

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd September 2014 in the Old Meeting House at 8pm.

Present D. McBeth in the Chair Mrs M. Bolton, Dr V. Ingham, Mrs. C. M. Robinson, A. T. Jones, M. Madden P. M. Smith, and the Clerk.

92. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 9th September having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
93. Minute 90 Neighbourhood Plan It was noted that the results had been made into Charts and would be on display for the public to see on 4th October in the Village Hall and again at the DVA Coffee Morning on 21st October.
94. Minute 91 suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road It was noted that there was no further information to date regarding the various surveys etc required.
95. Minute 92 Tree planting to commemorate First World War It was noted that this was in hand.
96. Minute 93 Yellow self closing gate on southern fence of children's Play area – One quotation had been received to replace the gate but it was not with the specific safety gate. The cost of a new one and fixing had been obtained but details of the cost of a possible repair were awaited.
97. Minute 94 Replacement of fence on both sides of the Burial Ground entrance from Lewes Road. It was noted that one quote had been received to date others were being sought.
98. Minute 95 Fly problem in Ditchling 2012 & 2013 No further reports received had been received to date, it was agreed to leave until the end of October to see if the problem returned.
99. Minute 97 Boddington's Lane Further details re the water problem received and contact made with the Turner Dumbrell Foundation. It was noted that Tim Bartlett from LDC would make contact with the foundation on October, it was agreed to write to him asking for urgent action as the Foundation did not meet very often and the next meeting was 3rd October.
100. Minute 98 Proposed changes to rural bus services It was noted that the survey did not end until 28th September.
101. Minute 99 Formal decision regarding the Sport England Grant. It was noted that the Phillipson Ditchling Trust had agreed the additional funding to carry out the enhanced works, a Pre Contract Meeting had been held with TGMS and the appointed Contractor, the initial spraying had been carried out and work should commence on 25th. A draft Contract had been circulated, it was agreed to ask the Council's Insurance Company about section 5, 5.2 regarding the section in brackets to find out if this was covered by the current insurance or did the Council need to have special cover? Providing the response was satisfactory the Clerk was given authority to sign the Contract on the Council's behalf.
102. Minute 101 Defibrillators. It was noted that the latest information had been received and circulated, further details were being sought.
103. Minute 110 Speeding It was noted that the latest statistics on speed counts in Spatham Lane were awaited.
104. Minute 114 Chainsaw Course The possible purchase of a Chainsaw was discussed, it was agreed to wait and see if one was necessary.
105. Case No: SDNP/14/04533/HOUS
Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Clark
Proposal: First floor extension over existing ground floor flat roof
Location: 59 North End, Ditchling

No comment

106. Finance matters

a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance. The book was laid on the table having been scrutinised by the Financial Controller.

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

c) New Bank Mandate It was noted that this had been ordered but not received to date.

107. LDC Proposed Local business Rates Discretionary Relief Scheme Details had been received and circulated but no action taken.

108. CPRE Annual Autumn Meeting 8th October at 7.30pm at the Linklater Pavilion, Lewes. This was noted.

109. Lewes District Council report. A.T. Jones gave a brief report.

110. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only.

1. Blocked drain outside the allotments, this would be reported again but it was noted that work was being carried out in the Village at present regarding drains.

2. Condition of the barrier around the culvert at Beacon Rd/Clayton Road junction. This would be report.

Chairman

14th October 2014