

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DITTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT: CLLRS J LOVER (CHAIRMAN), N NEWMAN (VICE-CHAIRMAN),
 MRS J DEARDEN, MRS K DENNISON, MRS G GODDEN, A MULCUCK,
 M PORTER, MRS A THROSSELL & MRS J THWAITES.
 MRS N GREENAWAY [Clerk of the Council],
 KCC WARDEN S ABSOLON, BOROUGH CLLR D COOPER

372. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

373. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Cannon and KCC Cllr Homewood.

374. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Mulcuck declared an interest in item 383(b) as he lives close to the site of the application for a supermarket.

375. CASUAL VACANCIES

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by a resident who was interested in joining the Council and that the resident was in attendance this evening as an observer.

376. CONFIRMATION & SIGNING OF MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2ND DECEMBER 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record.

377. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mulcuck asked if there was an update on the requested site meeting about the trees in Ditton Place. The Clerk **REPORTED** that this application had been refused so a site meeting was no longer required.

378. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD DURING DECEMBER 2019

Finance and Administration Committee, 16th December 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were presented by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

Recommendation:

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021 [Page 155, Item 370]

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** and **ADOPT** the 2020/2021 estimates as set out in the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on 16th December 2019 [Page 161, Minute 370].

Cllr Mulcuck thanked the Clerk for the hard work put into giving members several options to consider when discussing the estimates.

379. **CORRESPONDENCE**(a) For Noting

The following correspondence was **CIRCULATED** at the meeting and **READ** and **NOTED**:-

RBL:	<u>Thank you for donation</u>
Ditton Infant School:	<u>Thank you for donation for Christmas Party</u>
Ditton Junior School:	<u>Thank you for donation for Christmas Party</u>
Rev Ross Terranova:	<u>Thank you</u>
Heart of Kent Hospice:	<u>Thank you and Information</u>
KALC:	<u>The Parish News, December 2019</u> <u>NALC Chief Exec Bulletin</u> <u>Chairman's Open Letter</u>
Gallagher:	<u>Minutes of Advisory Group Meeting on 15/11/19</u>
ACRK:	<u>Oast to Coast</u>
Cllr Mulcuck:	<u>Article on charity posters</u>
Local Councils:	<u>Update December 2019</u>
SLCC:	<u>The Clerk January 2020</u>
Highways England:	<u>A21 Medway Viaduct & Manor Farm subway improvements</u>

For Decision

NOTED none received to date.

380. **FINANCE**(a) Accounts For Payment

RESOLVED the following accounts be **ACCEPTED, APPROVED** and **PAID**:-

December Payroll Summary

Monthly	Gross	£24,545.43
	Net	£17,735.53

Accounts for Payment

Fourways	Stationary		161.03	
		VAT	32.21	£193.24
Commercial Services	Vehicle Lease		302.78	
		VAT	60.56	£363.34
Business Stream	Waste Water		954.13	£954.13
Imagink	Winter Gazette		719.00	£719.00
Atlas Facilities	Annual Keyholder Service		300.00	
		VAT	60.00	£360.00
Travis Perkins	Supplies		5.34	
		VAT	1.07	£6.41
Aquaid	Water and Machine		84.93	
		VAT	16.99	£101.92
Astra Security	Padlock & Keys		403.74	
		VAT	80.75	£484.49
CommuniCorp	Annual Subscription		75.00	£75.00

Accounts Paid in December

Ditton Infant School	Donation		200.00	£200.00
Ditton Junior School	Donation		200.00	£200.00
Cash	Christmas Bands/Bar Float		3900.00	£3,900.00

(b) Direct Debits - Paid During December 2019

The following Direct Debits were **READ, NOTED** and **APPROVED:-**

26.11.19	Mecklenburgh	Bar Stock	£59.21
27.11.19	Host My Office	IT Support	£350.40
28.11.19	BT	BT Sports	£265.42
28.11.19	Veolia	Refuse Collection	£343.03
29.11.19	Paymentsense	Card Machine Charges	£95.76
29.11.19	NCS	Telephone Rental	£21.96
29.11.19	NCS	Telephone System Repairs	£320.05
29.11.19	O2	Mobile Phone	£26.20
02.12.19	WEX	Vehicle Fuel	£140.45
02.12.19	TMBC	Business Rates	£1,355.00
03.12.19	BT	Telephone Line	£108.36
04.12.19	Host My Office	IT Support	£330.00
09.12.19	Rentokil	Washroom Services	£218.60
09.12.19	Sky	Sky Sports	£632.40
10.12.19	Mecklenburgh	Bar Stock	£234.36
16.12.19	The Safety Effect	Monthly H&S	£114.00
16.12.19	Sage	Monthly Subscription	£142.20
16.12.19	DHFE	Till Rental	£369.60
16.12.19	Paytek	Card Machine Rental	£54.00
18.12.19	ICO	Annual Charge	£35.00

20.12.19	BT	Telephone Line	£99.00
20.12.19	Heineken	Bar Stock	£8,736.15
23.12.19	Siemens	Telephone Rental	£188.46
23.12.19	WEX	Vehicle Fuel	£75.23
23.12.19	NEST	Pension Contributions	£340.59
24.12.19	BOC	Bar Gas	£150.00
24.12.19	Mecklenburgh	Bar Stock	£313.51
27.12.19	BT	BT Sport	£265.42
30.12.19	Host My Office	IT Support	£350.40
30.12.19	Veolia	Refuse Collection	£357.85
31.12.19	Paymentsense	Card Charges	£42.00
31.12.19	NCS	Telephone Rental	£21.96
31.12.19	NCS	Telephone Calls	£49.09
31.12.19	NCS	Photocopy Charges	£213.32

(c) BACS - Paid During December 2019

The following BACs payments were **READ, NOTED** and **APPROVED:-**

12.12.19	BSS Stocktaking	Stocktaking	£120.00
16.12.19	Safeplay	Playground Repair	£432.00
16.12.19	KCC Pension	Pension Contributions	£2,544.69
16.12.19	HMRC	PAYE/NI	£3,919.74
16.12.19	N Greenaway	Reimbursement	£57.81
16.12.19	KCC	Quarterly Audit	£576.00
20.12.19	Day Tree Fellers	Tree Surgery	£150.00
20.12.19	KA Electrical	Electrical Work	£2,233.20
23.12.19	S Ricketts	Community Centre Maintenance	£770.00
24.12.19	J Hayward	Kilnbarn Entertainment	£400.00

(d) Debit Card Payments - Paid During December 2019

The following Debit Card payments were **READ, NOTED** and **APPROVED:-**

26.11.19	Table Protectors	Table Covers	£26.96
03.12.19	Screwfix	Batteries/Light Bulbs	£30.44
04.12.19	Homebase	Christmas Trees	£177.00
06.12.19	Post Office	Stamps	£64.98
13.12.19	Sainsbury's	Refreshments	£97.45
13.12.19	FDMS	Card Charges	£129.23
16.12.19	Bankline	Monthly Charge	£39.38
16.12.19	Tesco	Bar Supplies	£92.34
18.12.19	EE	Mobile TopUp	£5.00
19.12.19	247 Blinds	Window Blind	£41.50
27.12.19	South Eastern Beers	Bar Stock	£361.17

381. **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr David Cooper said things had been relatively quiet over the Christmas period at the Borough Council. He then **REPORTED** on the following items:

- Waste Services Contract – there are still problems with particular properties that do not face onto the road. Borough Councillors are able to contact Urbaser for persistent shortcomings. Residents should still report problems on line as they will be registered with the Council and build a case to put to Urbaser. He had resolved an issue for one resident in Acorn Grove and this week their bins were pulled out.
- Ditton Edge – this application is still in abeyance due to the ongoing issues around S.106 payments and A20 improvements.
- Application from Lidl at the former Kia site has been submitted and this has been called in to Area 3 and is likely to go to the March meeting.
- Confirmed the application to fell trees in Ditton Place had been refused.
- Tracey Crouch had been re-elected as the local MP at the recent general election with a large majority.

Cllr Lover asked if the Borough Council had guidelines about extra bags that would not fit in the waste bin following an issue experienced by his neighbour of a bag being removed. This will be investigated.

382. **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDEN**

KCC Sue Absolon gave the following report:-

- December had been a short working month due to some annual leave taken.
- School parking – there had been problems in December but the infant school are taking some positive action to deal with this.
- Has spoken to the Chairman of the Youth Centre re KCC Youth and it is hoped a meeting will be arranged in the New Year.
- Has spoken to TMBC about some previously reported asbestos by garages.
- A sofa left outside the Indian takeaway in Woodlands Parade should be removed within a day.
- Welfare – she had been supporting residents with dementia and helping out at a carers café in East Malling.
- Scams – various - action taken to make people aware.
- Had been thefts from One Stop.
- Dogs in the quarry – following a report about dogs being ill after being in the quarry she had carried out a detailed search and the only strange items found were some tissues with excrement and some burnt tin foil. There was nothing else visible that could be harmful.
- Was very pleased to be invited to attend the infant school Christmas fair and achievement assembly.
- Book exchange was going well and at today's exchange 30+ people attended.

Sue was thanked for achievements so far and invited to keep up the good work.

383. **DATE SENSITIVE PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

(a) Plans Received for Comment

TM/19/02951/TNCA	T2 Large Thuja Tree in rear garden – reduce height by 50% to form an even level and trim /reduce all side growth by approx. 1m with emphasis on crown overhanging neighbour's driveway	The Rectory 2 The Stream
RESOLVED	THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION	

SUBJECT TO THE TMBC TREE OFFICER'S APPROVAL.

(b) Plans for which extension for comments deadline requested

TM/19/02841/FL	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of Class A1 foodstore with associated parking, Landscaping and access works	675 London Rd
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It was **NOTED** that an extension until 4th February for comments had been granted by TMBC. The Clerk advised that the Full Council Meeting to be held on 3rd February would be in the Acorn Room to accommodate members of the public that wished to attend to speak about this application.

Cllr Mulcuck advised that he had started a petition against this application purely as a resident that disagreed with the development. It was agreed a copy of the petition could be available in the Parish Office for residents to sign.

TM/19/02900/FL	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 x 1 bedroom flats and 6 x 2 bedroom flats Within new residential building. Creation of 12 parking spaces, cycle parking and refuse storage areas. Associated hard and soft landscaping.	Cobdown Lodge 540 London Rd
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It was **NOTED** that an extension until 21st January for comments had been granted by TMBC.

(c) TM/17/01595/OAEA - Outline Application for erection of up to 840 dwellings – land south of London Road and east of Hermitage Lane

It was **NOTED** that Tracey Crouch MP had contacted all the local parishes and asked that they re-submit objections to this application and request that it be “Called-In” to the Secretary of State. The Clerk confirmed she had written to the Secretary of State and copied the letter to other relevant parties.

(d) Communication from resident regarding traffic lights at Ditton Corner

Discussion took place on the frequency of the lights. It was **NOTED** they appeared to be working more effectively recently. Cllr Mrs Dennison said that at the presentation for the KCC A20 Improvements they said that the new traffic signals would be greatly advanced and react to the traffic.

RESOLVED to advise the resident that the signals should be improved with the proposed A20 improvements.

384. **MATTERS ARISING FROM “CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING”**

Cllr Mulcuck advised he had noted the newspaper article stating that under the Town and Country Planning Act temporary signs are given “deemed consent” as long as they are for ‘charitable, religious, educational, cultural or social purposes’. However the article pointed out that some local authorities remove such signs.

Cllr Mrs Dennison advised that at a recent Area KALC meeting it was said that if members were interested in a particular training workshop but are unable to attend weekday sessions if they advise KALC and if there is enough interest, they would run an evening or weekend session.

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Adjournment

The Chairman asked Mr Rook if, after listening to the discussions at the meeting, he was interested in joining the Council. Mr Rook said he had found it very interesting. He advised he had lived in the area for over 40 years and was particularly interested in the effects of proposed developments. He also expressed an interested in learning more about the Twinning Committee activities. Mr Rook also said he had been surprised to hear at a meeting in East Malling that the East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council had been successful in objecting to the amount of houses proposed for the Parkside development and this resulted in increasing the number proposed to be built on the Ditton Edge side. It was not known if this was correct or if other factors resulted in the planning applications being revised. It was agreed Mr Rook would submit a brief resume to the Clerk and all being well he could be co-opted on to the Council at the meeting on 3rd February.

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385. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman
3rd February 2019

