

## Ditton Parish Council

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF DITTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010

PRESENT: CLLRS. M J PORTER [Chairman], J A BEADLE [Vice-Chairman], MD BRINE, P HATCHER, A R MULCUCK, N NEWMAN. D H NUNN, B D STONE & MRS J F THWAITES

MRS S J KAVANAGH [Clerk of the Council].

### 190. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

### 191. APOLOGIES

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllrs. Mrs Beadle, Cordwell, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Throssell. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref. 82.

### 192. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Hatcher, Newman, Stone and Mrs Thwaites declared a personal interest in item 193, as they are the Council's representatives on the Youth Centre Steering Committee.

### 193. CEDAR ROOM

Cllr. Stone recorded sincere thanks to the people sitting on the Youth Centre adult and youth committees for their commitment, enthusiasm and huge amount of hard work getting the project off the ground.

Each Member present was invited to give their views on how they saw the future for the Cedar Room and whether it should be repaired and made safe or demolished.

It was **NOTED** that unless the building is repaired and made safe it will be condemned by the Building Inspector in September. If this happens the building would have to be securely fenced and eventually demolished. This would be costly and also mean that the guides, brownies, grounds staff and equipment would have to be re-housed somewhere else. It would also mean the loss of a valuable asset.

Members were each given the opportunity to express their views and it was agreed unanimously that the parish council should repair the building to make it safe to use. It was suggested that the internal refurbishment of the youth centre be left for the youth to undertake and that they should make every effort to raise funds to undertake this and purchase the equipment they need.

It was also agreed that the original basic draft terms of the lease must be reviewed to reflect the parish council's increased involvement and funding, but no material change should be made to the proposed long term lease and peppercorn lease fee/rent.

Discussion took place on the cost of the structural work and how the Council would fund it.

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**Adjournment**

Raidhri Fuller and Mrs Fuller thanked Members for their support and expressed how much the project meant to the youth of Ditton.  
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The meeting was reconvened, further discussion took place and it was agreed that the parish council, together with the Youth Project Committees, would set up a maintenance programme to maintain the building once repaired.

**RESOLVED** to agree to make the building structurally safe and fit to be approved by the Building Inspector for use by youth organisations and others, review the original terms for the Youth Project's occupation of the Cedar Room and the terms of the lease to provide the parish council greater control of the future use of the building. The youth centre adult and youth committees to raise their own funds to refurbish the inside of the proposed youth centre and purchase equipment for whatever use they intend.

**RESOLVED** to limit expenditure on the structural work to £50,000 and the funding be drawn from investment interest and/or the Special Reserve account.

194. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2010