

## 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> OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS K DENNISON (CHAIR), MRS J DEARDEN, A MULCUCK, MRS A THROSSELL & N NEWMAN  
MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY [CLERK OF THE COUNCIL]

192. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.09pm.

193. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Thwaites & Godden. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref.479.

194. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None Received.

195. **FINANCE**

(a) Month 5

**NOTED** this was not available.

196. **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(a) Litter Bin locations – Further discussion /Budget for 2022

It was again noted that if the parish council wished to install more litter bins in the village it would have to pay for the bins, installation and emptying of them. Discussion took place about areas where there were a lack of bins but it was acknowledged most people would hold on to their rubbish until they came to the next bin and those that didn't were unlikely to use a bin.

**RESOLVED** not to include provision for more litter bins in the next budget.

197. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

(a) Kiln Barn Recreational Ground – Removal of Basketball/ Goal sides

It was **NOTED** this was necessary as the wood in the panels had rotted and was dangerous.

(b) Church Pre-school – request – tree planting on village green

The request for the council to assist with the purchase of the tree was **READ** and **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED** to look at the cost of purchasing a suitable species of tree for this location along with two more to replace those that had died at NRRG.

198. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**(a) Allotment Rents – Update

It was **NOTED** that the increase to rents had been agreed at the previous meeting but the incorrect figures had been recorded in the minutes. The correct fees for 2021/22 should be:-

Half Plot	£12.30	Senior Half Plot	£11.40
Full Plot	£24.80	Senior Full Plot	£23.80

199. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**(a) 5 year Management plan & Walkround – Update

It was **NOTED** that a date had been set for a “walk around” on 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

200. **FORD MATTERS**(a) Update on ownership – Update

The only update was that a notice had been posted on the lamp post at the Ford about the ownership. The Clerk advised the OSA Administrator had attempted to make contact.

201. **TREES**(a) Extra Tree Survey Quarry – Update

It was **NOTED** that the additional survey had been completed, and other than the trees mentioned at the full council meeting, there were none giving cause for concern. However, there were some in an area that could not easily be accessed. It was agreed members would look at this area during the quarry walkaround.

202. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION - GENERAL**

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from Ditton Minors FC inviting Cllrs Lover, Mrs Dennison and Mrs Dearden to have a photo with the new defibrillator and this was to be arranged. Cllr Mrs Dennison reported that at a recent site visit at NRRG, a crack in the wall of the changing rooms was pointed out, a photo was circulated. It was agreed to allow DMFC to do their investigations but that the inside of the building should be inspected and the preferred builder used by the council asked for an opinion. Cllr Mrs Throssell suggested the insurance company should be notified if it was likely a claim would be made.

The Clerk explained that there had been some issues with the cutting of the public rights of way undertaken on behalf of KCC this year. She asked permission to request a meeting with the KCC PROW Officer and if necessary to give up the contract on Health and Safety grounds. Members agreed to this request.

203. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION FOR NOTING**

It was **REPORTED** no correspondence was received.

204. **CLOSURE**

It was **NOTED** that the OSA and Community Centre Meetings would need to swap dates in November – OSA on 8<sup>th</sup> November and CC on 15<sup>th</sup> November. It was suggested the Planning should remain on 15<sup>th</sup> because of dates for returning comments.

The meeting closed 7.47pm.

Chairman  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

