

## 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 OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT: CLLRS MRS J THWAITES (VICE-CHAIR), MR A MULCUCK, MRS G GODDEN AND MR J LOVER [EX-OFFICIO]  
MR N SAUNDERS [GROUNDS SUPERVISOR],  
MRS N GREENAWAY [CLERK OF THE COUNCIL], MR B WHITE (ADMIN. ASSISTANT)

### 224. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by the Vice-Chair at 7.39pm.

### 268. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllrs Mrs Throssell, Mrs Dennison, Mrs Dearden and Newman. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 445 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### 269. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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

### 270. **FINANCE**

(a) Financial Analysis Month 6

**CIRCULATED, READ and NOTED**

(b)

### 271. **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(a) Licence Ditton Minors

It was **NOTED** that the Chairman from Ditton Minors had attended the office on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and had signed the licence, in the presence of the Chairman of the Council and Clerk. His signature was witnessed. The Chairman and Clerk also signed the document and the Clerk then applied the Parish Seal [Ref.57] to the document.

It was further **NOTED** that the Treasure of Ditton Minors would be attending the office this week to add her signature to the document. Ditton Minors would then be invoiced for the "peppercorn" licence fee of £1.00 per year for the next 10 year period.

### 272. **RECREATION GROUNDS MATTERS**

(a) Request from Ditton Minors for a replacement shed at the Old Rec

A request to replace the damaged shed with a new one was **READ**.

**RESOLVED** to accede to this request subject to the football club removing all the debris from the old shed.

(b) The Football Association Football facilities

An invitation to take part in a discussion about the provision of a 3G pitch was **READ** and **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED** to respond advising that this Council does not want to install a 3G pitch at this time and decline the invitation to discuss the matter further.

(c) Glow in the dark dog fouling signs

A advertising campaign to deter dog fouling with “glow in the dark” posters was **READ**. It was **NOTED** that the posters etc would cost £250.00. Cllr Mrs Godden said she would be happy to help design a poster the Council could use to hopefully deter dog fouling on Parish land.

(d) Play inspection Annual Report

It was **NOTED** that there were no issues requiring urgent attention. It was further **NOTED** that a replacement trampoline mat had been ordered and would be installed as soon as it could be arranged.

273. **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

(a) Allotment tenancy agreement – point 17 – provision of skip

It was **NOTED** that the provision of an annual skip for the removal of “non-compostible” waste was included in the tenancy agreement and this is because the Council does not allow the burning of such waste on site. It was agreed this should be left in place but may be reviewed. It was further **NOTED** that the provision of the trailer to remove other “green” had worked well and that it could be provided again. The Vice-Chair advised that the next allotment inspection would take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

274. **QUARRY LNR MATTERS**

(a) Annual meeting date to still be confirmed

It was **NOTED** that there had been difficulty in finding a suitable date that the majority could attend for a meeting.

275. **TREES & PLANTING**

(a) Resident complaint regarding overhanging rear trees

A letter from a resident about issues experienced from trees on their boundary was **READ**. The Grounds Supervisor advised that these trees had been trimmed approximately two years ago and in his opinion as Council Tree Warden did not require immediate work.

**RESOLVED** to advise the resident that the trees would be reviewed again in the next tree inspection but no work would take place until it was deemed necessary.

(b) Tree work quotation plus additional tree work

A quote for various tree works was **READ**. It was **NOTED** that there was sufficient budget to undertake these works.

**RESOLVED** to obtain further quotations.

276. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Muddy Puddles – outside area request

A request to “fence off” the small verge at the front of the building and the small grassed area at the end of the building was **READ**.

**RESOLVED** to accede to this request subject to the pre-school leaving clear access to their fire escape and the footpath that goes passed the pre-school.

(b) Castle Colts – correspondence

A communication from Caslte Colts advising that they were unhappy that Ditton Minors were contacting them direct about use of their pitch on Sunday afternoons, was **READ**.

**RESOLVED** to advise Ditton Minors that all requests for additional pitch requirements must come via the parish office.

The Clerk asked permission to draw the committees attention to a matter previously discussed.

**RESOLVED** to accede to this request:

The Clerk advised that she had advised the Rev Terranova that someone had requested to put a memorial bench on the village green near to the vicarage. Rev Terranova had indicated that he would not be happy it were placed in this location as a previous seat in this location had been removed some years ago. Alternative locations were discussed including the other side of the church gate or near to St Peter’s Court.

277. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

