

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024

PRESENT: CLLRS N NEWMAN (CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL), MRS A THROSSELL (VICE-CHAIR), A WATERS, MRS J DEARDEN, MRS K NASH, J COX, MRS L COX & D ADDLINGTON
MRS N GREENAWAY (CLERK TO THE COUNCIL)
MRS B BENN (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

343. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.49pm.

Cllr Mrs Nash was invited to join the committee and accepted.

RESOLVED to Co opt Cllr Mrs Nash as a member of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee

344. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mulcuck. The previously notified reason for absence was **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref: 534.

345. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None received.

346. **FINANCE**

(a) Financial analysis Month 8.

Cllr Mrs Throssell queried if the expenditure under code 4104 (seats/bins) had been used to purchase a seat.

RESOLVED to confirm the reason for the expenditure.

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

(a) Removal of Poplar Tree KBRG – Request from Cllr Waters to consider replacing the tree that was removed from the front of the Kilnbarn.

Cllr Waters suggested that at least one new tree should be planted to replace the Poplar that had been removed previously. He suggested maybe a Beech or a Holly Tree would be suitable. The idea was **DISCUSSED** and there were concerns over the roots damaging the paths if it were to be planted in the previous site.

RESOLVED to do further research into the Beech and Holly Trees, the best location and to get a quote for the cost of the suggested trees.

348. **ALLOTMENTS**

The Administrative Assistant updated the Council, that there were no outstanding payments for this year's Allotment Rent and all Tenancy Agreements had been signed and sent back.

349. **SOCCER SCHOOL**

Cllr N Newman explained that a decision between council meetings had to be taken regarding a request to hold the Soccer School in February. The request was refused on the grounds of Health and Safety as the main toilets were scheduled to be refurbished at this time.

Future use of the recreation ground by the Soccer School was considered as it was **NOTED** there had been issues during the winter half terms.

RESOLVED to allow the Soccer School to use the facilities in the Spring and Summer months only. To implement a **NO** football boots inside the building rule and that a damages deposit of £50 per day should be made. This will be refunded after the event should no problems or damages occur.

350. **CHANGING ROOMS AT NEW ROAD RECREATIONAL GROUNDS (update)**

The Clerk updated the Council on the report from the site survey undertaken by the loss adjusters. It was **NOTED** that the building is safe to use but its condition has deteriorated. Recommendations from the loss adjusters were **DISCUSSED**.

RESOLVED to follow the recommendations and look into further tests and obtain quotes for the remedial work.

351. **CORRESPONDENCE**(a) **Email from local resident regarding Padel Tennis**

The Administrative Assistant explained that a request has been made by a local resident who asked if the Council would consider leasing some Parish land or if they would consider a partnership to build a Padel Tennis Court. It was agreed that there was not a suitable location for this activity.

RESOLVED not to accede this request.

352. **CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 8.34pm

Chairman
5th February 2024

