

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 13th November 2012.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y Sen, D. Carpenter, A.T. Jones, D.W. McBeth, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies, D. Carpenter

168. Minutes of the Council Meeting held 23rd October having been circulated, were taken as read. Agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

169. Case No: SDNP/12/01754/FUL

Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Ms Samantha Prior (Lewes DC)

Date Valid: 15 October 2012 Decision due: 10 December 2012

Applicant Mr D. Gorringe

Location land adjacent to Pumping Station, Keymer Road

Proposal Erection of an agricultural dwelling

It was agreed to object strongly on the following grounds

- The proposed development would result in a cumulative form of development which would further erode the strategic green belt between the villages of Keymer and Ditchling.
- It would have a detrimental visual impact on the rural character and appearance of the area within the South Downs National Park.
- It would seriously mar the panoramic view from the footpath to the north of the site contrary to the aims and objectives of Policies ST3, CT, CT2 and PPS1 and PPS7 of the National Policy Guidelines.
- The Agricultural supporting statement states that the aim is to calve the majority of cows in a central location. A previous application in 2011 gave the number of suckler cows as 288.
- Noise from this kind of intensive farming will adversely affect the residential amenities of the residents of Lodge Hill Lane and Silverdale. When permission was granted to build a barn LW/09/0609, condition 5 stated that the yard "should be used to house fully weaned calves only" in the interest of noise and residential amenities and having regard to Policy ST3 of the Lewes Local District Plan.
- Additional risk of contamination to the water source from the effluent from a large number of cattle.
- Heavy lorries transporting animals, food and manure will generate a large increase in traffic on a rural road frequented by many pedestrians including school children, mothers with prams and the elderly.
- Condition 7 of the previous application for the barns has not been carried out in regard to landscaping to reduce the visual impact.
- The proposed dwelling is not in keeping with an agricultural worker's cottage – it has a footage of 152sq m with a large garden.
- There are small properties to rent in the vicinity.
- The condition regarding type of cattle to be housed in the barns should remain and there would not be a need for a dwelling on the site.

170. Case No: SDNP/12/02517/FUL

Date Valid: 26 October 2012

Decision due: 21 December 2012

Team: LDCNTH

Case Officer: Miss Amanda Collison (Lewes DC)

Applicant: Mr J Bannister

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling with onsite parking for new dwelling and 1 & 3 The Twitten

Location: Land Rear of 42, East End Lane, Ditchling, East Sussex

The Clerk Mrs Mary Holman left the room while the matter was discussed and the decision reached, the comment was written by the Vice Chairman.

The solar panels to be of appropriate materials for the Conservation Area and SNDP (i.e. not white). Application approved.

171. Case No: SDNP/12/02640/FUL

Date Valid: 2 November 2012

Decision due: 28 December 2012

Team: LDCNTH

Case Officer: Ms Samantha Prior (Lewes DC)

Applicant: Mr M Sewell

Proposal:

Section 73A application for Retention & creation of disabled parking area

Location: St Margaret's Church, West Street, Ditchling, East Sussex,

No objections to the concept but the materials should be permeable e.g. grasscrete.

172. Case No: SDNP/12/01896/HOUS

Closing Date for comments: 5 November 2012

Location: 10 East Gardens Ditchling Hassocks BN6 8ST

Proposal; Remove existing shed and replace with a brick built workshop/garden store

No objections.

173. SDNP/12/00618/LIS Closing Date for comments: 19/11/12

Location: The Bull 2 High Street Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex BN6 8TA

Proposal: Renovation of existing barns to guest rooms and trade kitchen, internal alterations and single storey extension providing link to trade kitchen and extended dining area.

Amendments received: Omit gate from High Street access, omit tables and chairs from outside holiday lets, further details of bin store.

Additional information: Further details of extraction system, plus information as requested by Environmental Health response dated 29/10.

No objections providing there are conditions re construction traffic and hours of working to minimize the disturbance to adjoining properties.

174. Lewes Parking Review objection response It was agreed that the Council's comments would not be withdrawn in the light of the letter received from the County Council, D. McBeth would attend the E.S.C.C. Planning Committee Meeting.

175. Precept 2013/14 The following estimates were agreed for the General Account, it was agreed to look at the Bank Accounts at the next meeting regarding interest rates.

	2012/13	2013/2014
Income		
10 Precept	£26,667.00	£26,647.00
12 Bank interest	£10.00	£20.00
13 Bank Interest. B A/c	£45.00	£45.00
14 Bank Interest NSI	£209.00	£220.00
20 Wages A/C Interest	£1.00	£1.00
21 Other	£0.00	£0.00
Total Income	£26,932.00	£26,933.00
Expenditure		
100 Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£17,607.00	£17,607.00
101 Photocopying	£170.00	£150.00
102 Copier D/Debit	£780.00	£874.00
103 Audit	£800.00	£800.00
104 Subscriptions	£750.00	£800.00
105 P.C.C.Clock	£420.00	£430.00
106 Insurance	£1,300.00	£1,300.00
107/3 grants	£250.00	£250.00
108 Dog Bin	£300.00	£320.00
109 Footpaths	£150.00	£250.00
112 Litter Honorarium	£525.00	£538.00
113 Contingency	£1,800.00	£1,100.00
115 Meetings	£400.00	£400.00
119 Election Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
120 Parish Council Office		
120/2 Operational costs	£1,000.00	£1,434.00
120/3 Rent	£680.00	£680.00
120 Total	£1,680.00	£2,114.00
Total Expenditure	£26,932.00	£26,933.00

176. Urgent invoice The invoice for the tree inspection was required for payment prior to the work being carried out, the invoice was approved for payment having first been scrutinised by one of the financial controllers. Cheque number 301253 for the sum of £514.80 was signed by the Chairman and Mrs B. Brittain.

177. Maypole Request received by Peacehaven Town Council to borrow the maypole for use on 23rd May. This was agreed providing it was not required by the School.

Chairman _____ 27th November 2012

Grounds Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 13th November 2012 in the Old Meeting House.

Present P. M. Smith in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs C Robinson, Mrs Y. Sen, D. McBeth, R. Burman and the Clerk.

1. Precept 2013/14 It was agreed to recommend the following estimates to the Council.

Income

20	Rents	£2,300.00		£2,350.00
21	Precept	£19,090.00		£20,245.00
22	Wayleaves	£30.00		£30.00
28	Others	£0.00		£0.00
Total Income		£21,420.00		£22,625.00

Expenditure

200	Admin	£300.00		£300.00
203	Contingency	£3,000.00		£3,000.00
204	Insurance	£2,300.00		£2,550.00
205	Petrol	£250.00	£135.91	
206	Maintenance machines	£1,000.00		£1,600.00
207	Play equipment	£0.00		£0.00
208	Wages	£13,340.00		£13,680.00
209	Tree Work	£500.00		£500.00
211	Dog Bin	£630.00		£635.00
212	Weedkilling	£100.00		£100.00
Total Expenditure		£21,420.00		£22,625.00

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Burial Ground Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 13th November 2012 in the Old Meeting House.

Present A.T. Jones in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs C Robinson, Mrs Y. Sen, R. Burman, P.M. Smith and the Clerk.

1. Precept 2013/14 It was agreed to recommend the following estimates to the Council.

	2012/2013	2013/2014
Income		
30 Precept	£5,680.00	£5,450.00
32 Interment	£770.00	£1,000.00
33 Purchase	£700.00	£700.00
34 Memorials	£350.00	£350.00
Total Income	£7,500.00	£7,500.00
Expenditure		
300 Admin	£300.00	£300.00
302 Contingency	£500.00	£500.00
303 Wages	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
305 BG Ext	£600.00	£600.00
307 Tree work	£100.00	£100.00
Total Expenditure	£7,500.00	£7,500.00

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Lighting Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Lighting Committee held on 13th November 2012 in the Old Meeting House.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs Y. Sen, A.T. Jones and the Clerk.

Apologies D. Carpenter

1. Precept 2013/14 It was agreed to recommend the following estimates to the Council.

	2012/2013	2013/2014
Income		
40 Precept	£15,350.00	£16,350.00
Total Income	£15,350.00	£16,350.00
Expenditure		
400 Insurance	£850.00	£850.00
401 Contingency	£500.00	£500.00
402 Maintenance	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
403 Supply	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
404 Repairs	£7,000.00	£8,000.00
405 Painting	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Total Expenditure	£15,350.00	£16,350.00

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