

**DITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2005

PRESENT:     CLLRS R G W BAKER(CHAIRMAN), A R MULCUCK, MRS M MULCUCK,  
                  AND M J PORTER  
                  MR NIGEL SAUNDERS (GROUNDS SUPERVISOR)  
                  MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

624.     **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.45pm.

625.     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies previously notified were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs DeSave, Thorpe, Mrs Throssell and Mrs Thwaites.

626.     **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

627.     **FINANCE**

(a)     Financial Analysis

The Financial Analysis, which had previously been **CIRCULATED**, was **READ** and it was **NOTED** that the income from the multisports courts had exceeded expectations.

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

(a)     Play Equipment [Page 304, Item 569(b)]

(i)     UPDATE ON KBBRG

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

(ii)    PAINTING PLAY EQUIPMENT AT NRRG

The Grounds Supervisor advised that the Grounds staff would be unable to undertake this work because it was expected that the Parish Council would be awarded the contract to maintain the school grounds of both the infant and junior schools.

**RESOLVED** to obtain further quotations to paint the play equipment at NRRG.

(b) Demolition of Toilet Block at NRRG [Page 304, Item 569(c)]

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

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**ADJOURNEMENT**

**Mr Trevor Walker of 190 Woodlands Road, Ditton** asked the Committee if it would be possible for the St Peter’s Church team to use the cricket pitch for their annual friendly match against Folkestone. Mr Walker was advised that the pitch had not received its usual maintenance over the last year as there was not a regular team using it. However, it could be cut and a strip prepared for a one off game. Mr Walker said that this should be fine and enquired if Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May would be OK. Members advised they would discuss an appropriate fee for a one off match and the Administrative Assistant would advise if the date could be accommodated. ***Mr Walker was thanked for his attendance and he thanked the Parish Council for considering his request.***

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(c) Cricket Pitch

It was **NOTED** that the Administrative Assistant had advised the Kent Cricket Board’s Development Officer of the necessary charges involved to cover the Council’s costs of preparing the pitch and using the changing rooms and Acorn Room for teas. It was further **NOTED** that a reply had been received saying that this would be too expensive.

Members then discussed the request from St Peters Cricket Team to hold a one off match on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2005. Members agreed it would be good for the pitch to be used by a local team but a charge would have to be made to cover the costs of preparing the pitch. The Administrative Assistant will check the availability of the pitch and a room for teas etc and liaise with Mr Walker.

**RESOLVED** to agree to the request to hold the cricket match and to charge £30.00 for the hire of the pitch.

629. **DITTON COURT QUARRY**

Cllr Muluck asked that the Council investigate any further conservation restrictions that could be placed on the quarry following a report from Cllr Day suggesting that in the future the Government could insist on the compulsory purchase of land such as the quarry for housing.

**RESOLVED** the Administrative Assistant to look back at what restrictions already apply to the quarry and investigate any others that could be applied in the future.

630. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

(a) Site for burning Rubbish

It was **NOTED** that Nigel Osborne from HRI had contacted the Parish Council to advise that under the new Farm Waste Act they cannot burn items for any one else on their land therefore the Parish Council can no longer burn its rubbish (hedge-cuttings etc) on this site.

Cllr Porter suggested asking T&MBC if they can take our 'green waste' or if we could take it ourselves to the site they use for disposal.

**RESOLVED** to look into an alternative way of disposing of the Parish Council's 'green waste'. In the mean time any cuttings etc. will have to be stored in the quarry.

631. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

The Chairman will **READ** the following items of correspondence and report on any items of interest:

- (a) The Playing Field - Winter 2004/05
- (b) Open Space - Spring 2005 – Volume 28 No.2
- (c) Kent Trails - Issue 9 – Spring 2005

632. **CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 8.22pm.

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2005