

## Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8pm.

Present. B. J. Clutterbuck in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs S. Munier Mrs C.M. Robinson., Mrs Y Sen, R. Burman, B.D. Cohen, A.S. Knowles, D. McBeth, and the Clerk, Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies A.T. Jones(away)

328. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 27th January having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
329. Minute 298 Traffic Report/LATS it was noted that the Parish Councillors involved had raised the question re the delays in dealing with this matter with the County Council and with the Steering Group Chairman, Meg Stroud. The County Council had responded with a list of possible dates between March and May. B.J. Clutterbuck had replied that the meeting should be earlier, it had already been delayed, the county Council replied that the LATs documents was being drafted and would be ready for the meeting.
330. Minute 299 Finger Posts. It was noted that the quotation had been received as follows – Post at Clayton Rd/Beacon Rd/South Street junction £640, post at Janes Lane £876.25. 50% of costs would be met by County Council. It was agreed to accept the quotation and order the works.
331. Minute 300 Pedestrian safety at Common Lane. It was noted that there was no further information to date.
332. Minute 301 Matters raised in report from the Ditchling Society.  
(a) South Street It was noted that the new experimental parking restrictions were in force.  
(b) Village Hall Car Park It was noted that LDC had responded that it had had a meeting with E.S.C.C and the NCP. NCP had assured them that vehicles parked on the double yellow lines outside the kitchen may do so for the **purpose of loading and loading only**, once they have completed they should move to a parking bay.  
(c) National Park It was noted that there was no further information regarding the possible recognition of the contribution made by Chris Todd to date.
333. Minute 302 Utilisation of Council's assets. A space plan regarding the requirements of the preschool group had been received showing the proposed space required for a special building and garden attached to the Pavilion measuring 137.75 m2 and an equal sized garden area. At this stage the requirements of the Scouts had not been requested but was being sought prior to arranging the site meeting at the Recreation Ground with Andrew Hill, Team Leader Planning at LDC and Joanne Grogan E.S.C.C. to find out if the project might be viable and would meet OFSTED requirements etc.
334. Minute 308 Footpath 49 It was noted that there was no further information to date.
335. Minute 310 Safer Lanes initiative It was noted that the form and stickers were available in local shops. and were proving very popular. The donation towards cost agreed at the previous meeting had not been included in the accounts for payment as there was no information as to the payee. This was being pursued.
336. Minute 312 Consultation Document Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity. It was agreed to make no comment on the document.
337. Minute 313 Light on Scout HQ it was reported that the question of the light had been resolved it was now on a

switch. A response re the Highway safety issue was awaited.

338. Minute 314 SALC Courses It was noted that Mrs. Bolton had applied to attend the Saturday Course and R. Burman the weekend course.
339. Minute 315 Cricket Practice nets It was noted that the Risk assessment was awaited as it could affect the seats and the gap where people walk through from the Burial Ground Drive.
340. LW/09/0047 26 West Street  
Listed Building Application - Internal alterations including creation of a new doorway for Mr K Rickard  
No objections.
341. LW/09/0075 Fourfields Farm Dumbrells Court Road  
Erection of two poultry barns and one implement shed and road access from existing farm roads.  
R. Burman and A.S. Knowles declared personal interests.  
No objections.
342. LW/09/0115 8 High Street  
Listed Building Consent for the erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension and side wall and gate (demolition of existing extension) resubmission of listed building application LW/08/1193  
It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it would be overdevelopment of the site, would have an adverse impact on No 4 High Street and would have an adverse impact on the street scene. It was noted that there was no planning notice on site.
343. LW/09/0114 8 High Street  
Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension and side wall and gate (demolition of existing extension)  
It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it would be overdevelopment of the site, would have an adverse impact on No 4 High Street and would have an adverse impact on the street scene. It was noted that there was no planning notice on site.
344. LW/09/0117 86 East End Lane  
Erection of a rear ground floor single storey extension with balcony and alterations (including removal of existing first floor balcony construction....  
No objections
345. Finance matters
- a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance It was noted that the January reconciliation and details of Bank Statements had been circulated having first been scrutinised by one on the Financial Controllers.
- b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment had been circulated together with the list of receipts following the last meeting. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers. The accounts were authorized for payment and the cheques signed by B.J. Clutterbuck and Mrs B. Brittain.
- d) Investment account Following further investigation re possible new accounts, it was agreed to take no action.
- e) Lighting Maintenance It was reported that EDF was cancelling its maintenance Contract from 31<sup>st</sup> March. Inquiries had been made and details of a scheme for Parishes from the County Council would be available for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

346. The Monday Group It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received for the grant.
347. Notification under the data Protection Act 1998 The forms etc had been received to register as it was a Legal requirement–this was agreed, the cheque would be signed for the fee of £35 at the next meeting.
348. Action in Rural Sussex–It was noted that details of the East Sussex Village of the Year competition had been received and were passed to the DVA.
349. Victim support It was noted that an application for a grant towards its work had been received. Copies of the correspondence would be circulated for the next meeting for consideration.
350. Action in Rural Sussex Affordable Housing in Rural Areas - Tom Warder – Rural Housing Enabler would like to meet with the Council to discuss the needs in the parish. This was agreed.
351. E.S.C.C. Report Councillor Meg Stroude No report.
352. Lewes District Council Report Councillor Tom Jones - apologies
353. Reports by Representatives. No written reports received.  
Village Hall Management Committee -Mrs Belinda Brittain  
Ditchling Pavilion Club - Tom Jones  
Ditchling Village Association – B.J. Clutterbuck – verbal report stating that the Newcomers party was being held on 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
The Ditchling Society –R. Burman  
Lewes District Association of Local and Parish Councils (two representatives) -Brian Clutterbuck and Don McBeth.  
Rural Voices Rural Choices- Roy Burman and Brian Cohen.
354. Drains in East End Lane The question of the water which was still flowing along the Lane although the County Council had been working on site was raised. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the County Council Officer who stated that they had found the pipes completely blocked at the southern end of the Lane and that the team would have to return to complete the job.

Chairman 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009