

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2019

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

552. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.50pm.

553. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

554. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr Mrs Thwaites declared a personal interest in item 7 as her Husband retains an allotment.

555. **FINANCE**

(a) **Financial Analysis Month 12**

The Financial Analysis which had previously been **CIRCULATED** was **READ**

Cllr Dalton abstained for making any comment on the Financial Analysis.

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

(a) **Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Cllr Mulcuck Update (Page 220 Item 506a)**

Cllr Mulcuck said no update has been given. Cllr Mulcuck would like a letter sent to the Vicar to seek clarification.

RESOLVED Administrative Assistant to send a letter to the vicar.

(b) Litter Bins – TMBC (page 220 Item 5b)

Further to the meeting with TMBC regarding a review of all bins in the village. It was **NOTED** the village has approximately 35 bins. The Councillors have reviewed and would like additional bins to be placed on New Road on the side of the school, they have requested 3 bins to be installed.

RESOLVED Administrative Assistant to contact TMBC and propose new locations for bins.

(c) Ditton Minors Licence Renewal – The New Road Recreational Grounds (page no 220 Item 5c)

Cllr Mrs Dennison read the proposed appendices and it was **NOTED** a number of times are being changed and it was **AGREED** that appendix one will be included in the Licence and appendix (two) with regards to the W/C building will now be referred to as Appendix one. Cllr Mulcuck proposed to accept these changes and Cllr Cooper seconded this. **CARRIED**

It was **NOTED** and **AGREED** Cllr Mrs Dennison and the Administrative Assistant would arrange a meeting with Ditton Minors to discuss the points of the Licence. It was **NOTED** when this meeting takes place the question is to be asked if the proposed times change are for every night, will additional teams be scheduled to play, if so, will this impact the immediate residents?

(d) Wedding Reception hog roast (Page no 138 Item 347a)

The Administrative Assistant reported the bride had been in touch regarding the catering for her reception. The hog roast was **AGREED** but certain conditions were to be adhered too. Location, not to be left unattended, and must be finished by 10pm

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant to contact bride and confirm all information and explain conditions of hire.

557. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**(a) Ditton Minors new season pitch requests (September 2019)

Cllr Dennison read out the new season pitch requests and explained the parish council had offered to mark out an additional pitch at the Old Rec, which would be an 11 v 11 with a 9 v 9 marked inside. Ditton Minors would be responsible for the installation and purchase of the goals, sockets and goal mouths. This was to accommodate their pitch requests. It was **NOTED** the additional team that was suggested to pitch share on the quarry pitch would take this over the limit of 3 teams per weekend as agreed with the Ground supervisor.

RESOLVED Not to accede to this request for additional pitch and the Administrative Assistant to contact Ditton Minors and advise of the decisions.

It was also **NOTED** Ditton Minors had requested a key to the gate for vehicle access to the Old Recreational Grounds.

RESOLVED Not to accede to this request.

(b) Cricket Mower service/purchase

It was **NOTED** this heading should have read service/sale. It was **REPORTED** the service centre that services our machines have offered to purchase this mower. This mower is a very old mower and isn't running well and now is no longer needed and to get this machine running it would need further funds spent on this to service it.

RESOLVED To sell this machine and accept the current offer.

(c) MUGA fundraiser enquiry

A request for a fundraising event was **READ**. Councillor's **AGREED** further questions should be asked.

RESOLVED Administrative Assistant is to contact the applicant and ask further questions and a decision will be made once further information has been received.

(d) Ditton Minors Soccer School Date May 2019

It was **NOTED** Ditton Minors have requested to use the Kiln Barn Recreational Grounds for the Milwall soccer school. To be held in the May half term. It was **NOTED** LL Coaching and Rhys Personal Training are also using the grounds during this week. All Councillor's felt the Old Recreational Grounds would be better suited to their needs as they have facilities there. Also that an additional soccer school would be over use of the grounds.

RESOLVED Not to accede to this request and to explain the reasons why. Also offer the use of the New Road Recreational Grounds for this soccer school.

558. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

(a) BBQ procedure

A procedure was **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**. All Councillor's felt the procedure in place for the allotment holders was acceptable.

It was **NOTED** no BBQ's are permitted on the Recreational Grounds and additional signage is required at all entrances and exits.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant to arrange additional signage.

(b) Allotment Inspection Report

Cllr Dennison **CIRCULATED** the Allotment Inspection which was **READ** and it was **NOTED** all appears well with most plots. Most of the plots are ready to be worked on for the new season. Plots placed on the 'watch list' are 5b,8b,10,14b,17a,24a. These plots will be inspected at the next inspection. It was highlighted the grass near the perimeter fencing needs strimming and overgrown branches the quarry side of the fence needs to be removed.

RESOLVED The Ground staff to undertake the perimeter fencing jobs.

559. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

560. **FORD MATTERS**

It was **REPORTED** a number of residents have complained regarding the ford/stream and it was **AGREED** whilst the Parish Council are not responsible for the upkeep of the ford/stream action needs to be taken. It was **AGREED** a letter should be sent to the Environment Agency one more time with a time frame for them to respond. If they do not respond in the specified time a working party will be set up and local residents will be given the chance to express an interest joining. It is to be minuted that so far the Parish Council has contacted KCC Highways, The Environment Agency and TMBC to establish who is responsible for this. To date none of the above has claimed ownership.

561. **TREES**

Kent Tree Pond Warden – Training Days

It was **NOTED** all Councillor's felt the training days should be offered to the Ground Staff.

RESOLVED The Ground Staff to submit availability and the Administrative Assistant to book relevant course.

562. **POTENTIAL COMMUNITY GROUNDS WORK**

Quotation for potential Church and School works 2019

The quotations were **READ** and suggested this would go to the next Full Council meeting for further explanation with a full breakdown of costs.

RESOLVED To accede to this request.

563. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION – GENERAL**

Kent Wildlife Trust – Local Wildlife Site Survey

It was **REPORTED** Kent Wildlife Trust wanted to survey the quarry site. All Councillor's were in agreement this would be a wonderful report to have once this has taken place.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant to submit details and request this survey to take place.

564. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

- (a) Arbor Spring 2019
- (b) Fields in Trust AGM 2019
- (c) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Campaigns Update

CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED.

565. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Chairman
13th May 2019