

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllts. McBeth (Chair), Orme, Ingham, Robinson, Smith, Jones, Madden and the Deputy Clerk, Derek Blackhall.

Public Participation:

There were 12 members of the public present; and 4 people expressed opinions in respect of the planning application agenda item relating to 8 Beacon Road (SDNP/17/05923/FUL):

John Jenkins felt the design was not appropriate for this setting, the proposed building too tall, the plans incorrectly indicate a lot of space between neighbouring properties when in fact they are much closer than implied, there would be several new dominant overbearing windows where none exist currently, the colour white rendering should be green or brown, the new build should be sited in the centre of the plot, and there are potential dazzling and anti-glare issues requiring attention.

Erica Peck referred to residents' worries regarding loss of privacy, the first floor windows being overbearing, that pre-application advice had been sought by the applicant but largely ignored, and both residents whose views she represented strongly objected to this application.

Neil Evans commented he cannot see the current bungalow, but would certainly see the replacement building which would have more windows - one which would directly overlook his daughter's bedroom.

Anthony Hulejczuk said he would be overlooked if this application was approved and he was not currently, noted lots of new windows, tree screening would only be effective in the summer months, this is a very significant change - application of poor design and too modern for this location, and has light pollution and Dark Skies issues.

1. Declarations of Interest: None.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Leaver, Guggenheim, and Keeley were unavailable.
3. The co-opting of Paul Farrands as a new councillor was deferred until the next meeting.
4. Planning Applications

4.1 SDNP/17/05923/FUL 8 Beacon Road Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new 4-bedroom, two storey dwelling with separate garage. **Object.** This application has design issues, the drawing is inaccurate, there are issues regarding overlooking neighbours, concerns over lighting/glare and Dark Skies matters, and it is not in keeping with the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman _____ 29 January 2018