NORTH LUFFENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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| Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (Trustee) held at the North Luffenham Community Centre at 9.10pm on Monday January 18th 2016 | |
| Present: Cllr Cummings (Chairman), Cllr Cade (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Riordan , Cllr Burrows, Cllr Smith and Cllr Marson  Also in attendance: Mr. I Ferguson, (Parish Clerk)  There were 3 members of the public present. | |
| ITEM | ACTION |
| 1. APOLOGIES   NONE received.   1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST   Cllrs Cade & Burrows declared an interest in item 7 by virtue of being Chairman and Vice-President respectively of North Luffenham Cricket Club. |  |
| 1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30th 2015   These had been circulated to Councillors and were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as being a true record. |  |
| 1. MATTERS ARISING   **P2/P3 tree works.** The Clerk reported that this work was done satisfactorily over 3 days in December. He had visited the operators each day and thanked Mr Whittaker and Cllr Cade for ensuring the Oval gates were open each morning. Cllr Riordan suggested that The Clerk should hold a set of Oval keys. The Clerk reported that Hill-Fort’s invoice was as per quotation and as he had received confirmation from the Oval Committee that the work was satisfactorily carried out, he had arranged payment.   1. FINANCE  * The Finance report had been circulated with the agenda and was accepted * Concern was expressed that some allotment holders do not live in North Luffenham and perhaps should pay more for their allotment hire. Cllr Marson suggested that the Finance Committee should review allotment rates each year and should look at the issue of non-North Luffenham people paying a different rate in 2017 * Cllr Cade had circulated a proposal to spend £100 + vat for trees and shrubs for the Walkway. This was AGREED * Cllr Cade had circulated a proposal to spend £150 + vat on allotment signage. This was AGREED  1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING   **Call for Sites.** This item refers to RCC’s call for sites of 24 Sep 15. Cllr Cummings had written to RCC to indicate that there might be potential for development of the small allotment site as low cost housing at some time in the future.  **Geoff Sewell Close** A parishioner had expressed concern relating to the legal position re the future sale of Shared ownership homes in Geoff Sewell Close, and in particular whether they might be in danger of losing their “affordable housing” status. Cllr Riordan has undertaken some research on behalf of the PC and Cllr Cummings has sought the view of Spire Homes. The exact legal position at the time of the sale of the land has not yet been clarified but we believe that whatever restriction was put in place at the time remains extant. Spire Homes have confirmed that at present there is no change to the shared ownership scheme. It was noted that future changes in legislation could potentially change the position regarding the Right to Buy in shared ownership schemes but that the PC has no direct control over this. The PC will continue its research on this and if needs be will ask its Solicitors to establish what the legal restriction on house sales is, and how this is protected  **7 OVAL REPORT**   * Oval Rules - The Clerk will give a copy to Cllr Cade to display on a window of the pavilion * Mow-All contract - Cllr Cade reported that Mow-All will continue the contract into 2016 at the same rate except a further £20 pa for Oval edge. Cllr Cade will request that the cow-parsley not be cut back until the end of May * Cricket Field - The Cricket Club are not able to cut the field due to their equipment being in a poor state of repair. Cllr Marson advocated entering into a multi-year contract with the cricket club using open book accounting so that the PC and CC work together to their mutual advantage. This will be followed up by the Oval committee. | Cllr Riordan  Cllr Cummings  Clerk  Cllr Cade  FG/Oval Gp |
| **8 FIELD GARDENS REPORT**  **Allotments** The Clerk reported that he had sent out 35 renewal letters and to date had received 15 payments. There are 2 allotments available and Cllr Burrows will advertise these on the web-site. There is some concern that some allotments are not maintained  **Walkway/gate/fencing** Cllr Cade has found 2 people to quote for this work.  **9 INSURANCE**  The Clerk reported that he had written to Aon (the PC’s insurers) on both September 30th 2015 and November 26th 2015 advising them of the PC’s intention to make the path on the walkway a permissive Walkway and also advising them of the asset register split between PC assets and PC (trust) assets. He had not had the courtesy of a reply  **10 AGRICULTURAL TENANCY**  No issues to report  **11 DATE OF NEXT** MEETING - Monday March 14th 2016  There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-50 pm  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(signed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) | Cllr Burrows |
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