

Present B.D. Cohen in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs E.L. Pruen, Mrs C.M. Robinson, Mrs Y. Sen, R. Burman D. Carpenter, A.T. Jones, A. H. Knowles, and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies Mrs M. Bolton (away), D.W. McBeth (prior engagement)

44. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 14th June having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and Signed by the Chairman.
45. Matters arising from Minutes dated 24th May and 14th June.
46. Minute 16 War Memorial. It was noted that other quotations were awaited re the re cutting the names, Quotations were being sought for a new gate and posts.
47. Minute 17 Footbridge/gate Old Archery Field/Burial It was noted that the new gate was being made in the week beginning 4th July.
48. Minute 19.Village Hall Notice Board. It was noted that quotations are being sought re the treatment of the oak and a new board for the top.
49. Minute 20 – Condition of Folders Lane Roundabout. The condition of the roundabout was discussed at the E.S.C.C. strengthening local relationships meeting held on 16th June. Ian Johnson E.S.C.C. agreed to refer the matter to the Officer to check out the License. James Newmarch MSc, CMLI, Landscape Officer has replied to Ian as follows “ *Yes, I designed it, and manage the maintenance contract which currently exists on it. All the roundabouts in the sponsorship scheme are designed to respond to local landscape character, that is, to ‘fit in’ with whatever is present in the area. The above roundabout sits within the Ditchling Common Nature Reserve, and it was considered right to reflect that fact in the planting design, hence a central planting of native gorse and hawthorn, with a surrounding wild flower area. A closely mown edge presents a managed appearance and displays both the sponsor’s signs, and those required for road safety. The planting of vegetation to restrict the forward view of drivers approaching a roundabout is commonly used now as a road safety measure. It has the effect of slowing the majority of drivers down, and provides a means of absorbing the energy of a car which may drive over the roundabout. The sponsor is perfectly happy with it, incidentally.* It was agreed to respond that the Council was still concerned about its appearance and send a copy of the pictures taken recently.
50. Minute 27 Seat in Children’s Play area. It was noted that the Groundsman had managed to renew the wood on the seat for under £30. The recycled seat which was stolen from the Old Archery Field was reported to the Police as a crime to become part of their file on the theft of metal, it had been discovered down in the Sandpit and would be retrieved in due course. The Police would be informed accordingly.
51. Minute 28 Twitten /Lewes Road. It was noted that it had been pointed out to the Clerk after the meeting that it would have to be a demountable barrier as it was the only access for building materials of removals for Sunnyside Cottages. The matter was discussed at the meeting but no solution found due to the narrowness of The Twitten and the footpath. Improvements were due to be carried out to remove the puddle at the end of the Twitten.
52. Minute 29 Drains etc in the Village. Ruth China E.S.C.C. agreed to look at the drains and culverts in question with Mrs Catharine Robinson. It was noted the matter would be taken further by the County Council; the culvert would be cleared etc.
53. Minute 34 Green Waste Bins The possibly of asking for these to be provided by LDC was discussed. It was agreed to write to LDC asking if these could be provided as in other districts.
54. Minute 42 New Toro Ride On Mower. It was noted that the new mower had been delivered and was working satisfactorily.
55. Minute 36 Darren Carpenter It was noted that the new Councillor had signed his Declaration of acceptance of Office.
56. Planning results received since the last meeting were laid on the table for information.
57. LW/11/0633/NP 115 East End Lane

Planning Application - Erection of detached garage (material amendment to planning approval LW/08/1201) for Mr & Mrs G Kavanagh
D. Carpenter declared a personal interest.
No objections.

58. LW/11/0659/NP Stocks Farm Spatham Lane
Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev (Existing) - Use of farm as furniture/carpentry/joinery business for Taylor Made Carpentry
No objections.

59. Appeal A written appeal had been lodged against the refusal by LDC of the following application. LW/10/1586/NP 10
Beacon Road Erection of a cottage for holiday letting for Mr & Mrs J Otway. It was agreed to write to the Inspector re-iterating the comments sent to LDC.

60. Finance matters

a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The file with the reconciliations and reports for the month of May was circulated.

b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment and receipts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Finance members.