

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE ACORN ROOM AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS K DENNISON (CHAIR), MRS J DEARDEN, MR J LOVER, MRS A THROSSELL, MR N NEWMAN & MR A LAIDOUCI [as observer]
MR N SAUNDERS (Grounds Supervisor)
MRS G JEFFS (Administrative Assistant)

144. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.06pm.

145. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Thwaites. The previously notified reasons for absence were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** and recorded in the absence book Ref.475.

146. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None Received.

147. **FINANCE**

(a) Month 4

CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED

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

(a) Litter Bin – proposed locations- councillors walk round

Cllr Mulcuck suggested proposed locations for bins outside the school, on the village green and on the grass verge by Cherry Orchard for possible new Litter bins. The Administrative Assistant explained the Parish Council would have to pay for the installation costs, along with the maintenance and emptying of the proposed new bins.

As no decision was reached, this item be deferred to the next meeting to discuss if more bins should be added to next year's budget.

149. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

(a) Football request – shed & storage - new road recreational grounds

A request was **READ** for different options for new sheds on the site at the Old Recreational Ground at New Road. Option 1 for 1 x shed 3.03 X 2.4 Meters to be

located as plan and to the side of the Toilet Block. A request for planters in the area was also **NOTED**.

RESOLVED To accede to the request for one shed and for the planters which should be maintained by Ditton Minors. The small second shed was not agreed.

(b) Defibrillator location - New Road Recreational

A request was **READ** for the proposed location for the new defibrillator. It was **AGREED** it would be best to meet with Ditton Minors at the site to discuss further.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Dennison and Ditton Minors.

150. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

(a) Allotment Inspection Managers Report

Cllr Dennison **READ** the Allotment Inspection and it was **NOTED** most plots appear well maintained. Plots placed on the watch list are 4b & 19b. It was **REPORTED** the following plots require a warning letter, 9a, 19a and 24a. It was **NOTED** that the grass near the perimeter fence has been strimmed.

(b) EMR – land

Cllr Mulcuck expressed his wish for a meeting to be arranged with East Malling Research to discuss the possibility of further allotment plots.

151. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

(a) 5 year Management plan

It was **NOTED** that the Quarry Management Plan is coming up for a renewal. The Administrative Assistant reported a charge of £750 Plus VAT would be expected for the renewal. It was **AGREED** that the 'Quarry Walk Round' would be arranged and the re dating of the management plan would be carried out.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant will make contact and make arrangements.

152. **FORD MATTERS**

(a) Update on ownership

The Administrative Assistant **REPORTED** that contact has been made with Cllr Andrew Kennedy and contact has been made with KCC to try and establish ownership. It was **NOTED** that the Groundstaff will clear the front sides of silt. It was also **NOTED** the hand rails around the ford need to be painted.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant to continue working on ownership and report the hand rails to KCC Fault Reporting.

153. **TREES**

(a) Resident correspondence

It was **READ** and **NOTED** that this area of trees is receiving complaints more regularly and it was **AGREED** that a full tree survey just of this area in the quarry will be undertaken. It was also **NOTED** that contact is to be made with TMBC Tree Warden.

RESOLVED The administrative assistant to make contact with the TMBC tree officer and arrange for the Grounds Staff to carry out the survey. This will be reported at the next meeting.

154. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION - GENERAL**

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

155. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION FOR NOTING**

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

156. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed 8.56pm.

Chairman
4th October 2021

