

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF DITTON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD IN THE DON CARMAN HALL AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2008

CHAIRMAN: CLLR. M J PORTER

PRESENT: CLLRS R G W BAKER, MRS A R BEADLE, W CORDWELL, A R MULCUCK, D H NUNN, B STONE, MRS A THROSSELL & MRS J F THWAITES

MRS S J KAVANAGH (Clerk of the Council), MRS MARILYN GRANTHAM (Community Centre Administrator), MRS LYN CURTIN, MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY & MRS M DAVIS (Administrative Assistants)

APOLOGIES: CLLRS. R ANGEL, J BEADLE, CO. CLLR. G ROWE & PC. M RODDICK

ATTENDANCE: AS PER ATTENDANCE REGISTER TOTALLED 25: 9 PARISH COUNCILLORS, 5 OFFICERS, 1 KCC OFFICER 10 ELECTORS

1. WELCOME

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.35pm and extended a warm welcome to those present.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

Posting of the Notice of the Meeting was certified by the Clerk.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

(a) Belinda Moran, KCC Project Officer

The Chairman introduced Ms. Moran, who gave an interesting and informative presentation on the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' Campaign and Recycling.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Moran for her presentation.

4. MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 23rd APRIL 2007

PROPOSED by Cllr. Stone, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mulcuck that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2007 be taken as **READ** and **CONFIRMED & SIGNED** as a correct record of the Meeting. **CARRIED NEM. CON.**

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was taken as **READ** and the Audited Accounts for 2005/2006, showed:-

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT as at 31st March 2007

Notes	2007 £	2007 £	2007 £	2006 £
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
CULTURAL & RELATED SERVICES				
Recreation & Sport	425,957	314,642	111,315	136,394
Open Spaces	39,958	-12,121	27,837	22,045
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary	938	-1,339	-401	-1053
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES				
Economic Development (Incl. Markets)	7,216	-	7,216	6,415
Community Development	35,099	-30,182	4,917	5,785

HIGHWAYS, ROADS & TRANSPORT SERVICES

Highways/Roads (Routine)	1,444	-1,040	404	1,285
Street Lighting	2,324	-	2,324	2,149
OTHER SERVICES				
Investment Properties	8,048	-	8,048	-
CENTRAL SERVICES				
Corporate Management	58,620	-1,146	57,474	56,213
Democratic Representation & Management	29,492	-	29,492	25,236
Civic Expenses	1,880	-	1,880	1,501
Net Cost of Services	610,976	360,470	250,506	255,970

(Profit) on the disposal of fixed assets			-	-
Interest payable and similar charges	1		2,448	2,764
Investment (Profits)/Losses			-59,927	-
Interest and Investment Income	2		-27,061	-11,627
			165,966	247,107

Net Operating Expenditure

Precept on District/Borough Council			-194,825	-194,825
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(Surplus) Deficit for the Year

-194,825 - 194,825

BALANCE SHEET As at 31st March 2007

	Notes	2007	2007	2006
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	11		497,465	521,243
Long Term Assets				
Investments Other than Loans	14		710,200	-
Current Assets				
Stock	15	4,686		5,123
Debtors	17	22,955		8,392
Investments	16	71,459		783,000
Cash at Bank and in hand		52,291		35,184
		151,391		831,699
Current Liabilities				
Current Portion of Long Term Liabilities		-3,506		-3,443
Creditors and accrued expenses	18	-30,400		-49,210
Net Current Assets			117,485	779,046
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			1,325,150	1,300,289
Long Term Liabilities				
Long Term borrowing	20		-20,227	-23,735
Deferred Grants	21		-3,919	-4,409
			1,301,004	1,272,145
Capital and Reserves				
Fixed Asset Reinstatement Account	23		585,810	585,810
Capital Financing Account	24		-115,998	-96,153
Capital Receipts Reserve	25		771,288	783,274
Earmarked Reserves	26		25,128	3,585
General Reserve			34,776	-4,371
			1,301,004	1,272,145

These Accounts were approved by the Council on 4th June 2007

PROPOSED by Cllr. Stone, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Nunn that the Financial Report be **ADOPTED. CARRIED NEM.CON.**

6. **CHARITIES REPORT**

It was reported that due to the depletion of funds over the years, the remaining small sum of monies left in the Ditton Charities have now been transferred to a similar charity in a neighbouring village, as required by the Charities Commission.

7. **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S REPORT** (Copies filed with Minutes)

(a) **Allotment Managers**

Cllr Baker gave a report on the work of the Allotment Managers during the year.

(b) **Community Centre Committee**

Cllr. Nunn read the Chairman's report on the work of the Community Centre Committee during the year and how safety, security and anti-social behaviour has been significantly reduced this year, thanks to the introduction of CCTV around the Centre and the work of the local policing team.

He advised that the Centre has enjoyed a busy year and bookings for functions rooms remain healthy. He also advised that the maintenance programme is ongoing and refurbishment of the Oaken Hall kitchen is planned for later this year.

He thanked the Community Centre Administrator, community centre staff and committee members for their help and support during the past year.

(c) **Open Spaces & Amenities Committee**

Cllr Baker gave a report on the work of the Open Spaces & Recreation Grounds Committee during the past year. The Best Kept Garden and Christmas Lights competitions were again to a very high standard and he congratulated the winners giving special congratulations to Mr Mace who won the garden competition for the fourth time. He advised that the working party are still in the process of obtaining LNR status for the quarry land and are currently only awaiting for official designation from the Borough Council.. He finished by thanking the committee clerk, Nicola Greenaway, the Grounds Staff and fellow Members for their hard work throughout the year .

- **Mrs Preskett** advised of the unkempt condition of the footpath between Scott Close and the Junior School boundary.
- **Mrs Day** advised of the poor state of one section of the hawthorn hedge around the Bradbourne Lane conservation area, which needs attention and layering.
- **Ms Fountain** asked if anything could be done to hurry along the designation of the quarry land as a nature reserve, as this process has become extremely protracted.

(d) **Planning Committee**

Cllr. Mulcuck reported on the work undertaken by the Planning Committee during the past year and the diverse applications and consultations dealt with by the committee.

He thanked his committee clerk, Nicola Greenaway, vice-chairman and committee members for keeping the meeting working briskly and to the point.

(e) **Personnel Committee**

Cllr Mrs Beadle reported on the training undertaken by members of staff and the appointment of a member of staff who will work part-time and split his duties to cover caretaking and grounds work. All training courses attended by all staff during the year were successfully completed. She ended by thanking the Clerk and her staff for their hard work over the past year and thanked her fellow Councillors for their help and support.

8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman of the Council's report was read by Cllr. Mrs Beadle who reported on the work of the Council over the past year and the projects undertaken. He reported on the joint meetings with residents and partner authorities, twinning events, the success and support of the policing team in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, finance and promotions.

Cllr. Porter congratulated the Borough Council's Play Partnership on securing a substantial grant of £222,983 from the Big Lottery Fund for play equipment in the Borough, which includes a youth shelter and ball wall for Ditton. He also reported on the work currently being undertaken to secure funding to rebuild the Cedar Rooms. He also gave special thanks to all the volunteer groups who operate within the parish for the sterling work they do.

Finally he thanked his fellow Members, Clerk and staff for all their support, hard work and commitment during his first year as chairman.

9. **QUESTION TIME AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No questions had been previously submitted and no questions were raised at this time.

Mrs Day invited Members of the Council to visit the Ditton Heritage Centre to see what has been achieved and how the project has progressed.

10. **CLOSURE & THANKS**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm, thanked everyone for attending and invited them to stay for refreshments.

Chairman
April 2009