

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2019

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS K DENNISON [CHAIR], MR A MULCUCK, MRS J COOPER, MR P DALTON, MRS A THROSSEL, MRS J DEARDEN AND MR N NEWMAN
MR N SAUNDERS (Grounds Supervisor)
MRS G JEFFS (Administrative Assistant)
MRS S CRAIG (Business Administrator)

502. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.44pm.

503. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllrs Mrs J Thwaites. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 424 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

504. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None Declared.

*****ADJOURNMENT*****

A resident attended the meeting to speak about the stream and explained his views regarding his boundary, fencing and posts. It was **NOTED** the Parish Council have been trying to no avail to establish who is responsible for the up keep of the stream/ford. It was **NOTED** once ownership has been established then the residents will be contacted. Another Resident's correspondence with regards to the Ford was **READ**, **CIRCULATED** and **NOTED**.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant is to write to the resident to advise of current situation re the ford.

505. **FINANCE**

(a) **Financial Analysis Month 10**

The Financial Analysis which had previously been **CIRCULATED** was **READ**. Cllr Newman would like it minuted that the Financial Analysis is reaching the meetings later and later.

(b) **Replacement Mowers Quotation**

Mower quotes were **READ** and **NOTED**.

RESOLVED To accede this request and purchase the mowers as agreed from the Earmarked Reserves fund for Machinery.

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

(a) Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Cllr Mulcuck Update

Cllr Mulcuck gave an update and the Vicar will be looking into these plaques. It was **NOTED** thanks are to be given to Cllr Mulcuck for his work on this.

(b) Litter Bins – TMBC

The Administrative Assistant reported a meeting had taken place with TMBC regarding a review of all bins in the village. It was **NOTED** the village has approximately 35 bins. The Councillors will have a look and think about any areas they feel more litter bins are needed and the Administrative Assistant will report this back to TMBC.

(c) Ditton Minors Licence Renewal – The New Road Recreational Grounds

Cllr Dennison asked all members had read the Licence. There were no comments. It was **NOTED** and **AGREED** Cllr Dennison and the Administrative Assistant would arrange a meeting with Ditton Minors to discuss the points of the License.

(d) Dog bin in the quarry – resident correspondence

All points were discussed and raised regarding the potential new dog waste bin. Contact has been made with TMBC to see if the waste services team would empty this and they will not as access isn't available. The waste services contractor has been contacted about the waste being put in the Community Centre bins. This has been denied on a health & Safety implication and the weight of the waste would no doubt take us over the agreed limit on our collections. A vote on whether a dog bin should be placed in the quarry to be emptied by a volunteer was taken. Coting resulted in 6 against and 1 for.

RESOLVED Not to place a dog waste bin in the quarry due to the implications of emptying it.

A discussion also took also took place about the resident acting as a volunteer dog warden. A vote took place resulting in 6 for and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED To write to the resident accordingly.

507. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

(a) Replacement ranch style fencing quarry entrance – update

It was **NOTED** the fencing had been installed and made a huge improvement to the entrance to the quarry.

(b) Louis Lawlor goal keeper and player development programme dates

A request to use the Recreational Grounds were **READ and NOTED**.

RESOLVED To accede to this request. The Administrative Assistant to create a Recreational Grounds timetable.

(c) Personal Training request for use of outside space for buggy fitness.

A request to use the Recreational Grounds were **READ, NOTED and AGREED**.

RESOLVED To accede to this request.

508. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

It was noted that one outstanding rent has been paid and one rent is still outstanding. The last letter sent gave a date payment must be received by, that has now passed so the allotment would be forfeited. A vote was taken as to whether to uphold this decision with a 6 votes to 1 majority to offer the allotment to the next person on the list.

RESOLVED The administration assistant to offer to the next person on the allotment waiting list.

509. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

510. **FORD MATTERS**

(a) Resident correspondence

This item was seen during the **ADJOURNMENT** section of this meeting.

511. **TREES**

It was **NOTED** the Winter tree survey will take place in the coming weeks.

512. **DITTON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Quotation for potential works 2019

The quotation was **READ** and suggested this would go to the next Full Council meeting for further explanation.

513. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION – GENERAL**

NOTED None Received

514. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

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CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED.

515. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman
8th April 2019