

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on 14th February 2012 at 8pm.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y Sen, A. H. Knowles, D.W. McBeth and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies D. Carpenter (private), Mrs E.L. Pruen (another meeting), A.T. Jones (other meetings)

227. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th January having been circulated were taken as read agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

228. Minute 215 Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, It was noted that there had been no response from the Scout Group to date but Westmeston Parish Council wished to become involved. It was agreed to provide the DVA with the details of the 2000 Beacon and what is required.

229. Minute 219 Matters for discussion in preparation for inclusion on next Strengthening Local Relationships Agenda on 1st March. It was agreed to include the following on the Agenda.

Update re LATS.

Speed Limits

1) A 40 mph limit from the bottom of Ditchling Beacon, to the 30 mph boundary south of Ditchling village in Beacon Road.

2) A 40 mph limit from the county boundary on New Road from Clayton, to the 30 mph limit at the southern village boundary.

3) The current 40mph limit from North End to South View be reduced to 30 mph.

4) A new 40 mph limit from the delimited sign near South View in Common Lane going north, up across the folders lane roundabout, then north across the country park to the 30 mph limit sign at Wivelsfield.

5)) A 40 mph limit from the delimited sign in Keymer road Hassocks, then east to the 30 mph limit sign at Ditchling. (This will involve consultation with WSCC).

6) A 40 mph limit from the delimited sign in Folders Lane, across the Ditchling Common roundabout to Folders Lane East and then east to the Spatham Lane junction.

Parking in West Street frequently causes difficulty to vehicles travelling west as visibility does not extend past the Church entrance on entering West Street. This could be improved by:

1. Two sections of double yellow lines, each a suitable length for a vehicle to pull in, placed at strategic intervals along the south side of the street past the entrance to the White Horse. This would allow cars to pull in when faced with vehicles travelling east.

2. Double yellow lines to extend around the bend, opposite the entrance to Lodge Lane.

230. Minute 231 LW/11/1066/NP 31 East End Lane The legal advice from the District Solicitor (already circulated) and a further letter from Mr Leathes had been circulated. Further advice had been sought from the District Solicitor but had not yet been received as she was not at work. It was agreed to defer the matter until the advice had been received.

231. Minute 232 Bannister's Yard Copies of the draft plans had been circulated. The agent's representative attended at the end of the meeting to have a pre application consultation with Councillors. The Clerk declared an interest as her property would be affected by any development and left the room while the matter was discussed. The Chairman wrote the following report "The council was in consensus and expressed its view that although we support a development on the site we felt the scale, height and massing proposed was not appropriate to its location and that it was detrimental to the views from both the Twitten and from the other side that is from the houses using the shared access of Bannisters Yard particularly as it came behind the burial ground and that it was set behind the line of the houses on the Twitten. We suggested we would prefer a design which was not all two storey that was partly on the Twitten frontage in the area marked as garden so further back from the houses on the other side and so not diminishing the other dwellings on the Twitten and so the same amount of accommodation could be achieved without building behind the burial ground and with less height and less over-bearing of the houses behind. We expressed our satisfaction that he had come to discuss this and hear our views before the design was finalised and he said he would consider further how to develop the site and let us know when he arrived at a revised plan."

232. W/12/0046/NP 67 East End Lane
Planning Application - Amendments to planning approval LW/11/0117/NP for alteration to roof, new rooflight & omission of second floor dormer for Mr A Roberts & Mrs E Jones
No objections

233. LW/12/0050 Units 1 And 2 Old Kiln Works Folders Lane
Planning Application - Installation of solar panel array to south east facing roof for J Davies Building Ltd
No objections
234. LW/12/0064/NP 115 East End Lane
Advertisement Consent Application - Retention of flat board between two posts and two flag poles for Hillreed Homes Limited
No objections but is should be time limited to 6 months.
235. LW/12/0092/NP 17 East Gardens
Planning Application - Demolish existing side extension and erection of rear and side extensions with pitched and flat roofs, convert existing garage into utility room and widen drive for Miss D Bennett and Miss S Milland
No objections.
236. LW/12/0109/NP Holly Trees Underhill Lane
Planning Application - Erection of stable block for Mrs L Bowtell
No objections
237. Neighbourhood Plans It was noted that A.T. Jones had registered the Council's interest in taking part at LDC without commitment. It was agreed to defer further discussion until after the Neighbourhood Planning Event on 6th March which was being attended by R. Burman, D. McBeth and the Clerk.

Chairman 28th