

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 12th October 2010 at 8pm.

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

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain (prior engagement). Mrs C M. Robinson (delayed),

187. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th September having been circulated were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
188. Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 8th October having been circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman after the manual insertion of the words "and possibility of foreshortening the Rugby Season in order to prepare the ground for Stoolball and cricket". Minute 1 of the meeting was not adopted by the Council.
- 189 Minute 1 of the Grounds Committee Rugby Club Following further discussion, it was proposed by R. Burman, seconded by Tom Jones that the proposed use by the Rugby Club was allowed providing the Club could meet stringent conditions re the provision of suitable nets and posts and their removal after games, games would be subject to pitch inspections and would be cancelled if the Council felt the condition of the ground was unsuitable, the run off should be 10m, the season would be foreshortened to the middle of March, the club satisfied the Council regarding its insurance cover bearing in mind the proximity to the highway. An agreement would be drawn up for approval by the Council once full details of the risk assessment regarding nets etc had been received from LDC.
- 190 Minute 157 Appointment of External Internal Auditor Hugh Barron had replied that he charged £15 per hour, it was agreed to engage him as Auditor.
191. Minute 161 Affordable Housing Survey It was proposed by Mrs M Bolton, seconded by B.D. Cohen and agreed that that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. It was agreed to refer three sites to AiRS for further investigation.
- 192 LW/10/1141 8 Mulberry Lane
Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension for Mr & Mrs Bolton
No objections.
193. LW/10/1151 Mulberry Cottage 43 East End Lane
Listed Building Application - Installation of a satellite dish in the roof valley at the rear for Ms E Davies
No objections.
194. 3812 (1085) Newcourt House, Lodge Hill Lane
Prune back mixed species hedgeline along eastern boundary to clear 3 no. BT cables and 1 no. sleeved electric cable.
No objections.
195. 3812 (10/88) Blue House, 44 North End
Reduce and reshape Lime by approx 30 %, thin by 15% and crown lift to 4.5m.
No objections.
196. LW/10/1183 Ditchling Museum Church Lane
Planning Application - Replacement of existing ancillary buildings to the south of the museum with new single storey building housing museum store, wc's and introduction room, new openings to Hilary Bourne gallery, cottage openings increased to western elevations, new timber slats to western end of Hilary Bourne gallery and new plant enclosure to north of museum, new zinc cladding to offices and new wc's and cottage use changed to educational for The Ditchling Museum Trust
No objections however, the area between the new wooden slats and the pond should be replanted with screening which reflects the existing character of the surrounding area. The designated parking area for the disabled should be sited in the existing playground and not by the pond..

197. LW/10/1184 Ditchling Museum Church Lane
Conservation Area Consent Application - Demolition of ancillary buildings for The Ditchling Museum Trust
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197. E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships Details had been received and circulated. The objective was to hold quarterly liaison meetings with the Council and the area officers in an attempt to resolve local issues by working together on individual needs. It was agreed to join the scheme with matters being identified each month and a Councillor appointed to attend depending on the topics raised in addition to the Chairman, District Councillor and Clerk. Meetings could be held in the Parish Council Office.
198. Farmers Market. The HKD Transition Group would like to hold a Farmers Market in the Bull Car Park to promote local produce. It would be run by the same people who run the Hassocks market. This was welcomed and agreed.
199. LDC - Revised statement of Community involvement. It was noted that the results of the earlier consultation could be viewed on http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_sciconsultation.pdf

Chairman _____ Date 26th October 2010