

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall, Lewes Road, on Monday 18 December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McBeth (Chairman), Jones, Guggenheim, Keeley, Orme, Smith, Robinson, Ingham, the Clerk, Mrs. M. Warner & the Deputy Clerk Mr Derek Blackhall

Public Participation:

Two members of the public were present. Mr. Paul Farrands stated that he wished to be considered for co-option to the Council. Mr. Farrands is a retired doctor who has lived in Ditchling for 30 years. He has been involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr. Farrands was invited to the next meeting on 8 January to be co-opted onto the Council.

1. Declarations of Interest: None.
2. Apologies for absence. Cllr Leaver, unavailable.
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November having been circulated, were **agreed** as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman
4. 4.1 SDNP/17/05756/NMA (Non-material amendment) 67 Lewes Road Ditchling. Ground floor rear folding sliding door replaces 2 off french doors, first floor rear juliet balcony replaces balcony built into veranda (amendment to planning application SDNP/15/03688/hous). It was noted that this application had already been approved by the SDNP.
4.2 SDNP/17/05211/FUL. Court Farm Keymer Road Ditchling. Erection of a feed storage barn. Current status. It was noted that this application would be determined by the planning committee, the decision would not be delegated to officers.
5. Parish magazine. The second edition will include – items on planning, the recreation ground, rugby, History Group, Monday Group, Morris men, WI. Other groups wishing to contribute need to send copy to the Deputy Clerk by the first week of January.
6. The meeting dates for 2019 as circulated were **agreed**
7. Proposed new car park. The SDNP have agreed that the S106 agreement can be signed in December rather than January once the lease has been signed. It remains concerning that the S106 agreement places no obligation on ESCC Highways to use their best endeavours to put the TRO in place as quickly as possible There is a clause stating that the £5,000 paid towards the TRO would be returned in the process had not commenced after ten years. If the TRO does not go ahead the Council will need to request that the planning condition is varied. There is a presumption that if the TRO is not forthcoming then the condition will be varied, but this needs to be agreed with the various parties including ESCC Highways and the SDNP. It was **agreed** that all parties would be contacted and this matter will be included on the SLR agenda. For the meeting of 29 January 2018.
8. Neighbourhood Plan update It was noted that the independent examiner has completed his report and has found that the plan meets the basic conditions and can proceed to referendum once the recommended amendments are made. Amy Tyler-Jones has been contacted regarding the likely timing for the referendum. Cllr Smith will write an article for the magazine with the latest news.
9. New play equipment and recreation ground master plan – appointment of a Landscape Architect. Cllr Smith & the Clerk have met on site with the two firms who responded. They both seem very capable. Cllr Smith proposed that Andrew Ramsey be appointed, the proposal was **agreed** unanimously

10. Finance matters
- a) The bank reconciliation for November was **agreed**
 - b) Payments totalling £9,662.84 were **approved**
 - c) The ESCC Lighting Maintenance agreement was **approved**
11. Correspondence. There were no items on the primary list.
12. Written & verbal reports by representatives.
- Village Hall Management Committee –none
 - Ditchling Pavilion Club - Cllr Smith – none
 - Ditchling Village Association – Mrs C.M. Robinson-none
 - Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) – Cllrs Mc Beth and Madden. It was noted that the last meeting addressed the GDPR, further updates are awaited from NALC.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman 8 January 2018

Ditchling Parish Council
Expenditure Dec 2017

Date	Ref	Value (incl vat)
01/12/2017	AIRS Membership	£50.00
14/12/2017	Aspect Ecology	£1,512.00
07/12/2017	S Woodley ground maintenance	£140.00
17/11/2017	Barcombe Landscapes	£4,782.00
01/12/2017	Hall hire	£32.00
18/12/2017	Mileage exps	£21.60
18/12/2017	Conservation Volunteers Grant	£75.00
27/12/2017	One Drive	£1.99
21/08/2017	Salaries	£2,256.78
18/12/2017	CPRE Grant	£50.00
12/12/2017	LDC Bin emptying	£371.80
30/10/2017	SOS Systems Ltd	£60.34
11/12/2017	Letter Box	£19.99
10/11/2017	Surrey Hills Solicitor	£254.34
30/11/2017	Website, monthly maintenance	£35.00
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