

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 27th November 2012.

Present R. Burman in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y Sen, D.W. McBeth, P.M. Smith, and the Clerk Mrs Mary Holman.

Apologies, D. Carpenter, A.T. Jones (hospital)

178. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 13th November having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed a correct record and signed by the chairman.
179. Minutes of the Grounds Committee Minutes the meeting held on 13th November moved by P.M Smith that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and adopted by the Council. The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.
180. Minutes of the Burial Ground Committee Minutes the meeting held on 13th November moved by Mrs B. Brittain that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and adopted by the Council. The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.
181. Minutes of the Lighting Committee Minutes the meeting held on 13th November moved by Mrs Y Sen that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and adopted by the Council. The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.
182. Minute 146 South Downs National Park and the need for a new car park. The following members were appointed to set up a working group to look at possible sites and report back to the Council - R. Burman, Mrs Y Sen, Mrs M. Bolton and Mrs C.M. Robinson. A map and aerial photo had been sent to the National Park Authority, East Sussex County Council and LDC. LDC replied "The site is within the SDNP and therefore visual impact will be an issue. Surfacing treatment would have to be carefully selected, hedge planting around the periphery and possible tree planting would be necessary. Any loss of hedgerow to provide an access should be minimal. In view of the location of the site close to the bend to bend in the road to the east you would be advised to contact ESCC Highways to seek their opinion on the suitability of the proposed access." The E.S.C.C. Officer would be away until Monday and would be coming to see the site on Keymer Road on her return, she was concerned about the bend and access onto the unrestricted part of the road. No response had been received from the SDNP. The form to apply for monies from the Community Fund required details as to costing, maintenance etc. the proposal had not been agreed by the Council it was merely being investigated as a possibility.
183. Minute 150 Neighbourhood plans the pros and cons as to the way forward regarding a Neighbourhood Plan or the possibility of updating the Village Action Plan from 2003 was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would send out all the details of the working papers etc of the Village Action Plan and that P.M. Smith would attend the Neighbourhood Plan Workshop in Lewes on 5th December.
184. Minute 151 LDC/SALC Conference It had been a very informative Conference, Mrs M. Bolton circulated a report and details of the presentation by LDC.
185. Minute 152 SLR Meeting Draft minutes were to follow
186. Minute 155 Kingsway 12/01532/OUT It was noted that the Clerk would be notified if this would be on the MSDC agenda for 6th December.
187. Minute 174 Lewes Parking Review objection response there had been a misunderstanding re the day and unfortunately there was no one available to speak at the meeting – the result was awaited.
188. Minute 156 Sussex Association of Local Councils & South Downs National Park Authority East Sussex Parish and Town Council meeting 31st October 2012, 1pm – 4pm. There was no report R. Burman did not attend.
189. Minute 175 Precept 2013/14 The Precept for 2013/14 was agreed and the firm signed by the chairman and Responsible Finance Officer. The previous year details for comparison.

	2012/13	2013/14
General	£26,667	£26,647
Grounds	19,090	20,245
Burial Ground	5,680	5,450
Lighting	<u>15,350</u>	<u>16,350</u>
<u>Precept</u>	66,787	68,692 Precept

190. Case No: SDNP/12/02668/CND
 Date Valid: 31 October 2012 Decision due: 26 December 2012
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Ms Samantha Prior (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: Mr D Gorringe
 Proposal: Variation of condition 5 of planning approval LW/09/0609 (Creation of cattle yard comprising of one steel frame building, hardstanding and associated landscaping) to allow cows of all ages to be accommodated in the yard
 Location: Court Farm, Keymer Road, Ditchling, East Sussex
 It was agreed to object strongly to the variation of the condition which would allow for calving cows and calves on the site for the following reasons
1. A previous application in 2011 gave the number of suckler cows as 288.
 2. Noise from this kind of intensive farming will adversely affect the residential amenities of the residents of Lodge Hill Lane and Silverdale. When permission was granted to build a barn LW/09/0609, condition 5 stated that the yard "should be used to house fully weaned calves only" in the interest of noise and residential amenities and having regard to Policy ST3 of the Lewes Local District Plan.
 3. Additional risk of contamination to the water source from the effluent from a large number of cattle.
 4. Heavy lorries transporting animals, food and manure will generate a large increase in traffic on a rural road frequented by many pedestrians including school children, mothers with prams and the elderly.
 5. The condition regarding type of cattle to be housed in the barns should remain and there would not be a need for a dwelling on the site.
 6. It was agreed to support the letter of objection from local residents.
191. Case No: SDNP/12/02474/LIS
 Date Valid: 14 November 2012 Decision due: 9 January 2013
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: Mrs P Worth
 Proposal: Retention of works to conservatory
 Location: Old Manor House, Lodge Hill Lane, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8SP
 No objections.
192. Case No: SDNP/12/02767/FUL
 Date Valid: 13 November 2012 Decision due: 8 January 2013
 Team: LDCNTH Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill (Lewes DC)
 Applicant: Mr I Cadle
 Proposal: Installation of steel storage container as archery equipment store adjacent to existing equipment shed
 Location: Recreation Ground, Lewes Road, Ditchling, East Sussex
 No objections providing it is adequately screened.
193. Finance matters
 a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of October was laid on the table, having first 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. The invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by the R. Burman and Mrs B. Brittain.
194. CPRE Sussex Review –latest copy received and laid on the table.
195. East Sussex Cultural Strategy Full details of the consultation document had been circulated on 5th November. No action was taken.
196. Moonriders Night Cycle overnight cycle ride for Charity 12th July 2013 An application had been made to use the Recreation Ground as the Village hall car park which was used last year was too small. Having met the organizer on site they would not use the pavilion for the resting area as it was not large enough and is difficult for the riders who have cycle shoes. Full details and a plan had been received and circulated. They would set up a marquee on the Friday. They would not be taking any vehicles on to the grass. The toilets would be delivered on the Friday and the Red Cross catering vans, gazebos etc would arrive about 11 o'clock in the evening. The main noise would be from the generators which they do the best to reduce and there would be some light pollution. As they cannot guarantee when the marquee would be collected the junior cricket would need to be cancelled that morning. There would be site manager on site all the time.
 It was agreed that this could go ahead as it was for Charity but suggest that it would be less intrusive if they used St James Cricket Ground car park.

197. Bank Accounts Current reconciliations to end of October had been circulated. The Parish Council was restricted to the kind of accounts it could hold, The RFO had made inquiries e.g. there was another account at the NSI which paid a higher interest but the reply was that it was not available to a local authority. Local Authorities were advised not to have their reserves in the same bank as their working capital. The Internal and External Auditors have accepted the banking arrangements without comment. It was agreed that RFO would find out the views of the other Clerks and RFOs on the SLCC Forum and also contact Trevor Leggo at SALC.

198. Cardboard recycling etc P.M. Smith submitted a report which had been circulated, LDC intended to trial a scheme which involved dropping off their first two loads of kerbside recycling by electric vehicle at St George's Retreat. He understood this is made possible by using the recharging facility at Plumpton more effectively. This would overcome the limited range which the electric vehicles currently have. It was agreed to await the trial which would take place on 5th December before discussing recycling further.

199. Publication of the Proposed Submission (Req.19) Draft West Sussex Waste Local Plan It was noted that details had been circulated

200. East Sussex Fire Authority's Medium Term Plan 2013/14 – 2017/18 Public Consultation Document It was noted that details had been circulated.

201. Exchange of comments by email between Councillors The Chairman asked that Councillors refrained from making comments on items sent out by emailing fellow Councillors; all correspondence in writing should be sent to the Clerk for distribution.

202. Lewes District Council - No report.

203. County Council -No report

204. Written reports by representatives No written reports received to date
Village Hall Management Committee - Mrs Belinda Brittain
Ditchling Pavilion Club-Mrs C. M. Robinson.
The Ditchling Society –R Burman
Ditchling Village Association – Mrs C.M. Robinson
Lewes District Association of Local Councils (two representatives) – D. Mc Beth and P. Smith

Chairman _____ 18th December 2012 _____