

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 8pm.

Present D. McBeth in the Chair, 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), Mrs M. Bolton (away), G. Wheeler (family)

32. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
33. Minute 15 Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the questionnaires were being distributed by the street representatives to be returned by 19th July.
34. Minute 16 Suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road It was noted that quotations were being sought from three local firms to provide the following information; Land value to purchase or lease: Land and Visual Impact Assessment: Archaeological Site assessment and Preliminary Ecological Assessment as required by the SDNP Pre application letter.
35. Minute 17 Tree planting to commemorate First World War It was noted that this was in hand.
36. Minute 18 Quotations are being sought for the following. No further action taken on this to date.
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.
37. Minute 19 Fly problem in Ditchling 2012 & 2013 It was noted that 233 Red Top fly traps have been collected by residents so far.
38. Minute 20 Parking in Lodge Hill Lane It was noted that there was no further information to date but it needed a safety audit.
39. Minute 23 Ditchling Fair Stall M. Madden reported that there had been considerable interest in the Stall for both the Council matters and the Neighbourhood Plan. The siting of the proposed new car park was not met with enthusiasm.
40. Minute 26(a) Lack of Disabled parking at the Museum It was noted that various correspondence had been received and circulated re this matter following the Council's suggestion that the old playground should be used with some form of communication to the main building. It was agreed to respond to the Museum that they should improve the access from the old playground to the Museum for this purpose according to the "Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people- Code of Practice. BS 8300:2009+A 1 :2010 section S.2.2. Access to, and location of, designated off – street parking".
41. Minute 26(b) SSALC and AiRS would like to invite you to attend our joint Resilience Conference on Friday 27th June 2014 at Herstmonceux Village Hall. The theme of the conference will be "Lessons Learned from the Winter of 2013/14." It was noted that the Chairman would be attending.
42. Minute 26c Boddington's Lane It was noted that sticky dog fouling notices had been obtained and had been put up in the Lane. Information had been requested re the water problem which would be passed to LDC.
43. Minute 30 Grounds Sport England had asked for further details as to current position re funding and

maintenance etc following receipt of a letter from the Cricket Club. The required information had been supplied as far as possible at this stage. Individual meetings had been arranged with the Football Club, Cricket Club and the Trustees of the Phillipson Ditchling Trust by the Chairman of the Grounds Committee who had also asked the Consultants to ask the contractors to price for a football pitch on the southern pitch. The consultant had been asked if this would add to the price as this had not been discussed. The Football Club needed to know if it would have the use of the southern pitch as it is completing the affiliation form for the Mid Sussex football league. It was noted that no further information was available at this stage.

44. Case No: SDNP/14/02845/HOUS & SDNP/14/02846/LIS
Date Valid: 4 June 2014 Decision due: 30 July 2014
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)
Applicant: Mr N Upton
Proposal: Room in the roof extension with new conservation roof windows in rear elevation of existing roof
Location: 9 South Street
No comment.
45. Case No: SDNP/14/01686/LIS
Date Valid: 10 June 2014 Decision due: 5 August 2014
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Julie Cattell
Applicant: Mr L Malins
Proposal: Section 73A Retrospective Application for the installation of replacement window, floors replaced, roof re-felted and battened and retiled with existing tiles, and new oak handrail fitted, meter box fitted and new front entrance
Location: 2 West Street
No comment.
46. SDNPA/14/02716/FUL St Margaret's Church of England Primary School.
Construction of new library and storage facility.
No comment.
47. Finance matters
a). Checklist for Audit and Insurance Details were 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 approved for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and A.T. Jones.
48. CPRE Sussex Review & Annual Report Copies were laid on the table.
49. Open Space Society the magazine and annual accounts were laid on the table.
50. Lewes District Council Report There was no report.
51. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only
The question of traffic was raised, details of speed checks, the LATS and lack of communication, the Chairman agreed to raise these matters at a meeting he would be attending on 2nd July with Becky Shaw the Chief Executive of the E.S.C.C.

Chairman

8th July 2014

Minutes of the Committee meetings held following the main Council Meeting.

Burial Committee 24th June 2014

Present, Tom Jones, Phil Smith, Mark Madden and D. McBeth

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain (hospital)

1. To elect Chairman to serve for 2014 – 2015 A.T. Jones was re-elected Chairman.

Chairman

8th July 2014

Grounds Committee 24th June 2014

Present Mrs Catharine Robinson, Phillip Smith and D. McBeth

Apologies Mrs. Margaret Bolton, Mrs Nicky Banfield

1. To elect Chairman to serve for 2014 – 2015 Phillip Smith was re-elected Chairman.

Chairman

8th July 2014

Lighting Committee 24th June 2014

Present Tom Jones, Mark Madden and D. McBeth.

Apologies Mrs Belinda Brittain,

1. To elect Chairman to serve for 2014 – 2015 Mark Madden was elected Chairman.

Chairman

8th July 2014

Footpaths Committee, 24th June 2014

Present Mrs Catharine Robinson, Mark Madden, D. McBeth

1. To elect Chairman to serve for 2014 – 2015 Mrs Catharine Robinson was re-elected Chairman.

Chairman

8th July 2014

NB

Finance Committee The Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairmen of the above Committees forms the Finance Committee.

Ex Officio The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council are ex officio on all Committees.

