

## Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 8pm.

Present. B. J. Clutterbuck in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs S. Munier, Mrs Y Sen, R. Burman, B.D. Cohen, A.T. Jones, A.S. Knowles, D. McBeth, and the Clerk, Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies Mrs C.M. Robinson (unwell).

489. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
490. Minute 476 LW/09/0252 1 Common Lane  
Planning Application - Erection of a detached garage and carport and creation of a new access (amendment to planning approval LW/08/0062) for Mr P Price. There is an amendment to this plan but new plans have not been sent. The amendments received are closure of existing access and formation of new at rear of site.  
There was insufficient information to comment – it was understood that the application might be withdrawn in its present form.
491. LW/09/0188 Tidys Industrial Estate Folders Lane East  
Planning Application - Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of enlarged compound and parking area for SM Tidy Industries Ltd  
It was agreed to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds that this area should be re-instated as a natural buffer between the industrial estate and the Ditchling Common Country Park. The application was misleading as there was already a great deal of activity on the site with a caravan, lorries etc, storage of unidentified waste including tyres and general security. There was a great deal of concern about the site being a fire hazard and as such it should be inspected.
492. LW/09/0204 44 Beacon Road  
Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev (Existing) - Use of land as garden for Ms J Boorman  
No objections.
493. LW/09/0192 Land East Of Dumbrells Court Dumbrells Court Road  
Outline Planning Application - Erection of 14 affordable, two storey dwellings (11 x 2 bedroom & 3 x 3 bedroom) for Fairview New Homes Ltd (Copies of written design and access statement will be circulated for information.  
It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds- the residents of the retirement complex bought their properties to enjoy peace and tranquility ST13 applies; the demography of Dumbrells Court Residents regarding age/infirmary/blind/partially sited/wheelchair users ST3 c,d,e, and ST5 apply; The proposed play area means more youngsters around, the open space and allotments will mean more people about and additional traffic: the security of the existing residents would be threatened with open land and access; it needs a thorough ecological investigation as it is understood there are badgers on site and also the possibility of bats ST 9 & ST10; it is in an area marked in the District Plan as a site of Local Archeological Interest: sewage dispersal could be a problem as an additional pump had to be put in when the development was built which can barely cope with its current usage ST1 applies; It is outside the area scheduled for development; it is within the New South Downs National Park and must be protected; access is via a single track road which already serves Dumbrells Court Residents and their garages; Dumbrells Court Road exits south of a buildout on North End – it is hoped a site visit would be made by E.S.C.C. Highways to assess the dangers; there is already considerable parking on Dumbrells Court Road which is necessary for the Turner

Dumbrell Workshops which also use the he road. The Council supports the letters of objection from the Residents.

494. LW/09/0302 Hillway House 15 Beacon Road  
Planning Application - Remove existing dilapidated garden sheds and construct new brick and tile outbuilding with new pergola linking back to rear of house. Replace existing approx 1m fence on West boundary (adjacent public footpath) with 2m high iron fence. Construct new brick garden wall with feature arch and iron gate for Mr G Morrison  
No objections.
495. LW/09/0294 3 East End Lane  
Planning Application - Amendment to planning approval LW/08/1292 for the installation of UPVC windows and doors for Mrs H Barker  
It was agreed to object to the application, timber frames should be used in the Conservation Area and are more environmentally friendly.
496. LW/09/0303 Hillway House 15 Beacon Road  
Listed Building Application - Remove existing dilapidated garden sheds and construct new brick and tile outbuilding with new pergola linking back to rear of house, replace existing 1m fence on west boundary with 2m high iron fence and construct new brick garden wall with feature arch and iron gate for Mr G Morrison  
No objections.
497. South Downs National Park It was noted that there were no additions for Ditchling to be discussed, the boundary had reverted to the original one which unfortunately did not include the area of Hopkins Crank.

**Chairman** **28<sup>th</sup> April 2009**