

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs. McBeth, Smith, Robinson, Jones, Ingham, Madden (Mr), Leaver and the Clerk Mrs M. Warner.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Madden (Mrs) and Banfield

2. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr McBeth was elected Chairman and took the chair. Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Madden was elected Vice Chairman

Appointment of Committee members: It was agreed that the Burial Committee and Grounds Committee would be joined to become the Grounds and Burial Committee. The Lighting Committee would be disbanded and lighting matters would be dealt with by the Finance Committee. The Footpaths Committee would be disbanded but Cllr Robinson would continue to monitor footpaths. The following appointments were made:

Grounds & Burial Committee; Cllr Robinson, Smith (Chair), Banfield, Leaver, Madden (Mrs), Ingham
Finance Committee; Cllr Jones, Smith, Robinson

The Chairman and Vice- Chairman of the Council are ex officio members of all committees.

3. Appointment of representatives to serve. The following appointments were made:

Village Hall management Committee- Cllr Ingham

Ditchling Pavilion Club- Cllr Smith

The Ditchling Society-Cllr Madden & Madden

Ditchling Village Association-Cllr Robinson

Lewes District Council of Local Councils-Cllr McBeth, Cllr Madden (Mrs)

Appointment of a Financial Controller. Cllr Madden (Mr) was appointed.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th April having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th March having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

5. Annual Subscriptions It was noted that the Council subscribed annually to NALC, SALC, LDALPC, Society of Local Council Clerks, Clerks & Councils Direct, The Open Space Society. It was agreed that these annual subscriptions should continue for a further year.

6. Change of location/date for future Parish Council Meetings. It was agreed that future meetings should be held in the lower hall of the Village Hall, once notice had been served at The Old Meeting House. It was agreed that future meeting would be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm

7. Review of Standing Orders The Standing Orders were reviewed with no changes agreed. The date of the next review to be May 2017.

8. Planning Applications

8.1) SDNP/16/01358/LIS 78 East End Lane Ditchling. Rebuilding section of garden perimeter wall.
No Comment

9. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only

Cllrs McBeth & Robinson had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group, following the consultation period. There will be a meeting with the SDNP on June 7th. Cllr McBeth will circulate the Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission consultation report to councillors. Cllr Jones confirmed that the costs of the referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan would be met by LDC. Councillors were unsure of the purpose of the questionnaire circulated by ESCC re Countryside Sites including Ditchling Common. The Clerk will request more information. Cllr McBeth and Smith will attend the LDC Planning Committee meeting on 18 May on speak in support of the planning application for 17 A & B, South Street, Ditchling.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman

24th May 2016