

## Ditchling Parish Council

### Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall, Lewes Road, on Monday 19 November 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McBeth (Chairman), Smith, Orme, Guggenheim, the Clerk Mrs Michelle Warner, the Deputy Clerk, Mr Derek Blackhall

Public Participation:

One member of the public was present.

1. Declarations of Interest: None
2. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Leaver, Madden, Ingham, Farrands, Robinson & Jones were unavailable.
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 November having been circulated, were **agreed** as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Standing orders were suspended. The member of the public requested that the Ditchling Society was kept informed of any reports requested in respect of planning application SDNP/18/01455. Standing orders were resumed.
4. Planning applications
  - 4.1 SDNP/18/04155. To consider quotations to employ a Planning Consultant or other specialist to prepare a report for the council. The brief prepared by Cllrs Smith & Orme had been issued to the three consultants contacted. The brief asked for a preliminary report by 7<sup>th</sup> December. The clerk was authorised to spend up to £1,000 to engage a planning consultant from the two previously contacted. It was noted that the SDNPA Design and Review panel was meeting the following day to consider the application and the members of the panel included highly experienced landscape architects and an architect familiar with Ditchling and the conservation area. Cllr Jones is attending the Design & Review panel meeting.

A quotation of £650 for a Sustainable Design Critique from a suitably qualified expert has been received. This report may be requested depending upon the outcome of the Design & Review panel meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Post meeting note – one of the planning consultants was unable to supply the required report by 7 December, one of the planning consultants is able to supply the preliminary report by the required date and so has been engaged.