



## 1-3 Ditchling Gardens (formerly the scout hut) East End Lane

Ditchling Parish Council is considering the best use for this building and land. It was given to the council in 1959 as three cottages but never used for housing. Modernisation even then was too expensive, and it was instead used by the scouts as their base until last year.

Now the scouts have left, the council has an important decision to make. It is early days in our deliberations.

Issues being considered include:

- can we keep the existing building or is it not viable?
- what do we want to see on the site?
  - housing (affordable or open market?)
- community facility?
- something else?

The council has limited resources, so is unlikely to develop the site itself unless we find a partner to work with.

Any eventual income from the site would be available for community projects in the village.

No decision has been made and we will keep residents informed and consult fully.



So far we have thought about:

- establishing if it is needed for community use or whether there are enough meeting spaces in the village (we have surveyed community spaces and will be writing a report)
- a partnership with a social housing provider to provide affordable housing (the site may be too small to be of interest)
- selling it with restrictions as to the type of development permitted (this would lower the asking price)
- selling it with no restrictions (the asking price would be higher, but we would have no control over what was built there).

**See the full report on development possibilities at [www.ditchling-pc.gov.uk/\\_UserFiles/Files/23\\_02\\_Ditchling%20gardens\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ditchling-pc.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/23_02_Ditchling%20gardens_FINAL.pdf)**

