

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting called by D. McBeth as Chairman held in the Parish Council Office on Tuesday, 24th March 2015 at 8pm.

Present D. McBeth in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Dr V. Ingham, A. T. Jones, M. Madden, P. M. Smith and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies Mrs N. Banfield (away), Mrs. C. M. Robinson (personal)

277. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th March having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman..

278. Proposal by P.M. Smith The following proposal was considered

"The Council accepts the recommendation of its consultant agronomist TGMS and contractor Kestrel that, following the installation of primary drainage, the whole of the southern pitch should be seeded or turfed depending on weather conditions. Should weather conditions require, the Council also accepts their recommendation that the cricket pitch area only should be turfed in order that Ditching Cricket Club can play matches by early June 2015." Members of the Cricket Club and Stoolball Club were present and a telephone conference line set up with Dr Richard Earl the Contract Administrator appointed by Sport England who was able to answer questions and explain the two options. It was noted that the Council's original decision was based on the fact that access to the ground was needed earlier for Cricket and Football, the Clubs had managed to find accommodation elsewhere until June and the Football Club until November. Richard explained that the turfing option gave a quicker result but could cause problems later due to its nature. Seeding was a better long term solution as the seedlings formed a deeper rooting system as sometimes turf suffered from thatching which could affect the cutting of the grooves in the Autumn. It was agreed by five votes to one to accept the advice and go ahead with the seeding as soon as possible with the fall back of turfing the outfield if it did not take.

279. Co-operative Bank When trying to transfer money and correct a Direct Debit, the Clerk was informed that the password had been erased and the Council would have to complete a new form before any action could be performed. The document was duly signed by the Chairman and A.T. Jones.

Chairman

14 th April 2015