

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th December 2008 at 8pm in the Old Meeting House.

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

Apologies Mrs S.M. Munier (ill), R. Burman (away), A.H. Knowles (unwell).

The Chairman welcomed the new Co-opted Councillor Mrs M. Bolton

- a. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th November having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b. Minute 252 Traffic Report/LATS. It was reported that a series of possible dates for the next meeting had been circulated by E.S.C.C.
- c. Minute 254 Finger Posts. It was noted that clarification was required by the contractor before quoting for the repairs.
- d. Minute 255 Pedestrian safety at Common Lane. It was noted that there was no further information to date.
- e. Minute 257 Matters raised in report from the Ditchling Society.
 - (b) South Street It was noted that a response was still awaited from the County Council.
 - (c) Village Hall Car Park It was noted that the car park bays and no parking zones had been re-marked. It was agreed to ask if the section of double yellow lines between the two doors of the Village hall could be removed to facilitate uses of the Hall when unloading etc as at present there was a danger of fines being imposed by the Parking Controllers.
 - (d) Bollards It was noted that the County Council had agreed to replace the bollards with the flexible ones when damaged in order to have uniformity in the village.
 - (e) National Park It was noted that no further progress had been made regarding possible recognition of the contribution made by Chris Todd.
282. Minute 275 Utilisation of Council's assets. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. Please see Confidential Minute attached.
283. LW/08/1233 Helianthus Farm Spatham Lane
Planning Application - Erection of a single storey steel outbuilding (existing outbuilding to be demolished) for Mr & Mrs Gaete-Holmes
No objections but would prefer the building coloured green so as not to be so obtrusive in the countryside.
284. LW/08/1309 44 Beacon Road
Planning Application - Changes to front driveway to include demolition of existing garage, provision of new car port and garage/store and provision of new access from road for BPM
No objections.
285. Finance matters
 - a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance The November reconciliation and details of Bank Statements etc were circulated having first been scrutinised by one on the Financial Controllers.
 - b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment had been circulated; the invoices etc having first

been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the invoices be accepted and the cheques signed by B.J. Clutterbuck and B Cohen.

c) Audit It was noted that the audit had been completed, the comments were noted.

286. Freedom of Information Act. It was noted that the old scheme expired on 31st December; a new Model Publication Scheme had to be adopted by 1st January 2009. A draft of the new scheme had been circulated before the meeting, approved and adopted by the Council.

287. Fieldwork Magazine It was noted that the latest copy had been received.

288. Neighbourhood panels A copy of an email had been circulated from Chris Buggins CSO who was trying to find out how much interest there would be in setting up these panels in order to improve communication between various bodies. It was hoped to involve people from different walks of life with a local interest to an introductory meeting. A further letter was circulated and would be put on the Notice Board.

289. LDC Planning Liaison Meeting – Lewes DC /Town and Parish Councils Another reminder had been received about the meeting from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Council Chamber, Lewes Town Hall on Tuesday, 3rd February. It was agreed that D. McBeth and Mrs M. Bolton would attend.

290. E.S.C.C. Report Councillor Meg Stroude – No report.

291. Lewes District Council Report Councillor Tom Jones gave his report.

292. Reports by Representatives. No reports had been 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- Roy Burman and Brian Cohen.

Chairman

13th January 2009-