

Present D. McBeth in the Chair, Mrs N. Banfield, Mrs M. Bolton, Dr V. Ingham, Mrs. C. M. Robinson, A. T. Jones, M. Madden, P. M. Smith and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

258. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2015 having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Council.
259. Minute 233 Neighbourhood Plan It was noted that a leaflet was going to be circulated bringing residents up to date.
260. Minute 234 Tree planting to commemorate First World War A suggestion has been made to replace with a tree at the entrance up by the bridge. It was agreed to ask for a Bay Willow.
261. Minute 235 Replacement of fences at the Burial Ground. A further quotation had been received. The first estimate received was for the fence at the entrance only which was £900 + vat; the second is £750 for that section and £580 for the post and rail. It was agreed to accept the second quotation from
262. Minute 236 Sport England - draining the Football pitch It was noted that the Council now has the Registration of the Recreation Ground from the Solicitor. P. Smith reported that the contractor had been turning the soil to dry it out, it had been rolled, the initial drains would be put installed and then it would be sanded and the turf laid.
263. Minute 239. Suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road. It was noted that the District Valuer had valued the land in its present condition at £10,000 and £48,000 after the installation of the Car park. It was agreed to send these figures to the owner of the land.
264. Minute 240 Recruiting new Councillors. It was noted that the hand out had been prepared and copies put in the Post Office, A2 Posters were ready and would be displayed in the Village. The Clerk had the application forms.
265. Minute 241 Lighting It was noted that there was no further information to date.
266. Minute 242 The Defibrillator had been installed and is awaiting commissioning. There was a need to establish number of Emergency Responders in the Village and recruit volunteers for training.
267. Case No: SDNP/15/00879/HOUS 5 Barnfield Gardens
Applicant: Mr M Woods
Proposal: Erection of ground floor rear extension, first floor front extension and ground floor side extension
It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it would be overdevelopment of the site, would affect adversely the special character of Barnfield Gardens. It was agreed to support the Pre-app advice regarding the siting of the garage *This will create a large amount bulk to the front of the dwelling, hard up to the boundary that will infill a significant amount of the existing gap between the dwellings. This I feel will detract from the character of the street scene and appearance of the conservation area. As we discussed I would prefer that this garage be separated from the dwelling and set further into the site.*
268. Case No: SDNP/15/01036/HOUS 30 Shirleys
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fuller
Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to rear and insertion of a front dormer window
No comment.
269. Planning Appeal W/15/3004242
Planning Application Reference: SDNP/14/03711/FUL
Name of Appellant(s): Mr David Gorrington
Description of Application: Erection of an agricultural dwelling
Site at: Court Farm, Keymer Road, Ditchling, East Sussex,
An appeal has been lodged against the National Park's Refusal of planning consent, details shown above. Written appeal to The Planning Inspectorate, FAO - Paul Puddy, 3/10a Kite Wing, Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN. Or by email to: teamp13@pins.gsi.gov.uk. To be received not later than: 1st April 2015.
270. Finance matters

a). Checklist for Audit and insurance. This was laid on the table, having first been scrutinised by the Financial Controller.

b) Accounts for payment. The list had been circulated prior to the meeting having been scrutinised by the Financial Controller. The invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by the Chairman and S.T. Jones.

C) The Audit has been called for 8th June This was noted.

271. Request received to light the Beacon on 23rd May to launch Pentecost weekend. An application had been made by the Church to light the Beacon as part of the Pentecostal celebrations. It was agreed to respond that this would not be possible in the time frame as there was too much to organise.

272. Sussex Review It was noted that the latest copy had been received and was laid on the table.

273. Grant Application It was noted that there was an annual amount of £250 available for grants. An application had been received from the Pre School Group. Details had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to award them the grant.

274. The Pensions Regulator the Council had received the details of this scheme and had to respond by 1st April. Full details are available on www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk. It was agreed that the Clerk should register but further details reading the Council's involvement would be sought from SALC.

275. Lewes District Council Report A.T. Jones gave a short report which included a report re applications to build up to 1,000 houses in the fields south of Folders Lane. It was agreed to object strongly to the two applications.

276. Matters raised by Councillors for exchange of information only.

a) It was noted that there would be no Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat Sports this year as there was no-one to organise the event.

b) The poor attendance of 2 members of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting was noted.

c) The future of the website was raised, it was also noted that it had been suggested that it might be necessary to upgrade following the information re mobile sites and Google. It was not considered to be necessary in this case.

Chairman **7th April 2015**