

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 8pm.

Present. B.J. Clutterbuck in the Chair, Mrs B. Brittain, Mrs C M. Robinson, , R. Burman, B.D. Cohen, P. A. Eckstein, A. H. Knowles and the Clerk Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies A.T. Jones, Mrs Y. Sen (away), Mrs S. Munier ( personal), D.W. McBeth

147. Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August having been circulated were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
148. Minute 102 Recreation Ground Play Area. It was noted that the new gate and safety gate had been ordered.
149. Minute 103 Traffic Report/LATS It was noted that there was no further information to date.
150. Minute 104 Speed Indicator Device (SID).It was noted that the training had been arranged for Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August in the Pavilion, but in spite of it being advertised for three weeks no one turned up except the Chairman, Ian Chisholm, Graeme Beattie E.S.C.C. and the Clerk.
151. Minute 105 Sub Committee to look into details of the proposed new Office Accommodation. It was noted that an additional storage cabinet was awaited, otherwise the office was operational.
152. Minute 106 RoSPA safety inspection report on play area. It was noted that the Report had been received- copies were distributed to the Committee and the Groundsman. The necessary action would be taken.
153. Minute 108 Finger Posts. It was noted that the wording for the sign at Janes Lane was being chased. A response had been promised within ten days.
154. Minute 110 Utilisation of Council's assets It was noted that there was no further information to date.
155. Minute 112 BT Consultation re proposals to remove payphones It was noted that the result was awaited re the proposed removal of the payphone at South View.
156. Minute 113 Code of Conduct. A copy of a recent Standards Board bulletin re “ ‘Aggressive’ behaviour leads to a 12-month disqualification” had been circulated for information. The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibilities when representing the Council on other bodies. He warned them that they were not in a position to make decisions or criticise the Council’s decisions. The Council was a corporate body and as such the decisions made were binding.
157. Minute 114 Retrospective Applications. It was noted that a reply had been received from Lindsay Frost together with a leaflet which was self explanatory. The Government had reviewed the matter as recently as 2006 and stated that there would be no change to the current principle of allowing retrospective planning permission and there should not be higher fess for retrospective planning applications.
158. Minute 133 Pedestrian safety at Common Lane – A written report from D. McBeth had been circulated it was agreed to send a copy of the relevant parts to the County supporting the comments made at the end of the letter. It was also agreed to write to Peter Eastwood stating that the Council would write to the Open Space Society but would like to know exactly what issues the Ditchling Common and Tenantry Down had against the County Council’s actions.
159. Minute 135 proposed donations to Crime Stoppers The proposal made at the previous Council Meeting to give an annual grant of £200 for the next three years was ratified.
160. Minute 142 Application to hold a cricket match by a third party It was noted that a request had been received to use Ditchling Playing Fields Cricket Pitch on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 (1PM - 8PM) for a Cricket Match involving the Company (IPD). Two emails have been sent requesting the information but no reply received. It was agreed to give them a deadline of 5pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> or permission would be withdrawn.

161. LW/08/0923 39 Lewes Road  
Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations, replacement garage to side and replacement porch to front elevation for Mr P Leach & Mrs E Pope  
No objections.
162. LW/08/0881 Tovey Lodge Underhill Lane Westmeston  
Planning Application - Two bedroom holiday let cottage with undercroft parking for Mr R Burman  
R. Burman declared a prejudicial interest and the remaining seven Councillors present declared personal interests as the applicant was a fellow Councillor. It was agreed to make no comments on the application.
163. LW/08/0954 Nyemere Beacon Road  
Planning Application - Two storey side extension and room in the roof including velux windows for Mr R Abrahams  
No objections.
164. Finance matters  
a) Checklist for Audit and Insurance It was noted that details of Bank Statements etc were circulated.  
b) Accounts for payment The accounts for payment had been circulated; the invoices etc having first been scrutinised by one of the Financial Controllers. The invoices were approved for payment and the cheques signed by B.J. Clutterbuck and Mrs B. Brittain.
165. E.S.C.C. Transport and Environment. It was noted that a letter from new Director Rupert Clubb and details of the new Structure of the Department had been received and circulated for information.
166. E.S.C.C. Sponsored roundabout scheme Letter received explaining the the scheme, it was noted that the County Council was taking into consideration the rural aspect of the roundabout at Folders Lane.
167. E.S.C.C. North Wealden and Lewes Local Accessibility Assessment. It was noted that a hard copy had been received but it could be viewed on [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation). The County Council requested the Council's specific involvement in the consultation process. This would be dealt with at the next main meeting.
168. Christmas Market relationship with Monschau It was noted that details of her proposals etc had been received from Maria Joy following the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. It was agreed that it was not a Parish Council matter but to suggest that she got in touch with the Hassocks Twinning Group and put out details to see if there were sufficient people in the Village who would be interested.
169. AiRS Annual Conference 7<sup>th</sup> November It was noted that the booking form had been received. B.J. Clutterbuck and R. Burman asked for their names to be put forward.
170. Cycling Event Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November A request had been received to hold a cycling event to start and finish at the Recreation Ground car park. They had checked that the Pavilion was available. They would need the area between 7.30am and 4pm for approximately 200 to 300 riders. This was agreed providing it was adequately marshalled.
171. E.S.C.C. Tree planning application on grass verge outside 70 Lewes Road  
It was agreed that there would be no objection if it passed a safety audit. There was concern for the safety of children crossing the road at this juncture if motorists were distracted by the tree also the question of visibility for drivers exiting the nearby properties and Garage.

172. Reports by Representatives.

Village Hall Management Committee Mrs Belinda Brittain - No report

Ditchling Pavilion Club - Tom Jones - No report

Ditchling Village Association – B.J. Clutterbuck – Verbal report on the current position re the Village Sign.

The Ditchling Society –R. Burman - No report

Lewes District Association of Local and Parish Councils (two representatives) Brian Clutterbuck and Don  
McBeth- No report

Rural Voices Rural Choices- Roy Burman and Brian Cohen. - No report

Chairman----- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008