

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs.McBeth (Chairman), Ingham, Madden (Mrs), Madden (Mr) and the Clerk, Mrs M. Warner.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Participation:

Carol Bolton spoke on behalf of the Ditchling History Project, the group wished to object to the Portland stone plinth next to the War Memorial. It's presence within the triangle is disrespectful, the memorial is to recognize and commemorate the war dead and not the craftsman. Mrs Bolton requested that the Parish Council did not seek to make a retrospective planning application but to have it removed from its current location.

Martin Craven spoke to add his support to the request to have the plinth removed.

Cllr Madden considered that the plinth was inappropriate. Cllr Madden (Mrs) raised concerns that someone could easily walk backwards into the plinth. The chairman confirmed that the plinth had been commissioned and paid for by the British Legion.

1. Apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Robinson, Leaver, Jones
2. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th July having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. The Chairman moved item 4 to be the first agenda item for discussion. To submit a retrospective planning application for erection of the Portland stone plinth at Ditchling War Memorial. To approve a payment of £97.50 in respect of the application. It was agreed that a retrospective planning application would not be submitted.
3. 3.1) SDNP/16/03749/HOUS and SDNP/16/03750/LIS 26 West Street Ditchling BN6 8TS
Proposed change to window dimensions for previously approved new window in first storey extension
No Comment.
- 3.2) SDNP/16/03669/HOUS 27 Long Park Corner Ditchling BN6 8UX Side extension, loft conversion, new porch and internal alterations. **No Comment.**
- 3.3) LW/16/0536 Pottery House Folders Lane East
Planning Application - Erection of a first floor extension over existing kitchen and the erection of a detached double garage with log store for Mr & Mrs D Hays. **No Comment.**
5. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only
Cllr Smith advised that the Sport England consultant had advised that the final light sand dressing should be applied before the pitch was used for play. It is proving difficult to find a slot that does not clash with either the Cricket Club or the Stoolball Club matches. The 17th August seems to be the preferred date. The issue of goal post sockets is to be resolved. The Chairman provided an update on employee matters.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman 22 August 2016