

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –  
Springbank House Planning Application and the sale of Ditchfield  
Common.

HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April AT 7.30pm AT THE LANE END  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Members of the Public – Approximately 70**

**1) Apologies for absence**

Cllr Smith, Cllr Critchon.

**2) Chairman's Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman gave a short welcome and introduced Tracey Puttock and Steve Lavers from Ashill Developments.

**3) A Presentation from Ashill Developments**

Ashill Developments gave a presentation on how they developed the plans for the site covering access areas, number of houses / apartments, the proportion of private and social housing, different aspects of the commercial component of the plans and provisions for a public right of way.

**Public questions**

A number of questions were asked by the public about the development being proposed for the ex-ELGA site. Common issues arising from the questions related to the sufficiency of parking generally and for the commercial component particularly, the actual need for the commercial component at all, access to the commercial component, the provision of a new right of way and the apparent requirement of the planning authority for the closure of Footpath 25.

The general view expressed by members of the Public was that they were supportive of the scheme but would have preferred to see a development that was wholly residential rather than one incorporating a commercial component that is almost certainly not needed and will not in any event initially be built.

**4) The sale of Ditchfield Common**

The Chairman summarised the sale details of Ditchfield Common and then invited Bryan Edgley to give a short presentation on the views of the Parochial Church Council.

**Public questions**

A number of questions were raised about the sale of Ditchfield Common. It was unanimously agreed by the audience that their strong preference would be for the Parish Council to purchase Ditchfield Common

**5) Consideration of next actions on Springbank House and Ditchfield Common**

The Parish Council will take a decision on the comments it will submit regarding Springbank house at the next Full parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

The Parish Council informed the audience that it would be hard to justify buying Ditchfield Common at its current price bearing in mind the Parish Council would almost certainly need to take out a loan and this would then impact on the entire Village as the Parish Council would need to increase the Precept.

The Parish Council would give consideration to talking some money from reserves towards the purchase Ditchfield Common but it would also need to look to Parishioners to donate money towards purchasing Ditchfield common. The Chairman asked members of the public to email the Clerk if they were interested in being kept up to date on the sale of the Common and if they were willing to put a donation towards the Parish Council purchasing Ditchfield Common.

**NEXT MEETING:** To confirm that the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Lane End Village Hall and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Full Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 from 7.30pm in the Sycamore Room of the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Signed..... (Chair)

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