

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the old Meeting House on Tuesday, 22nd February 2011 at 8pm.

Present B.D. Cohen in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs E.L. Pruen, Mrs C M. Robinson, Mrs Y. Sen, B.J. Clutterbuck, A.T. Jones, A.H. Knowles, D.W. McBeth and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

251. Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on 25th January 2011, having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 252 Minute 2 Grounds Committee Minute 6 Interest on the 106 money from LDC It was noted that the seats had been approved and ordered. The old seat had been recycled by the Groundsman and was in situ in the Old Archery Field. It was agreed that the other old seat could be sited by the hedge to replace the one that was vandalised and had to be removed.
- 253 Minute 3 Rugby Club – use of main football pitch. No correspondence had been received, however the Club was asked to mark out their suggested proposal for the pitch in front of the Pavilion so that Councillors and other users could see the impact it would have etc.
- 254 Minute 4 Village of Ditchling Football Club It was noted that correspondence had been received and circulated, a meeting had been held with the Pavilion Club Committee who was in favour of Football returning to the Recreation Ground. Firm proposals were awaited
- 255 Minute 5 War Memorial. It was noted that the letter had not yet been sent to the British Legion re the suggestions made.
- 256 Minute 6.Cricket Club's practice nets. It was noted that the Club had agreed to take down the structure at the end of next season but would like permission for it to remain in situ until the start of the 2011 season as it was only two months away. This was agreed providing it was removed promptly at the end of the season.
- 257 Minute 297 Footbridge/gate Old Archery Field/Burial Ground It was noted that a quotation and photographs were awaited for new rustic gate.
- 258 Minute 298 New Scout Lease No further information re the wording of the Lease had been received to date.
- 259 Minute 299 Affordable Housing Survey There was no further information to date, it was agreed to remove this subject from the Agenda until there was anything to report.
- 260 Minute 230
i. Verge at lodge Hill Lane It was noted that the final document was awaited from the County Council and would be sent out to the relevant properties.

iii Bench at Fieldway An estimate was awaited for its repair.

ix Keymer Road It was noted that following the E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships meeting Peter Heasman (construction engineer Highways) had agreed to meet the Clerk and one or two Councillors on site to look at the concerns as he will be leading a Construction Team whose work for the forthcoming year could include such works as described. He would be available on Wednesday 2nd March (pm) or Thursday 3rd March (all day), it was agreed to meet on 2nd March at 2pm.
- 261 Minute 231 South Downs National Park Consultation 16th July to 15th October. It was noted that the result of the Consultation was awaited.
262. Minute 232 E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships The amended Minutes had been received and circulated, the only amendment was in Paragraph 1; the last sentence had been changed to read "Construction and Planning Maintenance Team" The date for the next meeting had been confirmed as Thursday 16 June 2011 at 2.30pm in Parish Council offices in Village Hall. It had also been confirmed that the section of double yellow lines outside the Village Hall would be completed when the men were in the area. It was not completed originally because a car was parked there when the work was carried out.

- 263 Minute 233 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment It was noted that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) update had been received from LDC and could be viewed on www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/shlaa.asp
- 264 Minute 234 LDC Rural Settlement Study There was no further information to date following the consultation comments sent to LDC.
- 265 Minute 235 District Council Report It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda until there was subject matter to discuss.
- 266 Minute 236 War Memorial It was noted that the Police had been in contact with the name and address of the driver and keeper of the car. He was not insured. Full details had been set to the Council's insurance company together with the first quotation received for its repair. The Insurance Company had responded that the Council would have to pay the first £250; it wished to know which part of the quotation the Council wished to accept and whether it recovered VAT. It was agreed to accept the quotation for the complete renewal etc in oak.
- 267 Minute 243 South Downs National Park Parishes Meeting Don McBeth and Tom Jones had agreed to attend the meeting at East Dean and Friction Village Hall on 14th March.
- 268 LW/11/0117/NP 67 East End Lane
B.J. Clutterbuck declared a person interest. A.T. Knowles declared a personal interest.
Planning Application - Alterations and extension to form annexe for Mr & Mrs A & E Roberts & Jones
It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that by reason of its design, scale and massing the proposal would detrimentally dominate the character and form of the existing property and would represent an overdevelopment of the site. The proposed development fails to respect the character of the existing building, and the original pair of properties, and would have a detrimental impact on the street scene within the designated Conservation Area and National Park. It would represent an unduly prominent structure within the street scene.
- 269 LW/11/0122/NP Garden Pride Garden Centre Common Lane
Planning Application - Erection of steel framed extensions to provide improved entrance, increased retail sales area and warehouse storage space for Garden Pride Garden Centre
No objections.
- 270 LW/11/0143/NP Silver Birches 74 Lewes Road
Planning Application - Erection of ground floor extension to front elevation (renewal of planning permission LW/08/0374) for Mr & Mrs J Wood
No objections.
- 271 LW/11/0144/NP The Cottage, Downsland Court 115 East End Lane
Planning Application - Extension to and remodelling of roof and erection of open fronted double garage for Mr & Mrs K Ardagh
It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that by reason of its design, scale and massing the proposal would detrimentally dominate the character and form of the existing property and would represent an overdevelopment of the site.
- 272 LW/11/0169/NP Passways 55 North End
B.J. Clutterbuck declared a person interest. B.D. Cohen declared a personal interest.
Planning Application - Erection of a timber framed car port with clay tile pitch roof for Mr B Dollings
No objections.
- 273 Finance matters
- a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of January was circulated. The file having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers
 - b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment and receipts having been circulated were approved for payment and the cheques signed by B.D. Cohen and B.J. Clutterbuck. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.
 - c) Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial were signed.

274. E.S.C.C. Scrutiny Review of Winter Maintenance Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th March at 10am at County Hall. Details had been circulated and were noted.
275. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Lewes District. It was noted there was no change for Ditchling.
276. South East Water Notification had been received that a new 1.2km water main would be installed from Coombe Down Treatment Works to the junction of Underhill Lane and Beacon Road. The work was scheduled to begin in late January and last for 10weeks. Traffic would be controlled for the work in Underhill Lane by using temporary traffic lights. It was agreed to ensure that the Company was aware of Roman remains near Coombe Bottom.
277. First Round of the Sustainable Communities Act It was noted that the first round had been completed and details circulated.
278. The South Downs National Park Authority, supported by the Sussex Association of Local Councils (SALC) and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) A series of seminars on future arrangements for dealing with planning applications within the National Park in the run up to the SDNPA becoming the statutory planning authority in April 2011 were being held. Don McBeth and Tom Jones had asked to attend on 4th March
279. Sussex Police Details of a survey on preference of methods of contacting Sussex Police in the future had been received, the link was set below, once in the police web site click on the blue box "Your Views", then click on the blue box "Read More", then click on the blue lettering "online survey". www.sussexalc.org.uk
280. Proposed development at Burgess Hill and its impact on Ditchling and the Country Park A number of documents re this had been circulated, there was a great deal of information to be assimilated. It was agreed that A.T. Jones would arrange for an exhibition of the proposals etc to be held in the Village Hall. Details would be publicized.
281. Reports by Representatives. No written reports received to date except from D. McBeth.
 Village Hall Management Committee -Mrs Belinda Brittain
 Ditchling Pavilion Club - Tom Jones
 Ditchling Village Association –Mrs Catharine Robinson
 The Ditchling Society –R. Burman
 Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) -Brian Clutterbuck and Don McBeth Written report received and circulated.
282. LDC Planning User Group –D. McBeth - No report.
283. County Council Report. No report.
284. District Council Report. No report.

Chairman 8th March 2011