

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 8pm.

Present D. Mc Beth in the Chair, Mrs M Bolton, Mrs C.M. Robinson, A.T. Jones, M. Madden, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies, Mrs B. Brittain (hospital), Mrs N. Banfield (work)

323. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th March having been circulated were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
324. Minute 305 New Standing Orders hard copies of the documents were brought to the meeting and gone through in detail, the revised document would be ready for the next meeting.
325. Minute 320 The National Park Local Plan Options Consultation Document and the Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule These could be viewed on www.consult.southdowns.gov.uk It was agreed that the Council would discuss Section 6 Settlement Strategy and Section 7 Housing. These had been circulated in hard copy, but due to the complicated document it was not possible to prepare a response. The Chairman agreed to circulate all the questions in a simpler format, Councillors were asked to fill in their copies and return so that the responses could be collated ready to send to SDNP
326. Planning application.
LW/14/0209 Clappers Janes Lane Wivelsfield
Planning Application - Section 73A retrospective application for the retention of garage for Mr J Monnery
No comment.

Chairman

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Grounds Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds Committee held in the Parish Office on 10th April at 8pm.

Present P.M. Smith in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs C.M. Robinson and the Clerk

Apologies D. McBeth (prior engagement)

1. Upgrading Sports Pitches It was recommended that the way forward was to support Developments Option 4S/1N (£129,621) as the preferred solution i.e. levelling N pitch and draining both N & S pitches. This will require a further site investigation (SI) to check on the constraints of the existing drainage traversing N pitch at an estimated cost of £1,500 + VAT but, if levelling is feasible, the SI will allow for a full design approach to be taken. This could be carried out in May. It would involve digging a shallow trench across the pitch thereby preventing further matches taking place on N pitch this season. This cost would be met by the Sport England grant.
It was agreed to obtain a list of equipment owned by the PC which would be used to maintain the newly upgraded pitches to the Sports England standard, the work which was covered at the moment by the groundsman and the cost of hiring the equipment etc to carry out the tasks as stated in Appendix 11 of the Feasibility Study. The on-going maintenance costs would be discussed with the Clubs at the informal meeting on 17th April as there would need to be a very high increase in the rents towards this.
Inquiries had been made from various sources regarding additional funding but to date had been unsuccessful. An application was being made to the Turner Dumbrell Foundation as per the original application document, replies were still awaited from the RFU and the Football Association.
2. Re-siting of seats which have to be moved away from the Ash Tree It was agreed to recommend that three seats be re-sited as follows, one by the play area facing the Downs, the second against the hedge facing the cricket ground and the third replacing one on the eastern side of the ground which would replace one which was removed.

Chairman

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