

## Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House, The Twitten at 8pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 8pm.

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

103. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
104. Minute 73 Appointment of External Internal Auditor. It was noted that Colin Marshall had replied that he was interested; the RFO had offered to show him what was involved.
105. Minute 74 Traffic Report/LATS It was noted that E.S.C.C had requested details of Councillors email addresses in order that they could receive the report without delay. It was agreed to hold a Special Council Meeting in the Office on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September to consider the document.
106. Minute 75 Light on Scout HQ It was noted that an email and photograph had been sent to the Highways Manager, a reply was awaited.
107. Minute 76 East Sussex Rural Forum It was noted that despite a reminder, the report had not been received, it was agreed to remove the item from the Agenda.
108. Minute 77 Village of Ditchling Football Club It was noted that the Club had paid the outstanding amount, it has asked that it was recorded in the Minutes that it had been paid under protest.
109. Minute 78 affordable Housing in Rural Areas It was noted that further details were awaited re the carrying out of the survey. A.T, Jones reported that according to LDC it had 111 social resident requests for housing in Ditchling.
110. Minute 90 Ditchling Village Hall. B. J. Clutterbuck declared a prejudicial interest as his wife was a Trustee; B.D. Cohen declared a prejudicial interest as a Trustee and Mrs B. Brittain declared a prejudicial interest as the Council's Representative. It was noted that details had been received and circulated from Tom Dufty. It was agreed that whilst still being prepared to support the application, the Councillors required further details. They required a copy of last year's accounts and a projection of costs to date together with details of the expectation of grants from other sources. It was also suggested that AiRS be contacted as it could advise re grant applications etc.
111. LW/09/0823 Dymock Cottage 15 The Dymocks  
Planning Application - Installation of rooflight in north facing roofslope for Mr P Rose  
No objections.
112. Planning appeal It was noted that there was a written appeal against refusal of LW/09/0432 Land at 18 South Street -Planning Application - Erection of detached dwelling to include an attached double garage (amendment to planning permission LW/07/0429) for Mr J Wallden
113. Finance matters
  - a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The July reconciliations and details of Bank Statements had been circulated having first been scrutinised by one on the Financial Controllers.
  - b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment together with receipts since the last meeting had been circulated. The invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers. The

Invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and R Burman.

113. Rural Voices/Rural Choices A letter had been received and mislaid about the future of this organization. D. McBeth reported that when he asked for details of the last meeting, he was met with a negative response. A.T. Jones agreed to make further inquiries at LDC.
115. Ditchling Cricket Club. It was noted that a request had been received and circulated to reschedule the Sussex County Cricket Club Benefit Match which had been scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> July but was cancelled because they were at Lords to 20<sup>th</sup> September. This was agreed.
116. Lewes and Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau Details of the AGM to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September had been received and were laid on the table. It being noted that most Ditchling residents went to the Burgess Hill Branch as it was more convenient.
117. Gay Outdoor Club It was noted that a letter had been received on behalf of the West Midlands GOC who recently had an "Away Weekend" in Sussex. They were delighted with the efforts of the Monday Group in creating walkways and stiles; they left with a very positive opinion of the Village and its surroundings. It was agreed to send a copy to the Monday Group.
118. Reports by Representatives. No written reports received.  
Village Hall Management Committee -Mrs Belinda Brittain  
Ditchling Pavilion Club - Tom Jones  
Ditchling Village Association – B.J. Clutterbuck  
The Ditchling Society –R. Burman  
Lewes District Association of Local and Parish Councils (two representatives) -Brian Clutterbuck and Don McBeth.  
Rural Voices Rural Choices- Don McBeth and Brian Cohen.
119. E.S.C.C. Report Mrs Meg Stroude – No report
120. LDC Report Tom Jones – no report as they were in recess.
121. Matters raised by Councillors. Don Mc Beth – point of order. The question of procedure was discussed in relation to the decision re Ditchling Museum, although he had made a proposal to support the application, there was silence from the other Councillors and no seconder was called for, a proposal was then sought which was to oppose the application as minuted, this was seconded and voted in by 5 in favour, 1 against, four abstentions (one of whom had declared a prejudicial interest.) It was agreed that in future all motions will be proposed and seconded before voting takes place in accordance with Standing Orders.
122. Recording of Special Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August. No representatives from the Museum were present at the meeting. As there was a change of comment from "No objections" when the matter was first raised to the objections to the revised application as in the Minute, it was agreed that on this occasion only, the Chairman of the Trustees could hear the tape through in the interest of openness before it was wiped clean.

Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the following Committee Meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> August following the Council Meeting.

Grounds Committee

Present Roy Burman, Mrs Catharine Robinson, Don McBeth, B.J. Clutterbuck , B.D. Cohen and the Clerk, Mrs Mary Holman

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/10 It was proposed, seconded and agreed that B.D. Cohen be re-elected Chairman.

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Footpaths Committee

Present. Mrs Yvonne Sen, Ashley H. Knowles, Mrs Catharine Robinson, Don McBeth, B.J. Clutterbuck , B.D. Cohen and the Clerk, Mrs Mary Holman.

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/10 It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mrs Catharine Robinson be elected Chairman.

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Lighting Committee.

Present. Mrs Belinda Brittain, Mrs Sandi Munier, Roy Burman, Ashley H. Knowles, B.J. Clutterbuck , B.D. Cohen and the Clerk, Mrs Mary Holman

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/10 It was proposed, seconded and agreed that R. Burman be re-elected Chairman.

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Burial Committee

Present Mrs Belinda Brittain, Mrs Yvonne Sen, Tom Jones, B.J. Clutterbuck , B.D. Cohen and the Clerk, Mrs Mary Holman.

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/10 It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mrs Y. Sen be re-elected Chairman.

Chairman 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Parish Council Office at 8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Present B.J. Clutterbuck in the Chair, Mrs M .Bolton, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs S. Munier, Mrs C M. Robinson, A.T. Jones, R. Burman, A. H. Knowles D.W. McBeth and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies Mrs Y. Sen (away), , B.D. Cohen ( delayed)

123. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
124. LATS The meeting discussed the Local Area Transport Strategy document prior to the its presentation at the Special Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September with Mark Valleley E.S.C.C.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009