

# Ditchling Parish Council

## Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Smith

1 **Minutes of the Council Meeting** held on 13 and 27 October having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2 **Matters Arising**

**Recreation Ground.** It was noted that Cllr Smith and Kestrel had attended a site meeting on 5 November. The goal posts require installation and the first white lining using a laser system will need to be arranged. These activities fall outside the contract with Kestrel. Cllr Smith to be asked to provide quotations for the work.

**Proposed additional car park.** The latest advice from the District Valuer was discussed. It was agreed that the annual rental demanded by the landowner was £150 in excess of the District Valuer's suggested figure for negotiation but the scheme nevertheless represented good value for money for residents. The District Valuer had advised that rent reviews be linked to open market value or capped RPI values. It was agreed that the clerk write to the landowner with proposed heads of terms. All correspondence to be without prejudice and subject to planning consent. It was agreed that the working group consisting of Cllrs Mc Beth, Jones, Robinson and Banfield meet to discuss progressing a planning application. Mr Ellis, a local resident and planning professional had indicated that he would provide his services free of charge.

3. **Planning applications**

**SNDP/15/4468/fUL** 11 Boddington's Lane

Change of use of building from ancillary residential accommodation to self-contained separate dwelling unit.

**No comment**

**SNDP/15/04941/HOUS** Greenbank House, The Dymocks,

Alterations to windows, replacement of tile hanging with timber cladding and rendering of brickwork.

**No comment**

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**Budget Estimates**

The draft budget was considered, costs for work to trees were increased. It was noted that a reduced precept from 2015/16 levels was anticipated as fee costs for the new car park and election costs were not recurring items.

5. **Information for Councillors**

Ditchling Post Office; It was noted that despite assurances that the Post Office would continue to operate as a Community Post office, the latest correspondence was unclear on this position. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Training on use of the defibrillator is likely to be held in January.

The W.I will be planting bulbs by the seat at the top of East End Lane.

Faulty streetlights reported in October were now working, the clerk to continue to monitor repair times.

Proposed speed limit changes had been received, these were to be discussed in partnership with the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman

24 November 2015