

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on 24th January 2012 at 8pm.

Present Mrs Y Sen in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs E.L. Pruen, Mrs C.M. Robinson, A. H. Knowles, D.W. McBeth and the Clerk
Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies R. Burman (away) Mrs B. Brittain, D. Carpenter, A.T. Jones (other meetings)

211. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 December having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
212. Minute 204 War Memorial It was noted that this would be cleaned when the Poppy Wreaths had been removed and the weather was suitable.
213. Minute 205 Condition of Folders Lane Roundabout. It was noted that there was nothing further to report.
214. Minute 206 Affordable Housing Working Group. Mrs Bolton reported that it was not practical because of costs. It was agreed to try to find out more about the value of the land. Mrs Bolton also reported that she and Mrs Sen had attended site visits in Barcombe and Newick as part of an Affordable Housing Scrutiny.
215. Minute 207 Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, It was noted that there was a need to set up a group to organize the lighting of the Council's Beacon Brazier on 4th June. It agreed to find out if the Scout Group would be willing to take this on board with backing from the Council. The Clerk would draw up a list of actions to be taken.
216. Minute 208 Ditchling Archers

A.K. Knowles declared an interest and left the meeting while the matter was discussed and the decision reached. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of its bulk, massing, location and the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the quiet rural character of Farm Lane.

- 224 LW/12/0032/NP Garden Pride Garden Centre Common Lane
Planning Application - Amendment to LW/11/0122/NP for erection of steel framed extensions to include changes to entrance for Garden Pride Garden Centre
No objections.
- 225 TW/11/0234/STPO/NP Emmanuel Church 20 South Street Ditchling East Sussex
Application for permission to carry out work on Preserved Trees
Lime (T1 of the Order) - Lift crown to 6m and reduce volume by 30%
It was agreed to accept the recommendation for refusal.
226. Finance matters
a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of November was not circulated as there had been an error at the Bank. Until the January Statements were received this could not be rectified as there was a further error when the adjustment was made (it was credited twice).

b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment and receipts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts were authorized for payment and the cheques signed by A.T Knowles. The Clerk was authorized to have them countersigned by Mrs B. Brittain out of meeting as there were no other accepted signatories present.

c) Quarterly Statement This could not be done until the reconciliations had been completed.

d) Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial No 481 for was signed.
227. Oldlands Mill It was agreed that Roger Broadbent was re-appointed the Council's Trustee.
- 228 Village Maintenance Teams Details had been circulated, but no projects put forward.
- 229 LDC Changes to the way Tree applications are dealt with. Full details had been circulated, it was noted that in future Tree applications would be circulated by email with Councillors responding in the same way unless controversial.
- 230 E.S.C.C. Street Lighting Maintenance agreement. It was noted that details had been received that there had been an increase in the maintenance charge for 2011/12 of 4.7%
- 231 LW/11/1066/NP 31 East End Lane It was noted that Mr Leathes had written to the Council asking for formal approval of the extension bearing in mind the conditions of the Conveyances from the Parish Council when the house was built etc. Copies had been circulated. It was agreed to obtain legal advice re the Council's position before responding.
- 232 Bannister's Yard It was noted that a letter had been received from Clifford Dann re a pre application consultation with the Parish Council asking for a pre application consultation for a proposed development of a single dwelling in the Yard. When the plans etc had been received the plan etc were received an informal viewing could be arranged before the meeting with the agents on 14th. The Clerk would take no part in any meeting.
223. County Council Report. No report
224. Lewes District Council. No report
225. Reports by Representatives
Village Hall Management Committee - Mrs. B. Brittain no report
Ditchling Pavilion Club-Mrs C.M. Robinson. Report by D. McBeth circulated as Mrs. Robison was unable to attend.
The Ditchling Society -R Burman no report
Ditchling Village Association - Mrs C.M. Robinson
Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) - D. Mc Beth and Mrs E. L. Pruen. Report circulated.
- 226 Matters raised by the Clerk in writing before the meeting.

- 226a Booklet There is a new booklet arrived today from NALC & CPRE called "How to shape where you live – a guide to neighbourhood planning" It can be viewed on WWW.planninghelp.org.uk
- 226b Hedge laying Our Groundsman would like to undertake a few days training in the autumn on hedge laying he has joined the Society. It would cost about £60. This was agreed.
- 226c The Football Club Rent The Club had asked if there could be a reduction in the rent as they could not play on the slope for several weeks due to the "Hole". It was agreed that this could be reduced by £50. This was an urgent matter as the invoices are due to be sent out.
- 226c Burial records. Members of the Ditchling History Project would like to transcribe the monumental inscriptions off the stones at the Burial Ground. It was agreed to give them full co-operation.

Chairman

14th February 2012