

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

DRAFT Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held in Dittisham Village Hall, on Wednesday 10 April 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Stothart (Deputy Chair), Cllr A Stevens, Cllr C Fraenkel, Cllr M Faulkner, Cllr P Unitt.
County Cllr J Hawkins

Seven members of the public were present.

52/13 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Walker (Chair) Cllr J Tucker, and Cllr K Wotton and Cllr Harris-Evans.

53/13 To declare any personal interests or disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None declared.

54/13 Affordable Housing Site Scoring

54/13.1 Scoring of the sites submitted to SHDC and Dittisham Parish Council to potentially construct the proposed affordable housing for locals

Members of the public were invited to comment. The Chairman of Dittisham CLT advised that either of the two central sites are acceptable to the group. No other members of the public commented.

The Parish Council considered each of the five proposed sites in turn: considering feedback received from DCC Highways, and the SHDC landscape officer for each site and then hearing the opinion of each Councillor. One site is in Capton and the remainder border Dittisham Village.

Three sites were considered unacceptable by the PC. The site proposed in Capton was considered unacceptable due to access issues – both to the site and to the Hamlet. The proposed site located behind Higher St was also considered unacceptable by the PC due to access issues. The site located behind the Level Car Park was considered unacceptable due to the difficulty and cost of creating access (which would need to be via the main road into the village) and secondarily the possibility of wildlife issues was raised. DCC Highways also considers these three sites unacceptable.

The two remaining sites are located on either side of the main access road into the Village bordering onto the access road and the Village boundary. The responses from DCC Highways and the SHDC Landscape Officer both prefer the West site, but do not discount the East. The advantages and disadvantages of these two sites were discussed. Both sites were said to be close to the heart of the Village. Other comments included that the East site is flatter and therefore easier to develop, better attached to the Village, and would have less visual impact both on the Village and from a distance.

It was **resolved** to support both the West and East sites with a leaning towards the East site with the following observations made: The East site is flatter to build on, may be more acceptable to Parishioners, has less visual impact, is no further from the Village especially if it is necessary to build higher up the steep slope of the West site. The construction of a footpath from the West site to the Village may be impractical due to the steep slope. (proposed Cllr Unitt, seconded Cllr Faulkner)

55/13. Bank Account Signatories

55/13.1 To name the signatories of the planned HSBC Community Bank Account.

It was **resolved** to have Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Stothart and Cllr Tucker as signatories of the planned HSBC Community Bank Account being opened by Dittisham Parish Council (proposed Cllr Unitt, seconded Cllr Stevens).

56/13 Date of the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council will take place on **1 May 2013 at 7:30 pm** following the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:00 pm**.