect a number of Ditchling residents who use the 824 village Rider Service during off peak hours. Full details were available on eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay. The Clerk had distributed ESCC questionnaires among regular users. It was agreed to support the users of the bus service and ask for a daily service to be retained Monday to Friday.

74 Brighton and Hove waste and Minerals Sites Plan Consultation. It was noted that this could be viewed on consult.eastsussex.gov.uk.

75 Affordable Housing – Rural services Network is seeking Parish Views. It was considered that this would covered by the Neighbourhood Plan

76. Lewes District Council Report. A.T. Jones

77 Written reports by representatives No written reports received to date.
Village Hall Management Committee – It was agreed that Mrs Nicky Banfield would be a representative trustee in place of the late Mrs Belinda 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.

78. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only.
Fly tipping . It was noted that there had been an increase in fly tipping particularly near Ditchling Common.
LDC suggested Traveller's site in Beacon Road - The question was asked as to why it had risen up the priority order. It was hoped to have an update by the next Statutory Meeting.

Chairman

12th August 2014