

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

Apologies Mrs B. Brittain (recuperating), P.M. Smith (work)

272. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th February having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

273. Minute 256 LDC Joint Core Strategy - proposed submission document As the deadline of 22nd March had passed for comments but LDC still wished to know the Council's views, it was agreed to respond that the most important issue was to retain the Strategic Gap between settlements.

274. Minute 258 Neighbourhood Plan A number of dates showing the availability of the Village Hall for the public meeting had been received, it was agreed to book 08/06/13. Andrew Triggs and Tal Kleiman would be able to attend. It was agreed that the information and details of the meeting would be distributed to each household and business in the Village in the form of a flyer, Mrs M. Bolton was asked to suggest the wording and the Chairman would produce a draft copy. These would be distributed by hand.

275. Case No: SDNP/13/00507/HOUS

Date Valid:	19 February 2013	Decision due:	16 April 2013
Team:	LDCNTH	Case Officer:	Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
Applicant:	Mr G Williams		
Proposal:	Erection of pitched roof rear extension, alterations to front dormer & replacement roof covering & cladding		
Location:	Hindon, 2 The Dymocks, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8SU		
No objections			

276. Case No: SDNP/13/00692/FUL

Date Valid:	19 February 2013	Decision due:	16 April 2013
Team:	LDCNTH	Case Officer:	Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
Applicant:	Mr J Butcher		
Proposal:	Creation of a seasonal campsite for up to 30 pitches and erection of facilities building		
Location:	Land On The West Side Of, Lodge Lane, Ditchling, East Sussex		

It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it would have an adverse impact on the neighbourhood; it would have a detrimental visual impact on the surroundings; there are already similar sites nearby which have spare capacity; the question of refuse has not been adequately dealt with in the application; the narrow road is not suitable for additional traffic. The Council would like the plans called in by the Planning Committee.

277. Case No: SDNP/13/00745/FUL

Date Valid:	15 February 2013	Decision due:	12 April 2013
Team:	LDCNTH	Case Officer:	Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
Applicant:	Mr P Earl		
Proposal:	Alterations to access		
Location:	Ditchling Village Green, West Street, Ditchling, East Sussex		

R. Burnham declared an interest as a Trustee of the Friends of the Green and left while the matter was discussed and the decision reached.

It was agreed to object strongly to this application on the following grounds - the area was purchased by the Village people in order to preserve the farm yard as an open space for the enjoyment of the Village; it is essential that its character and rural setting is maintained and not commercialised; it is referred to on page 7 of the Conservation Area Report as being picturesque, it is also referred to in chapter 7.3 as being an important part of the "villagescape" It is described as being "the focus of the Area"; the proposals would urbanise the delightful natural setting which would be detrimental to the Village; the "improved" vehicular use of the Green would impinge on the quiet, safe environment which is appreciated and enjoyed by the Village. It should be reinstated as the rural Green that it used to be, it was not necessary to have 3m wide paths.

278. SDNP/13/00945/TPO

Old Meeting House Cottage 2 The Twitten Ditchling Hassocks East Sussex BN6 8UJ
2 x Yew (G1 of the Order) - Prune back secondary growth affecting Nos. 1 and 3 The Twitten without materially affecting the overall shape of the crown. Remove basal and epicormic growth on trunk

No objections

279. Case No: SDNP/13/00389/FUL
Date Valid: 26 February 2013 Decision due: 23 April 2013
Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill
Applicant: Mr D Rudling
Proposal: Conversion of the existing garage/store into a one bedroom annex (resubmission of LW/11/1425/NP)
Location: 26 North End, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8TF
No objections.
280. SDNP/13/01103/TCA 2 The Drove, Ditchling Routine pruning of Willow Tree.
No objections.
281. Minute 266 Need for new car park. Suggestions were awaited from the sub group which had not met to date, It was agreed that the Councillors concerned would meet in Parish Council office on Monday 8th April at 6pm.
282. Minute 255 Cardboard recycling etc. LDC had replied that this was being pursued and that a meeting had been arranged for 28th with the lady occupying the site in Spatham Lane.
283. Minute 259 New Car Parking Regulations - Ditchling Village Hall Car Park Objectors have been asked by LDC to send objections to Parish Council, these had been being circulated. LDC had offered to come to a meeting with the Parish Council sometime between 3rd and 18th April to discuss possible solutions. It was agreed to invite the Officer to the Special Council Meeting on 9th April and to inform the complainants.
284. Minute 268 Rugby Club Both the Rugby and Football Clubs need to have the position re the use of the pitches reviewed as per the agreement two seasons ago. At present there is problem with the land drains that we put in 1994, the Contractor no longer has the manpower or equipment and has ceased carrying out this work. LDC has been contacted for advice. It was agreed to review the use of the pitches at the full Council meeting on 23rd April.
285. Minute 268 Lodge Hill Lane It was noted that the Museum had arranged with its landscape contractor to re-instate the verges in the first instance, once this was completed a site meeting could be arranged with E.S.C.C. to see how the verges could be protected etc.
286. Finance Matters
a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of February was laid on the table, having been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers.
b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment had been circulated prior to the meeting, having first been scrutinised by one of the financial controllers, were agreed for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and D. Carpenter.
c) Revised Burial Fees. The new scale of fees for 2013/14 as agreed at the finance meeting were approved and sign.
297. AIRS Newsletter The latest copy had been circulated.
288. LDC Planning Office etc. It was noted that this was being altered to improve the service. New telephone numbers would take effect from 22nd March as follows- Planning Administration - 01273 484420
Development Management (inc. Enforcement, Trees and Design & Conservation)-01273 484440 (South) / 01273 484439 (North) Building Control - 01273 484477 Planning Policy -01273 484417 or 01273 484410
289. Proposed base station upgrade at 113180 - Lone Oak Farm, Spatham Lane, - ngr 533858,117396.
Telefónica UK Limited has entered into an agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.
No objections.
290. Written reports by representatives No written reports received.
Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs Catherine Robinson
Ditchling Pavilion Club - Mrs C. M. Robinson.
The Ditchling Society –R Burman

291. Matters raised by Councillors A.T. Jones – War Memorial floodlighting and plaque. It was reported that the Royal British Legion, Ditchling Branch would like to go ahead with re-instating the floodlighting and also producing a small plaque explaining its history etc. No objections.
292. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of Information or inclusion on the next Agenda. A flyer was produced From the South of Folders Lane action Group re a proposed development at 60 Folders Lane, comments were required by MSDC by 5th April – ref 13/00784/FUL. As this was not on the Agenda no decision could be made but an email would be sent stating that MSDC had not fulfilled its duty to co-operate as Ditchling Parish Council should have been informed officially.

Chairman

9th April 2013