

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the old Meeting House on Tuesday, 25th January 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.H. Knowles and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies A.T. Jones (prior engagement), R. Burman (away)

296. Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on 21st December 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
297. Grounds Committee Minute 1 dangerous footbridge It was noted that The Monday Group had *erected* the new Oak Bridge over the holiday period free of charge but the Group was dependent on donations. The Group Leader had also asked to publicize a Coffee Morning to raise funds at the Pauline Thaw Centre on 12th February. The Group had been asked but it did not construct gates. It was agreed to give the Group a donation of £150 for the new bridge.
298. Minute 281 New Scout Lease There was no further information re the wording of the Lease.
299. Minute 282 Affordable Housing Survey It was noted that the Chairman of the Trustees had responded as follows "With reference to your letter of October 14th regarding Affordable Housing in Ditchling I can now tell you that at their recent meeting the Trustees of the Turner-Dumbrell Foundation agreed that according to the terms and ethos of the Foundation land should not be released for this purpose. "
230. Minute 283
- i. Verge at lodge Hill Lane It was noted that new forms had been produced at the E.S.C.C. Strengthening Local Relationships meeting which will be used.
 - iii Bench at Fieldway Estimates were being sought for its repair
 - ix Keymer Road This was discussed in dept h at the E.S.C.C. Strengthening Local Relationships meeting, the Council was adamant that it needed kerbing.
231. Minute 285 South Downs National Park Consultation 16th July to 15th October. The result of the Consultation was awaited.
232. Minute 286 E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships Report on inaugural meeting circulated. It was agreed that it had been a very worthwhile meeting; the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 16th June at 2.30pm in the Office.
233. Minute 287 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment There had been no further information received to date.
234. Minute 288 LDC Rural Settlement Study It was noted that a copy of the comments submitted to LDC had been circulated for information.
235. Minute 293 District Council Report At the previous meeting, A.T. Jones gave a short report which included finding out the implications of the possible devolution of the Car Park to the Parish Council. It had been agreed to debate this matter and its implications as it had not been considered by the Council. This was deferred as A.T. Jones was not present.
236. Minute 294 War Memorial Following the accident and damage to the fencing, the Police had supplied the Clerk with the name and telephone number of the driver but his phone remained unanswered. Details and photos were sent to the Council's Insurance Company which was pursuing the matter; meanwhile estimates were being sought for its repair.
237. LW/10/1586/NP 10 Beacon Road
Planning Application - Erection of a cottage for holiday letting for Mr & Mrs J Otway
B.D. Cohen declared a personal interest.
It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds- The proposal would have a detrimental impact on the semi-rural character of the area; would have an adverse effect on the residential amenities of the neighbouring properties; the proposal does not provide for parking facilities within the site which would result in additional congestion and interference with the traffic flow on the C203; no turning facilities on the site for vehicles which would have to

reverse out onto the C203; the existing track has substandard visibility at its Junction with Beacon Road. My Council supports the letters of objection which have been circulated.

238. LW/11/0019 South Field Farm Spatham Lane Westmeston
Planning Application - Detached garage with dry storage above for Mr Pickup
No objections.
- 239 Finance matters
- a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the months of November and December were circulated. The file having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers
 - b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment and receipts had been circulated, were agreed for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and B.J. Clutterbuck. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.
 - c) Quarterly statement etc This had been circulated
 - d) Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial were signed.
240. Trustee of Oldland Mill Roger Broadbent's appointment was due to be reconsidered, this was agreed.
241. Email from Brian Hudson re protecting his property and pedestrians on the corner of East End Lane. Copies of emails re the footway outside his property had been circulated, it was agreed to support the request for some protection on the corner of the High Street and East End Lane.
242. E.S.C.C. Consultation on qualifying for Adult Social Care It was noted that details had been circulated but no action was taken.
243. South Downs National Park Parishes Meeting It was noted that this would be held at East Dean and Friction Village Hall on 14th March. They needed to know the names of the Council's representatives attending. D. McBeth wished to attend.
244. Cycle event For the past two years an organization had used the Car Park at the Recreation Ground as part of a Cycling Event, it would like to use it this year on 7th March, It had permission to use the pavillion. This was agreed.
245. Reports by Representatives. No written reports received to date.
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.
246. LDC Planning User Group –D. McBeth - no report.
247. County Council Report:- No report.
248. District Council Report – No report.
249. Matters raised by Councillors. Mrs M. Bolton - Proposal to amend the date of the Parish Council Meeting scheduled for the 20th December 2011 to 13th December 2011, and in subsequent years for the December statutory council meeting to be held prior to the week in which Christmas falls. This was debated, it was agreed that that the dates should remain – main Council Meetings on 4th Tuesday each month with the exception of December when the main meeting would be held on the third Tuesday
250. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of inform It was reported that a large number of frogs had been witnessed crossing Beacon Road and that two deer had been seen on the road over The Beacon

Chairman 22nd February 2011