



DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to the Ditchling Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7.00pm at Ditchling Village Hall, Ditchling.

Public Participation - there will be a period of 15 minutes set aside at the beginning of the meeting for the public to ask questions or make comments on items on the agenda only. Comments on items not appearing on the agenda can only be made at the chairman's discretion. Once the meeting is in session there will be no further public participation.

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Clerk to the Council

1.	Public Participation.
2.	Apologies for Absence.
3.	Declarations of Interest
4.	4.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 28 th July 2026 4.2 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 th September 2026
5.	Actions from previous meetings. • Mins 12.1 & 12.2 - Use of Recreation Ground –Recreation and Burial Grounds Working Party to action. <i>Ongoing</i> • Min 171.2 - Access onto Recreation Ground from private properties. (Cllr Stapleton and the Clerk to review individual cases). <i>Ongoing</i> • Min 26.4 Burial Ground research to be reviewed (Clerk) <i>Underway</i>. • Min 27.1 Village Maintenance - Agenda for SLR Meeting to be drawn up (Cllr Stapleton and Clerk) <i>Ongoing</i> • Min 31.1 All Working Groups to meet (all Groups) <i>Completed</i> • Min 43.4. SDNP/26/02840/CND The Macs Farm. Comments to the Clerk by 15th August (Planning WG) <i>Completed</i> • Min 46.1. Crossing Points. Report to be produced (Cllr Stapleton) <i>Completed</i> • Min 48.1. Footpath Tender process to commence (Clerk) <i>Completed</i> • Min 49.1. Bike Ride – Letter to be sent (Clerk) <i>Completed</i> • Min 51.2. Staffing. Appointment to be made (Clerk) <i>Completed</i>
6.	Clerks Report & Correspondence received.
7.	Lewes District Council – Local Government Reorganisation – Update.

8.	Planning - for full details of planning applications listed below please go to https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-applications/ or https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control 8.1 SDNP/26/03125/FUL. Lime Tree House. Two storey side extension with pitched roof, continuous eaves and raised ridge heights. 8.2 SDNP/26/03365/HOUS. 30 Shirleys. Removal of existing rear conservatory. Proposed two storey extension to rear and proposed single storey extension to rear. 8.3 SDNP/26/03447/HOUS. Old Farm, Farm Lane. Proposed single storey side extension and front porch. 8.4 LW/26/0410. Upper Furzefield. Fragbarw Lane. Removal of condition 1 in relation to approval LW/77/1767 as it is deemed to be no longer necessary, relevant or reasonable. Plus any applications received since publication of the agenda.
9.	Footpaths Project 9.1 To receive tender submissions and recommendations for appointment of contractor and to award contract.
10.	Finance. 10.1 To approve schedule of payments for September 2026 (plus any additional invoices to be noted at the meeting). 10.2 To ratify Payments for August 2026 paid under delegated powers. 10.3 To receive bank reconciliations for July and August 2026 10.4 Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2025 2026. To receive External Auditor's report and to consider any necessary actions. 10.5 2026 2027 NJC National Salary Award. To note new pay scales backdated to 1st April 2026.
11.	Strategic Planning – To consider the following motions. 11.1 Ditchling Parish Council Business Plan 2027–2029 Motion 1: <i>The Council resolves to adopt the updated Ditchling Parish Council Business Plan 2027–2029.</i> 11.2 Public Exhibition on Business Plan Projects <i>Subject to Motion 1 being passed:</i> Motion 2: <i>The Council resolves, in advance of any decision on the 2027–2028 precept, to hold a public exhibition to publicise the projects listed in the Business Plan and how the priority projects will be funded.</i> 11.3 Resourcing for Business Plan Delivery Motion 3: <i>The Council requests the Clerk to continue progressing projects set out and programmed in the Business Plan.</i>
12.	Recreation Ground & Burial Ground. 12.1 Pavilion Lease – Update and to approve draft Heads of Terms. 12.1 Burial Ground – Update on project to allocate additional plots.
13.	Administration / Operational 13.1 To consider budget for provision of Laptop for Projects Officer duties.
14.	Traffic 14.1 To Consider Purchase and installation of Mobile Speed Indicator Devices on Lewes Road and Common Lane.
15.	Membership of committees and Working Groups 15.1 To Consider appointment of Cllr Roberts to the Traffic Committee, Traffic Working Group and the Village Hall Car Park Working Group.
16.	16.1 DPC Climate and Nature Strategy – To consider draft paper by Cllr Barna.

17.	Consultations; 17.1 Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP) Review of governance, accountability and accounting framework for smaller (Category 2) authorities. - Closing Date 31 st October.
18.	Events 18.1 Next Meeting Date. 18.2 Public Exhibition 31 st October – To Approve Budget for publicity material.
19.	<i>CONFIDENTIAL SESSION</i> - <i>Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following items on the grounds that the confidential matters to be discussed under item 112 below would be prejudicial in the public interest.</i> 19.1 Ditchling Gardens – Update from Working Party.

Supporting documents can be found here [September 2026](#)