

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT: CLLRS GAIL GODDEN (CHAIR), A MULCUCK &, MR N NEWMAN.
MRS GEMMA JEFFS [ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT]
MRS NICOLA GREENAWAY [CLERK TO THE COUCNIL]

347. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by the Vice - Chair at 7.19pm.

348. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Dearden & Cllr Mrs Throssell. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref. 487.

349. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Godden declared a personal interest in item 7a allotments.

350. FINANCE

(a) Financial Analysis Month 9

Cllr Newman & Cllr Mulcuck questioned when the tree work is to be carried out as the budget for Trees and Planting still had funds available.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant advised work had taken place on 7th February 2022.

351. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Gooden advised a meeting had taken place with the Groundstaff last week, and from the previous traffic work schedule all of the red work had been completed. A new work schedule had been signed off and will be issued on February 22nd to all groundstaff. A meeting will follow in 2 weeks.

352. RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS

(a) Queens Green Canopy – Jubilee tree planting Woodland Trust pack

The Administrative Assistant advised that the council had missed the deadline to apply for free trees with the woodland trust. It was NOTED that we have missed this 2 years running as only a small number of trees are available. Cllrs **AGREED**

that the Administrative Assistant could look into purchasing some 'tree packs' which can be planted in the village. It was also suggested that KCC Cllr Andrew Kennedy be asked planting trees along the A20 London Road.

RESOLVED Admin Assistant to research and report at the next meeting.

(b) Kilnbarn Play Park – Memorial bench request

A request was **READ** from a resident for a Memorial Bench to be placed in the Kilnbarn play park in memory of her son.

RESOLVED To accede to this request.

353. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

(a) Allotment Rents – Update

It was **NOTED** that the majority of rents are in and will hopefully be complete in February as there is 1 outstanding payment due which will be chased again. If payment and improvement to the plot hasn't happened then a termination letter will be sent. It was also **NOTED** an inspection will take place on Thursday 24th February.

(b) Trailer to be left all year round

A discussion took place and it was **AGREED** that the trailer will be left in the allotments all year round and only removed when it needs emptying.

354. **TREES WORK/BUDGET**

The Admin Assistant reported that all necessary work had taken place on 7th February and the budget would be slightly overspent due to the emergency works with a dangerous tree in the quarry. The village has seen over the last few years quite a few diseased trees felled and all Councillors were in agreement that they would like to see further new tree saplings planted in the Quarry area and around the Village.

RESOLVED The Admin assistant to research what tree varieties are available and report back at the next meeting.

355. **SEATS/BINS/NOTICEBOARD'S SURVEY**

The Admin Assistant **REPORTED** that this survey had taken place for all of the seats, bins and noticeboards for the village. Their condition has been noted and any repair work will be carried out to rectify. The groundstaff have been issued separate sheets of work to be carried out.

356. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) For Consideration

Resident: Ditton Ford/Stream

It was **REPORTED** by the Clerk that a resident had reported issues with the stream and enclosed photographs. These were **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**. It was **AGREED** that a meeting should be held with representatives from the Parish Council, KCC, the resident and the Community Warden to discuss this matter further. It was further **NOTED** that the Parish Council has been unsuccessful in trying to obtain information on who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the ford. It was **REQUESTED** this item is to be placed on the Full Council Agenda.

RESOLVED Contact Cllr Andrew Kennedy and arrange a site meeting.

(b) For Noting

Ditton Bowls Club: Erection of new fence along border with track

It was **REPORTED** by the Clerk that the Bowls club are having their fence replaced on 3rd March. It was **NOTED** they will be carrying out works along the track.

357. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed 8.22pm.

Chairman
7th March 2022

