

**DITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023.

PRESENT: CLLRS Mrs J DEARDEN (Chair), J LOVER (Ex-Officio), N NEWMAN, D ADLINGTON, M PORTER.  
MRS SALLY CRAIG (Business Administrator)  
MRS S GARDENER (Administrative Assistant)

391. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

392. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr Mrs THROSSELL. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 514 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

393. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

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\*\*\*\*\*ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Cllr Mrs Dearden welcomed a resident who introduced herself and requested consideration be given to installing a dishwasher in the Oaken Hall kitchen. Correspondence had been received regarding this from the resident, which was listed on the Agenda 323(b) to be discussed. Cllr Mrs Dearden asked if this was a personal request or on behalf of an organisation or group, the resident explained she was making the request on behalf of a group that meets in the Oaken Hall once a month and she also attends other events throughout the year. The resident was advised that her request would be considered and the Committee recommendation would be taken to Full Council for ratification, after which she will receive a response to her request.

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394. **FINANCE**

(a) Financial Analysis – Month 10

**READ and NOTED**

395. **BARS**

(a) Kilnbarn Takings

**READ and NOTED**

(b) Price Review

Proposed bar prices previously circulated were discussed.

**RESOLVED** to implement the proposed price increase from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

(c) Brewery Changes

It was **REPORTED** that the cellar system would be changing From Heineken to Carlsberg on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. It was **NOTED** that the new brands would not be sold until all existing stock had been used.

Existing	New Product
Fosters	Fosters
Amstel	San Miguel
Kronenbourg	Estrella
John Smiths	Tetleys
Maltsmiths IPA	Hobgoblin IPA
Guinness	Guinness
Strongbow	Somersby Cider

(d) Oaken Hall Bar Fee

It was **REPORTED** that recent daytime events at the weekend were not taking enough to cover the staff wages, and it was suggested that the Bar charge should be extended to cover weekends.

**RESOLVED** to make a charge for the bar, depending on the event, with the decision being delegated to the office with the Clerks approval.

(e) Refurbishment

It was **REPORTED** that the heat rising from a radiator below the TV could be affecting it, and that a recent repair had been made under warranty, but this has now expired. To minimise this in the future, it was suggested that a radiator cover be installed.

**RESOLVED** to purchase four radiators for all the radiators in the Kilnbarn at a cost of approximately £100 each.

(f) Current Situation

Nothing to report at this time

396. COMMUNITY CENTRE(a) Refurbishment

a. Oaken Hall Curtains & Track Quote

A quote had been received to replace the tracks and curtains in the Oaken Hall. Cllr Mrs Dearden **REPORTED** that the existing tracks are not closing the curtains properly and that the hanging cords are a Health and Safety issue.

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Crystal Curtain and Blind Manufacturers Ltd for £3,220.00 to replace the Oaken Hall curtains and tracks to meet current regulations.

(b) Correspondence

i. Hire Fees request

The committee discussed a request received by a Hirer asking for a reduction in their hire rates. The committee considered the size of the event, its membership and the impact the decision would have on other such Hirers.

**RESOLVED** to contact the Hirer refusing the request on the grounds that the hirer is a Kent Association not a Ditton group and the resources that would be required for each event.

ii. Oaken Hall Dishwasher request

The committee discussed the Dishwasher request. Consideration was given the earlier comments made by the resident. Cllr Mrs Dearden **REQUESTED** that information regarding the costings and possible impact, where to be made available for the next meeting for a decision to be made.

(c) Current Situation – update

Nothing to report at this time.

397. **CORONATION**

(a) Parish Council commemorative ideas

It was **AGREED** that a donation would be given to the schools and preschools in the village to help them celebrate the Kings Coronation in school.

Ditton Junior School	£100.00
Ditton Infant School	£100.00
Ditton Church Pre School	£50.00
Muddy Puddles Pre School	£50.00

398. **MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023**

(a) Current Situation

It was **REPORTED** that acts had been booked for the day, starting with Morris Dancers at 1.30pm followed by 5 bands, 2 solo artists and a soul choir. It was **AGREED** to purchase three banners to advertise the event.

399. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023