

## DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT: CLLRS R G W BAKER (CHAIRMAN), MRS J THWAITES (VICE-CHAIR), R ANGEL, W CORDWELL, B STONE AND MRS A THROSSELL  
MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

### 524. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.41pm.

### 525. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr Mulcuck. The previously notified reason for absence was **APPROVED** and **ACCEPTED**.

### 526. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 527. FINANCE

#### (a) Financial Analysis

The Financial Analysis, which had previously been **CIRCULATED**, was **READ**, **DISCUSSED** and **NOTED**.

It was **NOTED** that there is £1,043.00 unspent in the multi-sports budget but it is quite likely that some of the floodlight bulbs may need to be replaced and this will be quite expensive.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that any unspent multisports budget be slipped forward for replacement bulbs and hire of cherry picker.

### 528. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST MEETING

#### (a) Ditton Court Quarry [Page 272, Item 473(a)]

It was **NOTED** that the Quarry Working Party will meet on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March here at 2.30pm, to have an update on the implementation of the management plan. It was **FURTHER NOTED** that information was still awaited from Tonbridge & Malling.



(b) Provision for Youth (Page 272, Item 473(b))

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk and Administrative Assistant are to attend a meeting at the Borough Council on Friday to receive further information about the Big Lottery grant awarded for this scheme.

(c) Inspection of fencing, seats, litterbins and footpaths (Page 272, Item 473(c))

It was **NOTED** that Cllr Mrs Throssell had prepared walks to take in the footpaths of the village. Discussion took place on the best time to hold the walks.

**RESOLVED** to hold the first walk to take in the South side of the village on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and to meet at 10am in the Community Centre Car Park. As many Councillors as possible will attend and an article will be placed in the next Gazette inviting members of the community to join the walk if they wished to do so.

It was **FURTHER NOTED** that the new seat was now in place at New Road Recreation Ground and a new bin had been ordered for Kiln Barn Road Recreation Ground.

529. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

The Chairman **READ** a letter from Mr Mace stating that owing to ill health he wished to give up his allotment half plot and terminate his tenancy agreement. Members were saddened to hear this news.

**RESOLVED** to write to Mr Mace expressing member's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Administrative Assistant advised that she would offer the vacant plot to the next person on the waiting list. It was **NOTED** that there were 18 people on the waiting list.

**RESOLVED** to write to everyone on the waiting list to see if they wish to remain on the list and if so ask them to complete a tenancy application form.

530. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

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 THE CHAIRMAN WILL READ THIS PUBLICATION AND  
 REPORT BACK ON ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST.

531. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008