

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 10th July 2012.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y Sen, D. Carpenter, D.W. McBeth, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain (ill), Mrs M. Bolton (away), A.T. Jones, A.H. Knowles (delayed),

57. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th June having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
58. New Victory bollard – Lewes Road The bollard on the east side of the buildout had been broken off. At the SLR meeting, the Council was asked to consider erecting a Glasdon Signmaster Bollard. It was agreed that this was not acceptable; it would like a replacement Victory bollard. It was suggested that in order to prevent this particular bollard being hit it should be moved further south to be in line with the give way post. This would make drivers more aware of it when approaching in a line of vehicles.
59. LW/12/0518 St. Georges Retreat Ditchling Road Ditchling Common
Planning Application - Erection of two storey office building for Augustinian Care
It was agreed to object to the siting of this building as it would have a detrimental impact on the street scene from the B2112 and Ditchling Common.
60. Appeal/Written appeal against LDC's refusal to grant permission for Land Rear Of 21-25 East Gardens
Planning Application - Demolition of existing garage and erection of detached dwelling for Mr J Davies. It was agreed to write to the Inspector supporting LDC in its reasons for refusal.
61. LDC is looking for new permanent sites for travellers in the District and has come up with 8 possible sites. One of these was on the site of the old glass houses in Beacon Road. This was noted.

Chairman

24th July 2012

Footpaths Committee

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 10th July

Present Mrs C.M. Robinson the Chair, Mrs Y Sen, D. McBeth, R. Burman, D. Carpenter

Apologies Mrs M Bolton and A.K. Knowles

1. Allocation of areas. The maps were discussed and the Parish split into areas for members to inspect and report problems.
2. Problems with 29d where it goes through the Oaks Poultry Farm and through Swansyard land. It was agreed that D. McBeth would investigate and report back.

Chairman 24th July 2012

Grounds Committee

Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on site on 9th July at 7pm.

Present P. Smith in the Chair, R. Burman, Mrs C.M. Robinson and the Clerk.

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain, A.T. Jones

1. Inspection of the Car Park re its repair/resurfacing etc. It is understood that there was a sum of some £800 available from LDC as part of the Sandrock 106 money which could be used for improving informal play space etc, the car park would come under this category. It was agreed to seek urgent advice from the County and District Engineers as to the way forward re patching the main area where some of the holes were dangerous. The authorities would also be asked for a list of approved contractors who could carry out the work.
2. Surface under the main play equipment. It was noted that this had been deteriorating for some time; it was put down in 1991. A firm had been out to inspect and left a sample of the artificial surface which would be put on top of the existing surface. Full details of the surface could be seen under NottsSward at www.nottssport.com. It was agreed that the surface would be acceptable; two quotations for using it had been received and would be circulated as quotes for the Council Meeting.

Chairman 24th July 2012

Burial Ground Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on site on 17th July at 7pm.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs Y Sen, Mrs C.M. Robinson, P. Smith and the Clerk.

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain

1. Condition of Burial Ground Driveway. It was noted that there was some erosion at the Lewes Road end of the Driveway, it was agreed to ask the Groundsman to clear the gutter, dig out the trench, clear the weeds from the side of the driveway and the drain just inside the gate to improve drainage.
2. Burial Ground Extension. The committee looked over on to the extension land which was covered with bracken. It was agreed to find out the best way to get rid of it, it would then need to be rotavated and seeded. It was agreed that the line of the driveway to the extension should start about halfway along the turning circle and run alongside the Garden of Remembrance. It was suggested that it should be created using the matting which would allow grass to grow through. It was agreed that there could be two or three more rows of burial spaces going towards the seat by the stream.

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