



DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston Neighbourhood Plan Update meeting notes held on the 2nd July 2019 at 10am in the Parish Office

Present: Cllr McBeth (Ditchling Parish Council), Cllr Mills (Westmeston Parish Council) and Sarah Mamoany (Ditchling Parish Council Clerk)

Planning

Cllr Mills noted that Cllr Smith (DPC) and Cllr Clarke (WPC) had been in communication in relation to planning issues and had put together a protocol in order to assist with the Parishes working together to support the NP. It was noted that DPC had discussed this at a recent meeting and it was resolved that they would inform Westmeston and Streat in relation to any objections they make on applications. However, it was difficult due to the timescales involved on commenting to case officers to liaise prior to comments being submitted and each parish meets at different times of the month.

Cllr McBeth advised that DPC have now implemented a Planning Committee who will meet at 7pm before Parish Council meetings. Any controversial applications or large developments would be put to the full Council for discussion. Terms of Reference have been agreed to including co-operating with neighbouring parishes.

Cllr McBeth updated on the following sites: Park Barn Farm/Long Park Corner – progressing with LDC this site will contain affordable units for rental. 68 Lewes Road (garage site) – application recently received which could mean that 2 dwellings have been lost from the original plan which was supported by the NP.

It was noted that the recent decision by the SNDP to turn down the application at The Beacons was a good result for the Neighbourhood Plan being supported

Recreation Ground

Cllr McBeth updated on the current progress following the consultation in January, designs, costings and funding are being worked on and the project is moving forwards. He also noted that in the future the Scouts might wish to move to another location, which could possibly be relocated on the Recreation Ground.

Car Park

Cllr McBeth advised the Council's purchase of the land is complete, planning permission (with conditions) has been granted and currently a working party has been formed to progress the project. The Council have already spent around £40K to include the purchase of the site, which has come from reserves. They are looking to submit a CIL bid to LDC for funding towards the project. If further funding is not received the Council may consider a Public Body Works loan which has always been a consideration in order to complete the project.

Traffic

Cllr Mills advised that his current priority is to move forwards the Spatham Lane speed reduction project which will cost in the region of £35K and they are looking to submit a bid to LDC for CIL.

Cllr McBeth advised that DPC reserves have been depleted due to expenditure on the Car Park project and were currently reviewing the general and ear marked reserves. Therefore, could not confirm if they could assist with any match funding at this time.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that the NPPF states NP's should be reviewed every 2 years. The Clerk was of the understanding that this involved going through all the regulations again, however this would need to be confirmed.

Actions

Clerk to send copies of minutes/agenda for DPC Parish Council/Planning meetings to Westmeston Clerk.
Clerk to send word copy of the CIL application form to Cllr Mills.

The meeting closed at 10.45am

Next meeting date: Quarterly meetings October 2019 TBC – Parish Office