

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DITTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2007

PRESENT: CLLRS. M J PORTER [Chairman], J BEADLE [Vice-Chairman], R ANGEL, R G W BAKER, MRS A BEADLE, M D BRINE, W CORDWELL, M LANDER, A R MULCUCK, D H NUNN, MRS A THROSSELL & MRS J F THWAITES.
MRS S J KAVANAGH [Clerk of the Council] & MRS M GRANTHAM [Community Centre Administrator]

191. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

192. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllr. Stone and Community Warden Tom Hawkwood. The previously notified reasons for absence were **APPROVED** by the Council.

The Chairman moved that the police report be taken next to enable PC Roddick to return to his duties.

193. **REPORT FROM PARISH WARDEN/COMMUNITY POLICE**

PC Roddick reported on the crime figures for Ditton for last month which totalled 13. This is an increase of 2 from the previous month and drop of 8 over the same period last year.

P C Roddick advised that a colleague has gone on long term sick leave and he is now covering Wateringbury and Nettlestead as well as Ditton.

He reported that the mobile CCTV seems to be working well as there have been no reports of anti-social behaviour from that area, therefore he feels the time is right to move it to another location. He will undertake training on the CCTV around the Centre this week.

It was **NOTED** that the Community Warden's replacement, Paul Crispe, has been moved on and Martin Sherwood is his replacement until Tom Hawkwood returns at the end of August. P C Roddick hopes to meet up with him this week.

Cllr. Angel asked if the Council could be kept informed of the movement of the mobile CCTV. PC Roddick assured him that the Council would be informed of when and where it will be resited.

194. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

195. **CONFIRMATION & SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd JULY 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2007, subject to one amendment, were **CONFIRMED** and **SIGNED**.

196. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising not included elsewhere on the agenda.

197. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD DURING JULY 2007**

(a) **For Confirmation & Signing**

- (i) COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE, 9TH JULY 2007 - circulated

These minutes were presented by Cllr. Porter and **CONFIRMED** as a correct record.

- *Kiln Barn Club Takings [Page 85, item 143(a)]*

The Clerk advised that it is not possible to alter the budget figures as the precept has already been accepted and published by the Borough Council.

- *Members Purchasing Drinks on behalf of Underage Persons [Page 86, Item 143(f)]*

RESOLVED to **RATIFY** recommendation.

- (ii) PLANNING COMMITTEE, 16TH JULY 2007 - circulated

These minutes were presented by Cllr. Mulcuck and **CONFIRMED** as a correct record.

- (iii) OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, 16TH JULY 2007 – circulated

These minutes were presented by Cllr. Baker and **CONFIRMED** as a correct record.

- (iv) FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, 23RD JULY 2007- Herewith

These minutes were presented by Cllr. Baker and **CONFIRMED** as a correct record.

Cllr. Mulcuck asked for thanks to be recorded to all Vice-Chairs who attended the meeting to ensure a quorum.

RESOLVED to **RATIFY** the recommendations regarding internal audit. (Page 96, Item 177).

- (v) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, 30TH JULY 2007 –

These minutes were presented by Cllr. Mrs Beadle and **CONFIRMED** as a correct record.

RESOLVED to **RATIFY** the recommendation to remove the age restriction on the parish vehicle (Page 100, Item 187)

Cllr. Nunn asked if the Council would be advertising for replacement staff when the two positions become vacant.

Discussion took place and the Clerk advised that she has taken advice on this and, although it is advisable to advertise the vacancies it is not mandatory.

198. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **For Noting**

The following correspondence was CIRCULATED, **READ** and **NOTED**:-

Ditton Twinning Association:	<u>Letter of Thanks re. Finance for Twinning Visits</u>
St Peter's Church	<u>Letter of Thanks</u>
Kenward Trust:	<u>'New Life' Issue 2 2007</u>
Ton & Malling Borough Council:	<u>Blue Planet Live</u> <u>Declarations of Interests</u> <u>Corporate Performance Plan 2007/2008</u> <u>'Here and Now' – Aug/Sept 2007, Issue No. 4</u> <u>Green-Lidded Bin – Phase 7, Information Pack</u>
Press Publishing:	<u>'Clerks & Councils Direct' – July 2007, Issue 52</u> <u>'Local Councils Update – July 2007, Issue 93</u>
SLCC:	<u>'The Clerk' – July 2007, Vol 37 no. 4</u>
ERHA:	<u>'The Bulletin', Summer 2007</u>
Ton & Malling Crime Prevention Panel:	<u>Minutes of Meeting held 25th June 2007</u>
Kent County Council:	<u>'Inside Track' – 29th June 2007, Issue 100</u>
KAPC:	<u>Minutes of Meeting held 14th June 2007</u>
NALC:	<u>'Local Council Review' – July 2007, Vol 59 No. 2</u>
CPRE:	<u>'Voice', Summer 2007</u>
Rural Kent:	<u>'Oast to Coast', Summer 2007</u>
Local Works:	<u>Sustainable Communities Bill</u>
Kent Police:	<u>Policing Kent – Plans for 2007/10</u>

West Kent Highways: Placing of Public Notices for Traffic Regulation Orders

(b) **For Decision**

Mr & Mrs Martin: Bus Stop Opposite T A Centre
RESOLVED to write again to Arriva to try to find a solution to the harassment and abuse this resident is receiving from bus drivers when trying to get in and out of her driveway.

It was **NOTED** that Cllr. Rowe is also assisting with this matter.

Mr B Baker: Request to Block Book Oaken Hall on a Sunday Afternoon
RESOLVED To adhere to this Council's policy not to block book the Oaken Hall during weekends.

Ms. F Milne: Kent Benefits Partnership – Advice Surgery
RESOLVED to pass the offer to give a presentation or hold an advice surgery onto DAMARA and Age concern

Kent Highways: Notice of Presentation Regarding the Reporting of Highway Problems
RESOLVED That a member of staff should attend this presentation.

199. **FINANCE**

(a) **Accounts Received**

The following accounts received were **READ** and **NOTED**:-

Ditton Junior School:	Grounds Maintenance Charge	342.57	
	Sports Day Marking	<u>96.35</u>	438.92
Ditton Infants School:	Grounds Maintenance Charge		112.31
Allotment Holder:	Key Deposit and Rent (part)		8.00
Multi Sport:	Hire Fees		296.00
KMS:	Gazette Advert		60.00
Driveright:	Gazette Advert		28.00
C & F Carpenters:	Gazette Advert		28.00

(b) **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED the following accounts, be **ACCEPTED, APPROVED** and **PAID**:-

Salaries:	Gross:	14409.20	Net:	10790.38
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DPC Imprest:	Account: July Reimbursement		5032.41
AquaAid:	Annual Rent and Water	77.00	
		Vat <u>13.48</u>	90.48
Astra Security Systems:	5 Keys	41.00	
		Vat <u>7.18</u>	48.18
Audit Commission:	2005/2006 Audit Fees	2150.00	
		Vat <u>376.25</u>	2526.25
B T:	OSA Alarm Monitoring	63.28	
		Vat <u>10.28</u>	73.56
Cobra Insurance:	Addition of Mobile CCTV		215.34
EDF Energy:	NRRG Changing Rooms	24.60	
	Guide HQ	5.15	
	Multi Sports	61.69	
	Cedar Room	27.85	
	Main Meter	69.92	
		Vat <u>9.46</u>	198.67
G Haffenden	Skip Hire - Allotments	110.00	
		Vat <u>19.25</u>	129.25
Kent County Council:	Superannuation Fund – July 2007		2732.64
Kent County Council:	Lease Fee for Vehicle	1071.00	
		Vat <u>187.43</u>	1258.43
Kent County Council:	Stationery and name Badges	70.32	
		Vat <u>12.31</u>	82.63
Mackelden:	Removal of matting and resurfacing NRRG	1175.00	
		Vat <u>205.62</u>	1380.62
Mower Plant:	Mower parts	139.95	
		Vat <u>24.49</u>	
		164.44	
	Less Credit	<u>18.13</u>	146.31
Netbox5:	Publisher and installation	263.00	
		Vat <u>46.03</u>	309.03
Nico:	HP Laser cartridge	75.89	
		Vat <u>13.28</u>	89.17
Parker Merchanting:	Paint, boots. tap; gloves	107.23	
		Vat <u>18.77</u>	126.00

Parkfoot Garage:	Vehicle Diesel	41.08	
		Vat <u>7.19</u>	48.27
Popi:	Summer 07 Newsletter	1320.00	
		Vat <u>4.38</u>	1324.38
Sage Ltd:	Annual Payroll Cover	250.00	
		Vat <u>43.75</u>	293.75
Three Towns Stationery:	Leaflet Holder	57.82	
	Envelopes and Duplicate books	<u>68.76</u>	
		125.58	
		Vat <u>22.14</u>	148.72
SSG Emprise:	Keyholding and Alarm Monitoring Grounds out buildings for July	20.83	
		Vat <u>3.65</u>	24.48
Travis Perkins:	Hire of long reach hedge trimmer	26.32	
		Vat <u>4.61</u>	30.93
West-Sole Fencing Ltd:	Fencing, Pear Tree Avenue	7204.00	
		Vat <u>1260.52</u>	8463.52

RESOLVED the account from Westsole Fencing Ltd be paid from capital funds held in Treasury Reserve.

Breakdown of Expenditure from Imprest Account during July 2007

Carried Forward 1 st July 2007		476.87
Add: PC Reimbursement		<u>5523.13</u>
		6000.00
Deduct: June Expenses		
Voucher Charge	3.25	
Inland Revenue	3810.85	
Postage Stamps	58.00	
Bastille Exps	121.48	
Petty Cash	66.32	
Gazette Delivery	106.26	
Horticulture Show Exps	350.00	
Bouncy Castle Hire – 21.7.07	385.00	
BKG Expenses	37.00	
CC Expenses	68.00	
Extra Insurance -Chain of Office	<u>26.25</u>	
	5032.41	-5032.41
Balance		<u>967.59</u>
Sum to be drawn on 6 th August 2007		<u>5032.41</u>
BALANCE		6000.00

*Sum required to restore the balance to £6000

(c) **Direct Debits Paid During June 2007**

The following direct debits paid during June 2007, were **READ, APPROVED** and **NOTED**:-

[i] DITTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT

01.06.07	O2	25.27
01.06.07	WPA Health Care	491.80
05.06.07	Mentor RBIS	350.13
07.06.07	Nildram	42.82
20.06.07	Pace Petroleum	51.94
21.06.07	Euphony Comm. Ltd	16.47
28.06.07	Nat West Business Card	75.90

[ii] DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BAR ACCOUNT

01.06.07	Sky Business	276.13
11.06.07	Post Office	87.83
20.06.07	Scottish Courage – Stock	4828.07
21.06.07	Waverley TBS	555.70
22.06.07	AMLD - Gaming Machine	156.00
26.06.07	BOC Manchester – Beer Gas	222.08
28.06.07	Walkers Snacks Ltd	185.79
30.06.07	Nat West Account Charge	55.00

[iii] DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ACCOUNT

20.06.07	Tonbridge & Malling BC	1118.00
30.06.07	Nat West Account Charge	55.00

(d) **Accounts for Payment – Community Centre**

RESOLVED the following accounts be **ACCEPTED, APPROVED** and **PAID**:-

ANC Facilities:	Security for football presentations	275.50	
		Vat <u>48.21</u>	323.71
Capital Cleaning (Kent):	Repair to scrubber dryer	49.00	
		Vat <u>8.58</u>	57.58
Chubb Fire & Security:	Service Agreement	119.78	
		Vat <u>20.96</u>	140.74
EDF Energy:	21/03/07-12/07/07	2314.98	
		Vat <u>405.12</u>	2720.10
Edwardes Bros (Dulwich):	Light bulbs and flourescent tubes	69.99	
		Vat <u>12.25</u>	82.24
Initial Washroom Solutions:	Towel Rental 01/08/07 to 31/08/07	58.50	
		Vat <u>10.24</u>	68.74

Kent County Council:	Annual Inspection of fire extinguishers etc.	214.49	
	Stationery	4.70	
	Cleaning materials	126.49	
	Catering urn	38.96	
	Carriage	<u>3.50</u>	
		388.14	
	less Credit Note	<u>38.96</u>	
		349.18	
		Vat <u>61.10</u>	410.28
Polyspec Plastics:	Remove and install new cladding	559.15	
		Vat <u>97.85</u>	657.00
Southern Water:	01/11/06 to 25/04/07		580.87
TCl Fire & Security:	CCTV Installation Final Payment	6854.20	
		Vat <u>1199.48</u>	8053.68
Veolia Environmental Services:	Refuse Collection 01/06/07 to 30/06/07	146.92	
		Vat <u>25.71</u>	172.63

DEPOSIT REFUNDS

<u>Oaken Hall</u>		<u>Don Carman Hall</u>	
14.07.07	300.00	13.07.07	50.00
28.07.07	50.00	20.07.07	50.00
04.08.07	150.00		

(e) Bar Accounts for Payment

Bar Imprest Account:	Voucher Charge	3.25	
	Petty Cash	<u>92.87</u>	96.12
Adrian Mecklenburgh:	Post Mix Wine & Syrup	213.83	
		Vat <u>37.43</u>	251.26
High Acres Trading:	Balance re: Bar Counter	678.72	
		Vat <u>118.78</u>	797.50
Kent County Council:	Cleaning Materials	17.70	
		Vat <u>3.10</u>	20.80
Nivek Catering:	Coffee, Straws & Optics	103.05	
		Vat <u>7.06</u>	110.11
Poyntell Ltd:	Work to bar shutters	270.00	
	Fix bracket on bar	<u>45.00</u>	
		315.00	
		Vat <u>55.13</u>	370.13
RHM:	Coffee Filters		37.23

SSG Emprise:	Monthly Keyholding and Alarm Response	30.00	
		Vat <u>5.25</u>	35.25
Silver Spring Minerals:	Cans & Flavoured Water	137.92	
		Vat <u>24.14</u>	162.06

(g) **Parish Accounts**

Cllr. Nunn advised Members that he has spoken with the Council's accountants, DCK Beavers, and it is possible to produce additional information to give Committees a more detailed profit and loss and balance sheet. The accountants have advised that they do this for one other council. Cllr. Nunn advised that it will require the staff to undertake training at a cost of £325 per day and that he is willing to undergo the training with the staff. He feels it will save a lot of staff time in extracting information and preparing spreadsheets.

RESOLVED Cllr. Nunn will obtain further details and put together a report for the next meeting of the Council.

200. **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Geoff Rowe reported on the following matters:-

- **Maidstone Area Variable Message Signs** - Within the next 2 to 4 weeks implementation of the first phase of the Maidstone Area Variable Message Signs project should have been completed. These signs should provide drivers with timely, relevant and accurate information concerning the condition of the road network. As far as local Ditton residents are concerned the first three sets of signs are to be located on the A20 London Road near London Road East, a second set further along the A20 near the Coldharbour Roundabout and a third at Coldharbour Lane.

Cllr. Mulcuck asked if it is possible to have direction signs at the Coldharbour roundabout as people are still using two lanes to go round into Maidstone. He feels that although the road is clearly marked, drivers cannot see this when the traffic is queued at the lights.

Members also enquired why the lights at this location could not be used at peak times only.

Cllr. Rowe advised that he will be bringing this up again with the Joint Transportation Board at its next meeting.

- **National Reading Challenge** - KCC Libraries have again encouraged young people to take up this years national Reading Challenge and read their way through the summer holidays. This years "The Big Wild Read" began on July 21st and is aimed at children aged between 4 -12. It encourages them to read 6 or more books of their choice. On signing up at a library facility they receive a special collectors folder to collect `scratch and sniff stickers` for each finished book and can win additional prizes.

- **Leaflets** – the following leaflets are now available.

- Kent Country Parks
- Tonbridge and Malling District Policing Teams

- **Tonbridge and Malling Local Board** – next meets on Tuesday 4th September at Kings Hill (7pm for 7.30pm). The theme for the meeting will be "Keeping the traffic moving"

and is all about strategic traffic issues in Tonbridge and Malling, what happens when Operation Stack is implemented and the impact on other traffic in the Borough, plus other traffic issues relating to HGVs.

The allocation of grants and other issues also form part of the agenda for this meeting. These are public meetings and everyone is invited.

▪ **The Joint Transportation Board** - next meets on Monday 10th September and the Tonbridge and Malling Parish Partnership Panel on Thursday 13th September both at 7.30pm, at Kings Hill.

▪ **KCC Members Grants** - additional requests from Ditton can still be considered.

Cllr. Mulcuck enquired if Cllr. Rowe had any information on funding for parish plans.

▪ **Resident Problems with Arriva Buses** - at TA Centre Bus Stop outside 464 London Road. Cllr. Rowe is following up the residents concerns.

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Adjournment

Mr Foster attended in connection with the planning application at 431 London Road and expressed his concerns at the proposal.

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The meeting was reconvened.

201. **REPORT FROM PARISH WARDEN/COMMUNITY POLICE**

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

202. **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) **Plans Received for Comment**

TM/07/02335/FL Two storey side extension 52 St Peter's Road
RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL IS CONCERNED THAT THERE IS NO EXIT UPSTAIRS INTO THE EXISTING ACCOMMODATION AND FEEL THIS COULD BE A FIRE SAFETY RISK.

TM/07/02459/RD Details pursuant to Cond. 13 of consent
TM/06/02288/FL in respect of remediation measures
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION New Road Bus. Estate

TM/07/02061/TPOC Reduce crown of Field Maple 21 Cedar Close
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TREE OFFICER.

TM/07/01897/FL	Conversion and extension to existing to form four self contained flats	16-18 New Road
RESOLVED	NO OBJECTION, SUBJECT TO THE ACCESSWAY AT THE SIDE OF THE PROPERTY BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED UP TO THE SCOUT HQ AND REAR ACCESS FOR ADJACENT PROPERTIES.	
TM/07/02354/FL	Fencing to perimeter of units 1-3, bollards to footpath MR95 and knee rails	Units 1-3 Access 4:20 New Hythe Bus. Park
RESOLVED	NO OBJECTION	
TM/07/01579/FL	Replacement of existing storage facility	431 London Road
RESOLVED	AMENDMENT SHOWING REDUCTION IN HEIGHT OF REPLACEMENT STORAGE BUILDING BY 200MM *Communication from neighbouring resident, copy herewith TO REFUSE THIS APPLICATION AS IT IS LARGER THAN THE EXISTING. IF THE APPLICATION IS GRANTED THE CUBIC CAPACITY SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE PRESENT CAPACITY AND THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING SHOULD BE REDUCED TO 2.25 METRES.	
TM/07/02801/TPOC	One Chestnut tree to be removed from centre of garden	72 Acorn Grove
RESOLVED	NO OBJECTION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TREE OFFICER	

Cllr. Mulcuck requested that the following application received 3rd August be accepted as the Council will be in recess for the remainder of August.

RESOLVED to accede to the request.

TM/0702951/ORM	Minor amendment to TM/03/03415/FL (Erection of 370 dwellings etc.) relocation of apartment block N2	Former Frantschach Site, New Hythe Lane
RESOLVED	NO OBJECTION	

(b) **Plans Dealt with by Tonbridge & Malling Area Sub-Committee No. 3**

The following decisions were **READ** and **NOTED**:-

TM/07/00842/AT	Display of non-illuminated signs A) signs 2,4,6,6,7 & 8 B) signs 1 & 3	429-431 London Road PROPOSAL A REFUSED PROPOSAL B GRANTED
TM/07/01388/RD	Details of entrance gates submitted pursuant to cond, 4 of TM/03/03415/FL (Erection of 370 dwellings etc)	Former Frantschach Site New Hythe Lane <u>APPROVED</u>
TM/07/01882/FL	Roof conversion and single storey extension	42 Station Road <u>GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS</u>

TM/07/01955/TPOC	Reduce and thin Ash tree by 25% [TPO 12-02-14]	48 Acorn Grove <u>GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS</u>
TM/07/01375/OA	Outline Application for erection of 2 no. detached 3/4 bedroom houses with integral garage	429-431 London Road <u>REFUSED</u>
TM/07/01917/FL	Additional External Mechanical and electrical plant	Unit A Link 20 New Hythe Business Pk <u>GRANTED</u>
TM/07/00343/FL	Single Storey Side Extension	43 Cobdown Close <u>GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS</u>

(c) **'B' Lists**

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

07/27 - 9.07.2007; 07/28 - 16.07.2007; 7/29 - 23.7.2007

(d) **Agenda/Minutes/Notes/etc. of Area 3 Planning Sub-Committee**

NOTED these were not available.

(e) **Planning White Paper**

Cllr. Mulcuck offered to respond to this document from CPRE on behalf of the Council.

(f) **Parish Plan**

Information from Cllr. Mulcuck, following his attendance with Cllr. Mrs Thwaites at a recent parish plan meeting, was **READ** and it was **NOTED** that funding for parish plans is coming to an end.

Cllr. Mulcuck advised that the preparation of a plan is very involved, must be lead by the village and could take up to 2 years to complete. It will require parishioners to be involved and will need the assistance of professional bodies.

Discussion took place and Members were unsure whether the volunteers would come forward for such a large project.

RESOLVED to place an article in the Ditton Gazette which suggests the Council is considering the preparation of a parish plan and inviting anyone who would like to be involved to get in contact with the parish council.

203. **NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**(a) **Inclusion of paragraph 12(2)**

RESOLVED to include paragraph 12(2) in the new Model Code to be adopted.

(b) **Adoption of new Code of Conduct**

RESOLVED to **ADOPT** the new Model Code of Conduct for Town and Parish Councils, with the inclusion of paragraph 12(2).

It was **NOTED** that the adoption of the new Code must now be advertised in a local paper under Public Notices.

FURTHER NOTED a copy of the adopted Code must be lodged with the Monitoring Officer and the Standards Board for England.

204. **DITTON COURT QUARRY** – LNR Status Progress Report

Cllr. Mulcuck gave a report on a recent meeting with a representative from Natural England and Mike Easterbrook regarding the progress of Local Nature Reserve status for the quarry land. It was **NOTED** that they are awaiting written confirmation of delegated powers from the Borough Council, before any further progress can be made.

Cllr. Mulcuck advised that once the LNR status is granted new signs will be required. It is hoped that the local schools will help with the design of the new signs. It is also hoped that the signs can be financed through the Members grant scheme

205. **JOINT VENTURE WITH ST PETER'S CHURCH**

The Clerk advised that The Revd. Ross Terranova and The Revd. Priscilla Payne have advised that they would like to enter into discussion with the Council regarding a joint venture during the next year.

Members were advised that the Revd. Ross Terranova and the Revd. Priscilla Payne will attend the meeting of the Council on 3rd of September to put forward their suggestions.

206. **EXCLUSION ORDERS**

Details of exclusion orders, whereby a person can be temporarily excluded from premises, playing fields, playgrounds and car parks provided by a parish council were **READ**. It was **NOTED** that if the Council wishes to adopt these orders they will be required to erect notices to that effect.

RESOLVED to adopt the exclusion orders and obtain the required notices.

207. **BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION**

Details of the winners of the 2007 Best Kept Garden Competition, which had been previously circulated, was **READ** and it was **NOTED** that the announcement of the top three places will be announced at the presentation ceremony in the Kilnbarn Club on 3rd September 2007 at 7.00pm.

208. **REPORT OF VISIT TO RANG-DU-FLIERS FOR BASTILLE DAY**

A copy of Mayor's Speech at the Bastille Day ceremony, which had been previously circulated, was **READ** and their appreciation that Ditton has been represented every year since the twinning, was **NOTED**.

It was reported that the French hospitality was as welcoming as ever and they warmly greeted PC Roddick and Community Warden Sara Battledore, who took part in the Bastille Day ceremony in uniform, and made a great impression on Rang-du-Fliers Mayor and residents.

It was **NOTED** that a letter of thanks has been sent to Insp. Chahal for allowing P C Roddick to take part in the visit.

The Clerk advised that there seems to be some confusion over the waiving of the community centre hire fee for events organised to host twinning visits from Rang-du-Fliers and asked for clarification.

RESOLVED that no Community Centre hire fee will be charged to organisations hosting a bona-fide twinning visit from Ditton's twinned village of Rang-du-Fliers.

209. **DITTON GAZETTE**

Cllr. Brine advised that he is still awaiting copy for the Gazette and that it will probably be a 12 page edition.

Cllr. Baker suggested that academic qualifications of local children be included in future editions as he feels that praise should be given where deserved.

Discussion took place and the difficulty of obtaining this type of information was **NOTED**.

210. **DITTON COURT QUARRY BOUNDARY**

NOTED there was nothing further to report.

211. **MATTERS ARISING FROM "CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING"**

There were no matters arising.

In view of the confidential nature of the next item, the chairman moved that it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are instructed to withdraw from the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders 27 & 50.

212. **KILNBARN CLUB – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Reports of and incident between a member of staff and customer were **READ** and **NOTED**. Discussion took place and it was felt that taking into account the customers previous actions, it would not be in the best interests of the club of parish for him to remain a member.

RESOLVED that it is undesirable for this person to continue to be a member of the club and therefore his membership will be revoked with immediate effect for an indefinite period.

213. **OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk will not be available to attend the parish council meeting on 1st October 2007.

RESOLVED to move the meeting to Wednesday 3rd October 2007.

214. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman
3rd September 2007