

## DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005

PRESENT:     CLLRS MRS J THWAITES (VICE-CHAIR), J E DESAVE, A R MULCUCK,  
                   MRS M MULCUCK, P A THORPE AND MRS A THROSSELL  
                   MR NIGEL SAUNDERS (GROUNDS SUPERVISOR)  
                   MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

507.    **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Vice-Chair at 8.03pm.

508.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies previously notified were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Baker.

509.    **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

510.    **FINANCE**

(a)     **Financial Analysis**

The Financial Analysis was **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**.

(b)     **Purchase of new tennis nets and posts**

The Grounds Supervisor advised that the tennis nets and posts were in a very poor state of repair and need to be replaced. The old posts would be able to be kept and repaired and could then be used when the new ones need maintenance. It was **NOTED** that there is £1,125.40 in the Sports Repair Fund.

**RESOLVED** to purchase the following from the Sports Repair Fund:

Tennis nets 2 @ £49.00	£ 98.00
Posts 2 sets @ £182.30	<del>£364.60</del>
	Total £462.60

511.    **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST MEETING**

(a) Rabbit Problem (Page 174, Item 336(a))

It was **NOTED** that there is nothing to report.

(b) Play Equipment [Page 174, Item 336(b)]

It was **NOTED** that the grant from Tonbridge & Malling can be carried over into 2005/06 and that the balance is to be funded from this Committee's current year's budget, accrued funds and central resources. It was further **NOTED** that it is hoped the contractor will commence work in early April.

(c) Demolition of Toilet Block at NRRG [Page 149, Item 279]

A further quotation from a reputable contractor to demolish the toilet block at a cost of £2,200.00, was **READ** and it was **NOTED** that because it is now considered a safety hazard the cost was going to be met from the Council's central funds.

**RESOLVED** to ask the contractor to hold this quote until the end of the Financial Year, when it can be established if there are any funds available in this Committee's budget to slip forward to assist with this cost.

512. CRICKET PITCH

It was **NOTED** that Old Anchorians Cricket Club had been contacted several times to see if they wish to use the cricket pitch next year but no reply had been received.

**RESOLVED** to continue to carry out only basic maintenance of the cricket pitch unless serious enquiries are received and to advertise the pitch again with the Cricket Development Board and the Kent Messenger.

513. VANDALISM TO NEW LIGHT BY SCOUT HUT

It was **NOTED** that the new light, paid for by the KCC Grant, recently installed by the Scout Hut was vandalized over the Christmas period and a more substantial 'vandal proof' replacement is being investigated.

514. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

It was **NOTED** that the winner of the 2004 Christmas Lights Competition was Mr R Craig of 29 Fernleigh Rise.

515. CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

The following items of correspondence were **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**:

- (a) The Carman Family - Card and thank you for tree planted on Village Green in memory of Don Carman MBE
- (b) The Kent Men of the Trees - ARBOR – Autumn 2004
- Winter Lecture, Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005  
7.00pm Bradbourne House

- Annual General Meeting, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2005  
7.00pm Bradbourne House

**RESOLVED** Members wishing to attend either of the above may obtain details from the Administrative Assistant.

- (c) National Playing Fields Assoc. - Fields Focus – Autumn 2004

516. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Chairman  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2005