

## Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House at 8 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

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

Apologies Mrs Y. Sen (accident), Mrs S. Munier (personal).

280. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th January having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
281. Minute 257 Affordable Housing Survey. Tom Warder Senior Rural Housing Enabler came to the meeting to explain the Draft Report following the survey and the next step forward if the Council wished to pursue the matter. The survey had established that there was a need in the Village, the next step was to set up a working party consisting of three members of the parish council, a representative from a specialist rural housing association, a planning officer and Tom Warder . It was agreed that the working party should be set up and the matter pursued. The Parish Council would be represented by Mrs M. Bolton (lead Councillor), Mrs Y Sen, and A.T. Jones (subject to advice from the Monitoring Officer at LDC regarding possible conflict of interest etc.), if this was not advisable B.D. Cohen would take his place. Initially the working party would be holding a table exercise to look into the suggestions put forward for sites and produce a short list before progressing further.
282. Minute 266 Nomination for representative on South Downs National Park Authority. Recent emails explained that the process had had to start again. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Don Mc Beth should be nominated; the paper was signed to be delivered by hand.
283. Minute 276 Electricity Supply Details of the EDF/E.S.C.C. correspondence had been circulated re EDF's demand that the Parish Council pay for supply until 1<sup>st</sup> February. It was noted that the Clerk had gone back to the County Council stating that it gave Notice in August cancelling the contract from 1<sup>st</sup> November and therefore should not be liable. A response was awaited.
284. 3812 (10/04) 54 East End Lane  
Remove group of trees including Elm suckers  
It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that the removal of the trees and Elm suckers would have an adverse impact on the street scene.
285. Football Club The Club had played its first game at the weekend since 7<sup>th</sup> November. The invoice was about to be sent out; It was proposed seconded and agreed that a reduction of £150 should be made for the current year due to the adverse weather conditions over such a long period. It was noted that the Club had not sent a representative to the Inspections recently, it was agreed to write to the Club stating that they must ensure that someone turned up in the future, John Noton had a rota of the Councillors who would be attending each week. It was not up to the groundsman to phone to say whether it was cancelled or not. John Noton was also asked to send notice of any cancelations to the Clerk's personal email as well as to the Parish Council in case she was not in the Office.

Chairman

23rd February 2010