



DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Ditchling Village Hall on Tuesday 29th April 2025 – 8pm

- 1. Chairman's report 2024/25.** See appendix 1.
- 2. Questions from the public.** Written representations were made about the following matters.
 - **Mole hills on the recreation ground.** The clerk was asked to arrange for these to be raked.
 - **Request for consideration to be given to providing community facilities to support youth services from the proceeds of the sale of Ditchling Gardens.** As the sales process is in the very early stages, it was considered too soon to consider projects to be funded from the proceeds.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:05 pm



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Chairman's report

Welcome everybody.

Firstly, I would like to officially welcome the three new members who have joined our Parish Council during the last year. Their enthusiasm and commitment have already contributed ongoing initiatives, and we look forward to their fresh perspectives in shaping the future of Ditchling.

One of our key achievements this year has been the successful completion of the burial ground mapping project, ensuring that we now have a comprehensive and accurate record of our burial site. This will be invaluable for future planning and maintenance, providing clarity for families and the community.

In addition, we have commissioned a tree survey covering all trees on Parish Council land. This vital assessment helps us ensure the health and safety of our local greenery, allowing us to take informed action for preservation and necessary maintenance.

Road safety remains a priority for the council, and we have made substantial inroads toward creating safer roads for Ditchling. We are planning to install Mobile speed Indicator devices and village gateways over the next few months to encourage responsible driving, and help to slow traffic to enhance the safety of both residents and visitors alike.

The Parish Council's plans to refurbish the Playground are progressing well. We are currently finalising the design to ensure the new playground meets the needs and expectations of all of our families, creating a safe and enjoyable environment for our young residents.

Our streetlight replacement programme is well underway. To date, 12 out of 19 faulty lights have been restored to full operation, significantly improving visibility and security in key areas. We will continue working to complete this programme and ensure Ditchling remains well-lit and welcoming.

We hope that these initiatives reflect the council's ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing our parish as detailed in the Parish Council's Business Plan. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow councillors, our volunteers, and all parishioners for their support and engagement in helping us drive these projects forward.

End.