

Ditchling Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Old Meeting House on Tuesday, 23rd June 2015 at 8pm.

Present D. McBeth in the Chair, Mrs M. Bolton, Dr V. Ingham, Mrs. C. M. Robinson, J.B. Leaver, M. Madden, P. M. Smith and the Clerk, Mrs M. Holman.

Apologies A. T. Jones (away)

42. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 9th June having been circulated, were taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- Matters arising from Minutes dated 26th May and 9th June.
43. Minute 21 Neighbourhood Plan It was noted that there was nothing fresh to report.
44. Minute 23 Lighting It was noted that the work regarding the new light in East Gardens had been authorized following permission from the land owner.
45. Minute 24 The Defibrillator It was noted that this was in hand and a photo opportunity was being arranged together with publicity in the Mid Sussex Times.
46. Minute 25 Drainage of the Recreation Ground. It was noted that Cricket had been played last weekend on the ground. The Deeds had been returned by the Solicitor and two copies of the Deed for Dedication had been received to be signed, these were signed by D. McBeth and P.M. Smith. Copies had been circulated prior to the meeting.
47. Minute 36 Suggested additional Car Park in Keymer Road It was noted that a response was awaited from the District Valuer who was not available until 18th June.
48. Minute 37 Resignation of Clerk The Staffing Committee and Councillors had received various information from SSALC together with a suggested timetable to proceed. The various dates were discussed in order to ensure Councillors would be available to shortlist, interview etc. The Chairman agreed call an Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting on 13th August to ratify the appointment of the new Clerk following the recommendation of the Staffing Committee. The Chairman would finalise the arrangements for advertising by SSALC on their website in the week beginning 22nd June and arrange the advertising in local papers as agreed.
49. Minute 38 successful appeal result for Court Farm, Keymer Road. It was noticed that in Para 6 that the appellant had supplied livestock movement records which showed animals being on the holding. It was suggested that the PC should ask for a copy. The appeal should also be forwarded to the new MP for Lewes. The action was agreed.
50. SDNP/15/02737/HOUS Bulls Brow, Common Lane, Ditchling, Hassocks
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dyke
Proposal: Erection of outbuilding providing self-contained residential ancillary accommodation, store and garaging (existing outbuilding to be demolished). Resubmission of LW/11/0969/NP
No comment

51. LW/15/0459 The Royal Oak Ditchling Road Ditchling Common
Planning Application - Erection of 12 dwellings to include 2, 3 and 4 bedroom housing with associated landscaping and road layout following demolition and removal of existing Royal Oak Public House and change of use to C3(a) dwellinghouses for Nova Developments (UK) Ltd
It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that the access on the east side is too close to the known dangerous bend.
52. SDNP/15/02708/LIS 2 Lewes Road, Ditchling
Applicant: Miss R Williams
Proposal: Retention of works to move the existing boiler from the cellar to the kitchen, replace external flue with smaller flue and box in new boiler in the kitchen
No comment.
53. SDNP/15/02825/HOUS 26 Beacon Road
Applicant: Mr N Hallet
Proposal: First floor side extension
No comment.
54. 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 accounts for payment agreed and the cheques signed by D. McBeth and P.M. Smith.
- c) Audit Form for signature. Copies of the completed document had been circulated and the original signed by the Chairman.
55. Burial Ground The deeds were included in the bundle received from our solicitors; Hedley's asked if the Council wished to register the Burial Ground as well as the Recreation Ground while it had the original Deeds. This was agreed.
56. Open Spaces magazine received This was laid on the table
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Chairman

14th July 2015