



## DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall, Lewes Road, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs McBeth (Chairman), Smith, Jones, Orme and Burman and the Clerk Mrs Sarah Mamoany

Public Participation:

No members of the public were present.

1.	Declarations of Interest – No declarations of interest were made.	
2.	Apologies of absence – no apologies for absence were received.	
3.	<p>To consider planning matters as below and any others which may arise in the meantime:</p> <p>The following comments were <b>resolved</b> and will be submitted to relevant Planning Authority.</p> <p>SDNP/19/03187/TCA - bay (T1, T2) - Fell cypress (T3, T4, T5, T6) - Fell ash (T7) - fell - 1 North End Ditchling BN6 8TD – The Parish Council feel that they cannot make comment on this application due to insufficient information on the application as to why the trees need to be felled. They would like to note that an Oak tree is mentioned on the application form, but not in the proposal details.</p> <p>SDNP/19/02420/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of a new dwelling house with associated drive, turning and parking - 32 Lewes Road Ditchling BN6 8TU – The Parish Council would like to raise concerns with regard to the access of this site onto the Lewes Road in relation to site lines and would like to note that the current hedges should be retained.</p> <p>SDNP/19/03162/FUL - Change of use of agricultural fields for use as a campsite, including the erection of a small building to accommodate toilet, showering and washing facilities and the provision of up-to 15 tent pitches and 6 ancillary tents - Land East of Garden Pride Garden Centre Common Lane Ditchling East Sussex BN6 8TN –The Parish Council object to this application as it is not in line with South Downs Local Plan policies SD23 (1c) and (1d):          Development proposal for visitor accommodation, visitor attractions and recreation facilities will be permitted where it is demonstrated that:          1c) Development proposals will not detract from the experience of visitors or adversely affect the character, historical significance, appearance or amenity of the area;          1d) Development proposals make use of existing buildings, and, if no suitable existing buildings are available, the design of any new buildings are sensitive to the character and setting.</p> <p>In relation to Policy 1c), the Council feel the proposed development will have a materially negative impact on the surrounding countryside. The Sussex Border Path and a public footpath run north-south through and to the east of the site. The proposal would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of users of these public rights of way and particularly on the Sussex Border Path, a recreational resource of national/regional significance.</p> <p>In relation to the design of the bell tents, these do not comply with policy SD23 (d) in that they introduce new elements which are out of keeping in shape and colour with the existing setting.</p> <p>The Parish Council requests that the application is called in by the South Downs National Park as the application raises important issues for preserving the landscape character of the National Park.</p>	

	SDNP/19/02357/HOUS - 17 South Street Ditchling BN6 8UQ - Proposed repositioning of hard standing and erection of single story car port for 2no. cars and storage / shed - No objection to this application since the amended plans have been submitted.	
4.	<p>Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda</p> <p>The Certificate of Lawful Use or Development issued on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for land west of The Drove, Ditchling was noted. It was noted that this is lawful use of the site as detailed in the certificate, but concerns were raised over the access and additional traffic on a sensitive site. The Clerk was asked to find out further information from SDNP.</p> <p>It was noted that traffic issues are being reported by residents in relation to activities at Mac's Farm.</p> <p>It was noted that a Planning Committee meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August as two new applications were received this week. In addition, the time of the Planning meetings will change to 6.30pm subject to the availability of the hall.</p>	
5.	<p>Next meeting dates:</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 6.30pm</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 6.30pm</p>	