

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. McBeth (Chair), Madden (Mrs), Jones (from 7.40pm), Robinson, Orme, Smith, Leaver, Ingham, Guggenheim, Keeley and the Clerk, Mrs M. Warner.

Public Participation:

There were twelve members of the public present. A resident of Beacon Road spoke to object to planning application 4.1. He wished to point out that the proposed plans included a 12 foot long wall and 14 feet high which would go beyond the garage and join the existing wall, which is 4 feet lower. The proposed development extends to the boundary with the neighbouring property. Materials are not specified in the planning application, heights are not detailed and the plans overall are poor. A resident of North End spoke regarding the infestation of flies along North End and Common Lane. This is now a severe fly nuisance and residents are at the end of their tether. The problem began 8 years ago. Mr Steven Teale the Environmental Health Officer at Lewes District Council visited a resident in June and was given fly number records but there has been no further information from the District Council. The Parish Council and the District Councillor will contact Mr Teale and ask that residents are updated with his latest findings.

1. Declarations of Interest: None
2. Apologies for absence None
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th June having been circulated, were **agreed** as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. Planning Applications
 - 4.1 SDNP/17/03217/FUL 4A Beacon Road. Demolition of existing conservatory and first floor bathroom, erection of part single part two storey extension, replacement roof, new side door access and other external alterations. **Objection.** The proposed plans contain insufficient information on the impact of the extension on the neighbouring property. The height of the wall on the boundary should be reduced. The application is not in accordance with the SDNP Policy SD6 as the proposed extension is not visually subservient to the main dwelling and in keeping with the scale and character of the existing dwelling; and is overbearing which would be detrimental to the amenity of nearby residents and would result in overdevelopment of the site.
 - 4.2 SDNP/17/02944/TPO 103 East End Lane Ditchling Norway Maple T1 of the Order - Reduce the height, spread and crown. Sycamore T2 of the Order - Reduce the height, spread and Silver Beech - Reduction in height. **No comment**
 - 4.3 LW/17/0539 Berrymead, Spatham Lane Westmeston Part-demolition of existing flat/garage and erection of a new detached dwelling. **Objection.** The proposed new dwelling is outside the settlement boundary. The proposed dwelling would lead to an undesirable subdivision of the plot leading to an unacceptable form of backland development in an agricultural setting. The application site is not in a sustainable location for a new dwelling in terms of public transport, safe pedestrian routes, amenities and facilities and future residents will be heavily reliant on private car use. Which is contrary to core policy 13 in the Lewes District Local Plan.
 - 4.4 SDNP/17/03315/LIS 15 South Street Ditchling Replace the doors/windows with new crittal style windows using the original wooden window frame. **No Comment**
5. Reports from other meetings- Cllr McBeth had met with the chair of governors of St Margaret's Primary School It was **agreed** that the School is an essential amenity in Ditchling and it is important that it has the full moral support of the council. It is understood that the school has a strategy to increase the number of children on role in order that the school can operate at full capacity and the council look forward to seeing the proposals
6. It was **agreed** that the meeting on 21 August will be held at the Pavilion Club, Ditchling Recreation Ground

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman

24 July 2017

