

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs. McBeth (Chairman), Smith, Robinson, Ingham, Madden (Mr), Madden (Mrs), and the minute taker Ms L. Warner.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Jones and Leaver
2. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th January having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Planning applications

SDNP/15/06233/FUL 17 A & B South Street, Ditchling. Erection of 3 new dwellings, partial demolition, refurbishment and extensions to 17A and 17B together with associated works.

Recommended approval – consistent with the emerging neighbourhood plan.

SDNP/16/00273/LIS 21 North End, Ditchling. Retention of works to remove old satellite dish and erection of new free standing satellite dish in front garden, removal of old boxed sleepers and replacement with new boxed sleepers.

No comment.

SDNP/15/06124 34 East Gardens, Ditchling. Erection of single storey rear extension and hip to gable roof extensions to north and south elevations.

No comment.

SDNP/15/016162/HOUS 51 Lewes Road, Ditchling. Side extension and loft conversion to detached dwelling.

No comment.

4. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only

Ditchling Fair will take place on 18th June 2016. The crowning of the Fair King and Queen will take place on the 5th March. There is a request for councillors, and other villagers, to nominate children in the local area for this position; particularly children who have been involved in the local community. It was suggested that it might be useful to ask the Scouts if they could nominate anyone.

The Newcomer Party will take place on 19th March 2016, not 18th March as the posters suggest. Several councillors said they would be attending.

With regard to lighting the beacon on 21st April, Cllr McBeth spoke about the need to arrange meeting with the Scouts to discuss a working party on Mrs Warner's return.

Cllr McBeth and Robinson attended a meeting with Michael Higgs from Highways to discuss traffic and the possibility of gates to mark the boundaries of the National Park within the village. He was quick to come back to ask Cllr McBeth where they would like the gates to be. The steps for development involved speaking to Tony Steer from Bolney PC about where their gates were purchased. Cllr McBeth and Robinson will be attending a meeting with Michael Higgs in March, to

which they have invited representatives from the National Park, to discuss the location of the gates. The purpose of the gates is to remind drivers that they are entering a National Park to encourage them to drive more carefully. By involving the National Park in the process, there is a potential to obtain a grant to help fund the installation of the gates. Cllr McBeth estimates the cost will be approximately £5,000 and has circulated the relevant information to councillors. Cllr Smith spoke of techniques used in other National Parks, such as the colouring of roads, Cllr Robinson suggested that the colouring does not last very long and it did not seem an effective solution. Councillors are encouraged to attend the meeting with Highways in March.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman 9th February 2016