

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS DENNISON (CHAIR) MRS J THWAITES (VICE-CHAIR),
MR A MULCUCK, MRS G GODDEN AND MR N NEWMAN
MR N SAUNDERS (Grounds Supervisor)
MRS G JEFFS (Administrative Assistant)

224. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.50pm.

225. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr Mrs Anne Throssell, Cllr Cooper and Cllr Mrs Dearden. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 442 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

226. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

227. FINANCE

(a) Financial Analysis Month 4 (herewith)

CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED

It was **NOTED** Cllr Newman has requested that invoices are to be processed more frequently with regards to utility bills, leases and insurances etc.

228. RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS

(a) Licence Ditton Minors

It was **REPORTED** that Ditton Minors were asking for the wording in the licence to be amended but all Councillors felt the licence that has been supplied is sufficient. It was **NOTED** the licence should be signed.

RESOLVED Administrative Assistant to make contact and request the licence be signed and returned by the 11th October 2019.

(b) Ditton Minors – Padlock on container

It was **REPORTED** a temporary lock had been placed on the football equipment storage. container This container is the property of Ditton Parish Council. It was suggested the Parish council seeks advice in relation to the property being stored in the container and who should be responsible for the lock.

RESOLVED Administrative Assistant to contact the insurance company and seek advice and report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

229. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**(a) Allotment Rent Review

A comparison of allotment rents and possible increases was **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**.

It was agreed to review the provision of the annual skip next year as it was **NOTED** the cost of the skip keeps increasing year on year. It was further **NOTED** no other Parish Council provides this service.

RESOLVED to increase allotment rents by 10% this year effective from the 1st November 2019.

It was **REPORTED** the Administrative Assistant will make contact with the Allotment Association to discuss the possibility of them purchasing the Brown Bin Garden Waste Scheme.

230. **FORD MATTERS**(a) Working party

It was **REPORTED** an advert had been placed in the Summer Edition of the Gazette seeking volunteers to create a working party and so far 3 residents had responded. It was also **REPORTED** work is being undertaken by the Groundstaff and they will continue to do so. It was **AGREED** a day for Medway Valley Country Partnership will be booked. A letter will also be sent to KCC, TMBC and the Environment Agency informing them that The Parish Council will be carrying out maintenance and will launch a volunteer working party.

231. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

All Councillors **AGREED** the walk in the Summer around the Quarry was an excellent idea and they all had a fantastic evening seeing what a beautiful place and asset the Quarry is to the Village.

RESOLVED To send a letter to Mr Harrison and Mr Easterbrook thanking them for their continued hard work and dedication to the Quarry.

232. **TREES & PLANTING**(a) Additional Hanging basket on Village Green

A Request was **NOTED** from Cllr Mulcuck to place an additional hanging basket on the village green this would be included in next year's budget.

233. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Resident request for a memorial bench

A request was **READ** for a memorial bench to be sited on the village green. It was **NOTED** that the resident will be responsible for purchasing, applying for Planning consent, installation and maintenance of the bench.

RESOLVED to accede to this request.

234. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman
7th October 2019