

# Ditton Parish Council

## PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009

Committee Members Present :- Councillor J Beadle  
Councillor Mrs A Beadle  
Councillor M D Brine  
Councillor A R Mulcuck (Chairman)  
Councillor N Newman  
Councillor D H Nunn  
Councillor M J Porter  
Councillor B Stone  
Councillor Mrs A Throssell (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Mrs J Thwaites

Also in Attendance :- Mrs N Greenaway (Administrative Assistant)

### **248. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

### **249. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Angel. The previously notified reason for absence was recorded in the absence book ref 41 and ACCEPTED and APPROVED.

### **250. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Borough & Parish Cllr Stone declared a personal interest in item 252, Plans Received for Comment, and requested it be NOTED that his comments and decisions on planning applications at this meeting are a preliminary view and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, he will look at all applications afresh at Borough Council level.

The Chairman moved that an urgent, date sensitive item be considered.

### **251. DITTON PARISH COUNCIL - BY ELECTION 12 NOVEMBER 2009**

The Chairman REPORTED that following the resignation of a member of this Council, the Returning Officer has received a valid request for an election. It was NOTED that should the by-election be contested the Returning Officer required confirmation if, at its own expense, the Parish Council does or does not require Polling Cards to be issued. It was FURTHER NOTED that the cost to issue polling cards would be in the region of £1,000.00, in addition to the cost of calling the election.

Discussion took place and it was NOTED that this Council did not have to issue Poll Cards, but some members felt it would be an appropriate way of informing electors about the forthcoming election but others felt the cost was too great.

Cllr Porter PROPOSED that this Council does not ask the Returning Officer to issue Polling Cards and this was SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Beadle.

Members voted: 5 for polling cards and 5 against. The Chairman gave his casting vote for the motion, which was therefore CARRIED..

RESOLVED as poll cards were not to be issued, to send out a leaflet with the Gazette advising residents of the forthcoming election, subject to this being legally possible and asking Rev. Terranova if the Church would be happy to deliver an additional leaflet.

**252. PLANS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT**

252.- 1 TM/09/02186/RD Plot Ref :- Type :- RD  
Applicant Name :- Barrett Homes Kent Date Received :- 11/09/2009  
Location :- Former Frantschach Site Date Returned :- 22/09/2009  
New Hythe Lane  
Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent  
ME20 6PW  
Proposal : Details of contamination validation reports and closure certificates submitted pursuant to condition 5 of planning permission TM/03/03415/RD: Erection of 370 dwellings, including 30% affordable housing, with associated parking, landscaping and highways, following demolition of existing buildings.

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL HAS NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THIS APPLICATION.

**253. PLANS DEALT WITH BY T & M AREA SUB-COMMITTEE 3**

It was NOTED that no plans dealt with by Area 3 had been received.

**254. 'B' LISTS**

The following 'B' Lists were CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED:-

09/34 - 24.08.2009; 09/35 - 02.09.2009.

**255. AGENDA, MINUTES & NOTES FROM AREA 3 COMMITTEE**

It was NOTED that there was no Agenda, Minutes or Notes available from the Area 3 Committee.

**256. AGENDA & MINUTES FROM THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

It was NOTED that the problem of parking on the verges at Fernleigh Rise is being further investigated.

**257. KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES**

(A) PARISH REPORTS

It was NOTED that no new items had been added to the Parish Reports.

Cllr Beadle suggested this Council ask KHS if the traffic lights at New Road could be adjusted to allow more cars to pass through for the duration of the road closure at Bradbourne Lane to prevent excessive build up with the extra traffic using New Road.

RESOLVED to ask KHS if it would be possible to alter the sequence of the lights whilst Bradbourne Lane is closed.

**258. CORRESPONDENCE**

(A) TMBC - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION - 56 PRIMROSE DRIVE

It was NOTED that an inspection of the premises had taken place and it was apparent that there may have been a breach of planning control. The matter is subject to further investigation and an enforcement file has been opened.

(B) KCC - FUNDING FOR PARISH BUS SHELTERS

READ and NOTED.

(C) KENT MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - CONSULTATION ON THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL/STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Chairman will READ this document.

(D) DEFRA - PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS AT LAND TO THE WEST OF JUNCTION 8 OF M20 MOTORWAY (RE KIG)

READ and NOTED. Cllr Stone REPORTED that he had recently attended a public meeting about the proposed Kent International Gateway (KIG). He advised that there was currently no rail link, there would be up to 3,000 lorry movements to/from the site and it would employ 3,000 staff. There is to be a Public Hearing commencing on 13th October at 10am, and all Parish/Borough/County Councils that objected to this proposal are invited to attend to give their objections.

RESOLVED Councillors that are able to attend this meeting will notify Cllr Stone.

(E) REPORT OF SITE MEETING RE PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH MR108(PART)

It was NOTED that the site meeting had not yet taken place.

RESOLVED to respond advising that this Council is opposed to this diversion but is awaiting a site meeting with the land owner for further clarification on the reason for the diversion.

**259. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman  
5th October 2009



