

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 MAY 2018

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS K DENNISON [CHAIR], MRS A THROSSELL, MRS J DEARDEN, M PORTER, P JOBLING, T MULCUCK, P DALTON.
MR N SAUNDERS (Grounds Supervisor)
MRS N GREENAWAY (Clerk of the Council)
MRS G JEFFS (Administrative Assistant)

61. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.40pm.

62. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr Mrs J Thwaites. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 390 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

63. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr Mulcuck declared a personal interest in item 6B as he retains an allotment. Cllr Dearden declared a personal interest in item 6D as Cllr Dearden Co- owns the Pre School.

64. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Mrs Thwaites was nominated by Cllr Mulcuck and seconded by Cllr Mrs Throssell. Cllr Jobling was nominated by Cllr Mrs Dearden and seconded by Cllr Porter. Voting took place resulting in a majority for Cllr Jobling. Cllr Jobling was duly elected Vice Chair of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee for 2018/19.

ADJOURNMENT

A resident and TekkerzFitness representative attended to request the Parish Council's permission to use the Kiln Barn Recreational ground for a new Football Fitness class to be held on Sundays June through to September 10am to 12 midday. This is open to both Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities.

The Chair moved that item 66(a) be brought forward for consideration as it relates to the issue discussed in the adjournment.

65. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

- (a) TekkerzFitness – Football/ Fitness training request to use the Kiln Barn Recreation ground on Sunday Mornings for 2 hours.

RESOLVED to allow the trial Promotional day of June 3rd to go ahead and further investigation will be made for the Start of the Business to launch on June 17th.

66. **FINANCE**

- (a) Financial Analysis Month 12

The previously **CIRCULATED** financial analysis was **READ** and **NOTED**.

Cllrs asked for clarification on a point regarding depreciation. The Clerk advised this was an adjustment made by the accountant for the year end..

- (b) Compound Damage

It was **NOTED** the compound had sustained criminal damage to the roof. A quotation has been received giving three options for repair or replacement. It was **NOTED** that there was asbestos requiring removal and that both replacement roof options would be costly.

RESOLVED Quotations to be sent to the next Full Council Meeting for a decision on which option and where the funding would come from.

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

- (a) Footpath Protection (Open Spaces Society)

It was **REPORTED** the footpath questionnaires have been sent off to Kent County council.

- (b) Bowls Club request for Barrier

It was **REPORTED** the Barrier is being installed on 23rd May 2018.

RESOLVED Contact to be made with the Bowls Club again to confirm insurance details and ownership.

Correspondence from a Resident detailing the Bowls and Allotment Track had been Received. It was **NOTED** the tracks pot holes will be filled with hardcore chippings.

RESOLVED to respond to the resident accordingly.

- (c) Gang Mower Replacement

NOTED the new Gang Mower order had been placed and will be delivered shortly.

- (d) Resident Ragstone Court – Pre- School Outdoor Area.

NOTED a letter has been sent to Resident.

68. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

(a) TekkerzFitness – Football/ Fitness training request to use the Kiln Barn Recreation ground on Sunday Mornings for 2 hours. **NOTED** dealt with earlier in the meeting.

(b) Business Use on the Recreation Grounds

It was **REPORTED** correspondence had been received from Ditton Minors regarding Commercial Business use of the Kiln Barn Recreation Ground. It was **AGREED** a full review would be undertaken on Hire Charges, Terms and Conditions and Business agreements.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant is to undertake this research and present this at the next meeting.

(c) Ditton Minors Evening Training Schedule

The Training Schedule was read, and circulated. It was **NOTED** Ditton Minors use the Kiln Barn Recreational Ground Every night except Mondays. This will also be a part of the review.

RESOLVED The Administrative Assistant is to undertake this research and present this at the next meeting.

69. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

It was **REPORTED** Two allotments have been taken over from details from the waiting List.

It was also **REPORTED** The Pee Pod is near completion and the question has been asked if both shelters are being kept.

RESOLVED to look through past minutes and contact the Secretary of DATS to confirm this information.

70. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

Cllr Mulcuck **REPORTED** he has been offered some Bluebells for the Quarry.

71. **TREES**

It was **REPORTED** that the Clerk had tracked down the relative of the memorial tree that was planted on the Village Green that is in poor condition and needs to re-located. However the relative had asked for more information before giving consent.

RESOLVED to supply further information on location and tree type.

72. **CORRESPONDANCE FOR DECISION – GENERAL**

It was **REPORTED** that a Resident had contacted the Council regarding damage that occurred to his rain coat due to wet paint on edging stones at the Community Centre Car Park. It was **NOTED** that the coat could not be dry cleaned and the paint would not wash

out. It was also **NOTED** that the resident had advised the coat was a year old and cost either £75 or £80 from Next.

RESOLVED to offer a £50.00 Next Voucher toward the purchase of a new coat.

73. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

A communication from a resident was **CIRCULATED, READ** and **NOTED**. It was further **NOTED** that most of these issues had been responded to in previous correspondence.

RESOLVED The Clerk will draft a further response to the correspondence.

74. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman
4th June 2018