

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 26th October 2010 at 8pm.

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

Apologies R. Burman, A. H. Knowles (away), B.J. Clutterbuck (away)

200. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 12th October having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
201. Minute 156 casual vacancy. It was noted that Mrs Emma Pruen would like to serve on the Lighting Committee, this was agreed.
202. Minute 159 New Scout Lease It was noted that further information was awaited from the Scout Group.
203. Minute 162 Site meeting with E.S.C.C.
i Verge at lodge Hill Lane Further details awaited.

iii Bench at Fieldway Estimates were being sought for its repair

ix Keymer Road It was agreed that if this matter was not resolved it should be referred to the E.S.C.C. "Strengthening Local Relationships" meeting
204. Minute 163 LATS It was noted that D. McBeth had circulated the final list of priorities.
205. Minute 164 Lewes District Plastic bag free No report.
206. Minute 166 Westmeston Jubilee Pathway It was understood these would be available for the budget meeting.
207. Minute 167 West Sussex Fire and Rescue Consultation The outcome of the consultation was awaited.
208. Minute 170 South Downs National Park Consultation 16th July to 15th October. It was noted that the result of the Consultation was awaited.
209. Minute 180 LDC/SALC Conference for T & PCs at Plumpton 21st October 9.25 – 3.15. A detailed report had been received and circulated from D. McBeth.
210. Grounds Committee Minute 4 Dog fouling It was noted that notices would be put up showing that measures would take effect from 14th November.
211. Grounds Committee Minute 5 Dangerous Bridge from Old Archery Field to Burial Ground it was noted that warning notices had been put up and an estimate was being sought from the Monday Group.
212. Grounds Committee Minute 6 Interest on the 106 money from LDC It was noted that there was a sum of £572.98 to be spent with LDC's approval. It considered that seats in the play area came under recreational facilities but would need to see what was proposed. Details had been sought of recycled seating; there were some which were colourful priced at £250 each. Details could be viewed on www.direct-lines.com. It was agreed to make further inquiries before making a recommendation to LDC.
213. Minute 189 Minute 1 of the Grounds Committee Rugby Club it was noted that LDC had been asked for the height and dimension of the safety netting required as part of the Risk Assessment. Once this had been received the terms of the agreement can be formalized to put to the Rugby Club meantime the RFU had been also been approached for the same advice.
214. Minute 191 E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships It was noted that E.S.C.C. would like to arrange the inaugural meeting and would like some idea of what day and time which would be best for the Clerk and as many of the councillors that wished to attend. It was agreed to ask for the inaugural meeting on Tuesday, 4th January at 8pm.

215. Minute 198 Farmers Market. It was noted that following the last meeting when the Council welcomed the idea of a Farmers Market in the Bull car park, the landlord had had a change of heart as he was not aware how long it would take for the traders to clear up and leave. Kate from the Hassocks market contacted the Chairman re using the front of the Village hall. She phoned the Clerk to ask for further details as they were thinking of closing off the front part of the Village Hall Car Park; having marshals to direct the traffic in and out of the car park via the up slope. As a result she accepted that the proposal was not feasible and was still looking for another site.
216. LW/10/1240 2 Beacon Road
Planning Application - Installation of sliding gates, wall and railings at front for Miss C Forbes
No objections.
217. Finance matters
- a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the months of August and September 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, the invoices approved for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and A.T. Jones. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised

230. Funding for Affordable Housing – it was reported that this was on hold due to the cut backs – interest was up 1%.

Chairman _____ Date 9th November 2010