

**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> JULY 2008

PRESENT: CLLRS ANGEL, MULCUCK, STONE & MRS THROSSELL  
MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

166. **OPENING OF MEETING**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chair, Cllr Mrs Throssell PROPOSED that Cllr Mulcuck chair the meeting, SECONDED by Cllr Stone, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr Mulcuck opened the meeting at 7.55pm.

167. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllrs Baker and Mrs Thwaites. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

168. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

169. **FINANCE**

(a) Financial Analysis

The financial analysis, was **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**.

(b) Resurfacing of footpaths NRRG

Quotations to resurface the existing path and to increase the depth of the path were **READ**. Discussion took place on whether access to this path would be restricted when the property that owns the land over which the parish council has access is developed. It was **NOTED** that the grounds staff had carried out temporary repairs to the surface.

**RESOLVED** to hold a site meeting after the summer holidays to look at the best option for the path.



170. **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST MEETING**(a) Ditton Court Quarry [Page 54, Item 112(a)]

Cllr Mulcuck **READ** an e-mail from Natural England confirming that a copy of the minutes from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, with the resolution to delegate power to the Parish Council to designate the quarry as a local nature reserve, would be sufficient to enable the designation to proceed.

**RESOLVED** the Administrative Assistant will send the necessary paperwork to Natural England.

(b) Provision for Youth (Page 54, Item 112(b))

It was **NOTED** that no update was available.

(c) Seedling Sycamore Tree – Scott Close (Page 54, Item 112(c))

A map from the Land Registry showing which properties the garages nearest to/and responsible for, the fence was CIRCULATED.

**RESOLVED** to write to the residents who are responsible for the area where the fence and tree are and advise them it is their responsibility if they wish to deal with this tree and repair the fence. Also to write to all residents previously written to, to advise that the Parish Council will be taking no further action at this time.

(d) Proposed diversion of Public Footpath MR493 (part) (Page 54, Item 112(d))

It was **NOTED** that a report of the site meeting had still not been received from the PROW officer.

(e) Footpaths

The response from KCC PROW Officer regarding items raised on the parish walk were **READ** and **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED** to write to EMR to ask if the seat on footpath MR100 is theirs and if they would like to repair and retain it or have it removed.

171. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report on concerning the allotments.

172. **BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION**

Cllr Mulcuck **REPORTED** that he had escorted the independent judge that day to select the winners of this year's competition. Cllr Mrs Throssell requested that the new properties at Brampton Fields and the former Frantschach Site be included in the judging lists for next year.

Cllr Mulcuck also asked that it be **NOTED** that he was disappointed that Cllr Lander had not judged his allocated roads and had not given any notice of this and he had had to judge the roads that morning before the independent judge arrived.

173. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

TMBC: - Copy letter to resident re litter problems  
**READ and NOTED.**

Cllr Mulcuck will **READ** the following items of correspondence and **REPORT** back any items of interest:-

Campaign to Protect Rural England: - Countryside Voice – Summer 2008

KMOTT: - Arbor – Summer 2008

Groundwork Kent & Medway: - Groundwork News, Issue 3, Summer 2008

174. **CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm.

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> August 2008

