

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House, The Twitten at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd July 08 at 8pm.

Present. B.J. Clutterbuck in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain Mrs S. Munier, Mrs Y. Sen, R. Burman, B.D. Cohen, A.T. Jones, A. H. Knowles, D.W. McBeth and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies Mrs C M. Robinson, P. A. Eckstein (work).

100. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th June, having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
101. Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on site on 12th July, having been circulated were moved by B.D. Cohen, seconded and agreed as a correct record and adopted by the Council.
102. Minute 59 Recreation Ground Play Area. It was agreed that a new replacement gate and pedestrian safety gate would be purchased. It was agreed to take no further action re the surfacing or parking bay. The surface was well compacted and did not become soft even in very wet weather; Southern Water needed access to the main sewer at all times – if a car was parked in the suggested parking bay it would obstruct their access; the only possible surfacing was tarmac which would urbanise a very attractive Recreation Ground.
103. Minute 61 Traffic Report/LATS It was noted that the public meeting had been well attended, the outcome was awaited.
104. Minute 62 Speed Indicator Device (SID).It was agreed to hold the next training session in the pavilion at 7.30pm on 22nd August.
105. Minute 63 Sub Committee to look into details of the proposed new Office Accommodation. It was noted that the table, chairs and typist chair were in situ; the new storage cupboards, desk etc for which a deposit had been required were awaited any day.
106. Minute 64RoSPA safety inspection report on play area. It was noted that the new report was awaited.
107. Minute 65 Training in front of the Pavilion It was noted that the Club had been invited to attend the Special Meeting on 12th August.
108. Minute 69 Finger Posts. It was noted that a response was still awaited re the wording of the finger posts prior to costing.
109. Minute 70 Ditchling Archery Club It was noted that the Club had implied that no action would be taken for the time being – it was agreed to remove the item from the Agenda.
110. Minute 71Utilisation of Council's assets It was reported that the meeting had been held and that the sub group were looking at the long term view. A.T. Jones was researching relevant matters.
111. Minute 72 BT Consultation re proposals to remove payphones. It was noted that the result was awaited re the proposed removal of the payphone at South View.
112. Minute 73 Beacon Road Residents Association It was noted that a letter had been received from the County Council stating that new bus timetables would be available soon. The Village Rider Service 824 was to continue almost unchanged. There would be timing adjustments to incorporate the diversion of the route to serve Oak Hall Park in Burgess Hill. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the current 1103 journey from Lewes would operate via Long Park Corner instead of Keymer and Hassocks Station, returning from Long Park Corner to Lewes at 1141. A copy of the Countryliner Service 134 Newick to Hollingbury(ASDA) on

Wednesdays had been circulated for information.

113. Minute 74 Code of Conduct Councillors submitted confirmation of the details of the Declaration of Interest to be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at LDC.
114. Minute 81. Retrospective Applications. It was noted that replies were awaited re this matter.
115. Minute 82 Mineval, 52 East End Lane It was noted that action was awaited re the safety barriers at the site.
116. Minute 92 The South East Regional Sustainable Framework This matter had been deferred from the last meeting, it was agreed to take no action.
117. Minute 97 Cricket Match on 6th July It was agreed that the Charity Match in aid of St Peters and St James Hospice cancelled due to weather conditions could now be held on Wednesday 23rd July.
118. LW/08/0669 Units A To D And J To K Tidys Industrial Estate Folders Lane East
Planning Application - Section 73A Retrospective application for replacement cladding and roof alteration for Mr M Raynor
No objections.
119. LW/08/0721 Old Meeting House Cottage 2 The Twitten
All Parish Councillors present declared a personal interest as the Council holds its meetings in the Old Meeting House
Listed Building Application - New 1100mm wide opening in existing 1100mm high flint wall from memorial garden to west side of building for Trustees Of The Old Meeting House
120. LW/08/0712 4 Lewes Road
Listed Building Application - Replacement bathroom window for Mrs S Thomas
No objections.
121. LW/08/0748 South Field Farm Spatham Lane
Planning Application - Change of use of land to menage for Mr I Pickup
No objections.
123. 3812 (08/80) 11 South Street
Remove Cherry tree and Holly tree in rear garden
No objections.
124. Finance matters
 - a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance Bank statements and Reconciliation were circulated for inspection at the meeting.
 - b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment having been circulated, were approved for payment and the cheques signed by B.J. Clutterbuck and R. Burman. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.
 - c) Audit 2007/08 It was reported that a letter had been sent to Mazars explaining why the documents would not be ready by 31st July.
 - d) Financial comparison etc June quarter the relevant documents had been circulated.
 - e) Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial Grant in favor of Mr & Mrs P. Jones was signed.
125. East Sussex County Council Report Councillor Meg Stroude – No report

126. Lewes District Council Report Councillor Tom Jones gave his report.

127. The following were laid on the table
 South Downs View Countryside Voice South Downs Society Annual Report South Downs
 Campaign Newsletters CPRE Fieldwork magazine FWAG Farming & Wildlife magazine
128. The South Downs Management Plan 2008 -2013 It was noted that a copy had been received.
129. Brighton and Hove core strategy – revised preferred options It was noted that the consultation document had been received.
130. LDC Guidance for Lewes District Council Members and Officers on Planning Matters. It was noted that one copy had been received – but the document could be viewed on the following site www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/Constitution_Part5_O_pages.doc.
131. East Sussex safer Communities Newsletter It was noted that 3 copies had been received.
132. LDC Planning Public Access Website- It was noted that details of the new site had been received and circulated.
133. Pedestrian safety at Common Lane - It was noted that Peter Eastwood had asked that pedestrian safety be discussed following the barrier work being carried out by the County Council. This affected the footpaths where they crossed Common Lane and also pedestrians walking to the Common, there was no longer room to walk on the verge. D. McBeth reported that he had attended a site meeting with the County Council and Peter Eastwood. It was agreed to write to the County Council expressing the Council’s concern for the safety of pedestrian etc.
134. Reports by Representatives It was noted that one written report had been received.
 Village Hall Management Committee Mrs Belinda Brittain
 Ditchling Village Association – B.J. Clutterbuck
 Ditchling Pavilion Club - Tom Jones – verbal report stating that the Club had put their renovation ideas on hold while matters were being investigated.
 The Ditchling Society –Mrs S Munier reported that she would be providing a written report of the meeting held the previous evening.
 Lewes District Association of Local and Parish Councils (two representatives) Brian Clutterbuck and Ashley Knowles
 Rural Voices Rural Choices- Roy Burman and Brian Cohen. Previous Minutes have been circulated.
135. Matters raised by Councillors Crime Stoppers request for financial support on an annual basis. A.T Jones declared a personal interest. Following various meetings and receipt of information, it was agreed to recommend that an annual grant of £200 be given for the next three years.

Chairman

12th August 2008
