

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall on Monday 7 November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. McBeth (Chairman), Robinson, Leaver (from 7.45pm), Jones, Smith, Madden (Mr) and the Clerk, Mrs M. Warner.

Public Participation:

Residents from Barnfield Gardens spoke in respect of planning application 4.3. The shed replaced was a 6x4 shed, the new shed is massive, there is also a large woodstore on site. The boundary fence forms a side of the shed. The shed roof overhangs the neighbour's property, there is no guttering and so rain from the roof will fall straight onto the neighbouring garden. The shed is ugly and out of keeping in the conservation area.

1. Declarations of Interest: None
2. Apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Ingham, who was on a delayed train and Cllr Madden (Mrs), who was attending another meeting.
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th October having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. Planning Applications
 - 4.1 SDNP/16/05077/LIS 21 North End Ditchling BN6 8TD Section 73A retrospective application for alterations to box sleepers forming planters to reduce height and remove from the rear of the old pedestrian gate. **No Comment**
 - 4.2 SDNP/16/04533/HOUS 36 North End Ditchling BN6 8TF Section 73A retrospective application for the erection of single storey rear extension. **No Comment**
 - 4.3 SDNP/16/04862/FUL 5 Barnfield Gardens Ditchling BN6 8UE Section 73A Retrospective application for the replacement of garden shed. **Objection:** The shed by virtue of its siting, form and size is considered to be detrimental to the Character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The shed should not be attached to the boundary fence, it is not clear which property owns the fence. The shed should be relocated so that it does not abut the boundary and is set back behind the building line. Cllr Jones abstained.
 - 4.4 LW/16/0838 Unit 3 The Old Grain Store Ditchling Common Industrial Estate Folders Lane Installation of new windows to the North and West elevation at ground, first & second floor levels for Double-nine. **No Comment.**
 - 4.5 SDNP/16/04437/HOUS East Gardens, Ditchling Construction of a first- floor roof extension, internal alterations, reconstruction of the existing conservatory to the front elevation. **No Comment.**
 - 4.6 SDNP/16/05149/HOUS 27 Long Park Corner Erection of first floor side extension and front porch extension with associated roof alterations. **No Comment.** Cllr Jones abstained.
 - 4.7 St Georges Retreat advertising hoardings, the hoardings should have been removed on 13 October, it was **agreed** that the Clerk would contact the planning dept at Lewes District Council.
5. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only

It was noted that the broken road sign at the crossroads has still not been replaced, the clerk will chase ESCC highways again. No new prospective councillors had been identified to fill the three vacancies on the council. It was confirmed that Simon Adby had been invited to the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman _____ 28 November 2016

Neighbours of South Tile barn in Beacon Road made representations to the council at the close of the meeting.