

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House at 8 pm on Tuesday 9th March 2010.

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

Apologies R. Burman (unwell)

311. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February having been circulated were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
312. Minute 289 E.S.C.C. LATS A response had been received and circulated from E.S.C.C. in which they stated that *"using the Balanced Scorecard Process the 'Ditchling to Hassocks Cycleway' the Balanced Scorecard has been included on the Integrated Transport Capital Programme. Funding has been provisionally allocated in the draft Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2010/11 to allow for feasibility and preliminary design work to commence. This work will identify the likely costs, benefits and risks associated with the scheme and determine whether the Council should invest in detailed design and construction. The draft programme for 2010/11 is due to be considered by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment on 22 March 2010."* Tom Jones reported that *" at the meeting on 4th March, there were four issues that LDC required ESCC to address before finally endorsing the Ditchling LATS. There was concern that the LATS did not include a potential solution for a bye-pass in the short or longer term. It was accepted that a bye-pas would have to be deliverable within resources but it was felt that it should be included to reflect the possible expansion of the Burgess hill Core Strategy and be conditional on such development taking place. ESCC agreed to include this within the LATS. LDC was concerned that repeated resurfacing of the roads in the core of the village had raised the crown of the road causing problems with water run off and flooding during heavy rain. The LDC wanted such problems investigated in detail and tailored solutions implemented to reduce surface water problems. ESCC indicated the possibility of joint funding sources through conservation area enhancement and SDNP funding. This is also a maintenance issue to be addressed by ESCC highways maintenance. Need to continue monitoring traffic using the Beacon Road and keeping traffic control measures there under review. This should be a trigger point condition when routine base monitoring in village centre is carried out and also in the shorter term. There will be a need to monitor Palmer Stadium traffic once it is in use. New guidance was required on 20mph zones and overall speed reductions throughout the parish. The only programme under consideration by ESCC is a cycle track between Ditchling and Hassocks. This was decided through the Balanced Scorecard Process which meets the objectives of the LTP which is based on a county wide prioritised schemes, which need not reflect the priorities reflected at local level. It is by no means certain that a cycle track will be forthcoming as the scheme will have deliver clear benefits at a reasonable cost, and then the ESCC would look to secure funding from sustrans. The route would have to investigated and this in it self might not attract sufficient funding from Sustrans. The rest of the report from ESCC indicates that funding is tight and there has been no indication from central government of future government funding. Should the council wish to investigate implementation of any schemes themselves advise has been given on the various methods available of obtaining finance. The PC may wish to consider its own traffic priorities."* It was agreed that the next stage would be to discuss the Parish Council's priorities, resources for funding etc and possible consult the Village to ascertain the priorities in order to move forward.
313. Minute 305- New Standing Orders Review of Standing Orders. Due to the lack of time, it was agreed that these would be looked at in detail at another meeting. The question of recording meetings by the Clerk was discussed, it was suggested that they should be erased once the Minutes have been written.
314. LW/10/0179 Wellington Cottage 70 Lewes Road
Planning Application - Erection of a two storey rear extension for Mr P Lambert

No 47A and is not suitable for construction traffic.

316. LW/10/0209 2B Beacon Road
Planning Application - Construction of a replacement roof to include an increase in the overall height and internal alterations for Mr J Jenkins.
No objections.
317. Code of Conduct It was proposed by B.J. Clutterbuck, seconded by B.D. Cohen and agreed that that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.
Various matters relating to the Code were clarified and noted.

Chairman 23rd March 2010

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Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds Committee held in the Parish Council Office at 4.30pm Friday, 12th March 2010.

Present B.D. Cohen in the Chair Mrs M .Bolton, B.J. Clutterbuck and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman. A.T. Jones was also present by invitation together with G. Forman, Chairman of the Pavilion Club.

Apologies Mrs C M. Robinson. D.W. McBeth (personal)

1. Ditchling Pavilion. There was an informal discussion with G. Forman in which he outlined how he would like to see the Pavilion replaced with a new one for the Clubs and possibly other users. It was explained that the Council owned the ground on which it was built but the Club owned and was responsible for the building through its Trustees. Details of the work and discussions which had been carried out previously by the Grounds Committee were explained by the Chairman as neither A.T. Jones nor G Forman had been privy to the investigations carried out by the Council in regard to possible inclusion of facilities for other organizations etc. It was agreed that the Club would take the matter in hand and look into possible designs, costings, finance etc and come forward with some concrete ideas for consideration by the Council. A site meeting was being arranged to see a new Village Hall at the Dial Post.

Chairman

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