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 pm on Monday May 16th 2016 | |
| Present: Cllr Cummings (Chairman), Cllr Cade (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Riordan , Cllr Burrows, Cllr Mrs Inman, Cllr Smith, Cllr Marson & Cllr Sewell  Also in attendance: Mr. I Ferguson, (Parish Clerk)  There were 5 members of the public present. | |
| ITEM | ACTION |
| 1. CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS   It was agreed that those decided in the preceeding Parish Council meeting would apply to the Parish Council acting as Trustee to the Oval and Field Gardens for 2016/17   1. APOLOGIES   None |  |
| 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST   Cllrs Cade and Burrows declared an interest in both items 7 & 9 by virtue of being Chairman and Vice – President of the North Luffenham Cricket Club respectively. Cllr Riordan declared an interest in item 9 (walls) by virtue of owning an adjoining property. |  |
| 1. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL (TRUST) MEETING of MARCH 14th 2016   These were AGREED to be a true record of the meeting and duly signed by The Chairman   1. MATTERS ARISING  * **Geoff Sewell Close house sales.** Cllr Cummings reported that he had written to RCC on this matter and their reply was unsatisfactory in that they did not know how Spire Homes would allocate housing. The Clerk will circulate RCC’s letter of April 8th. * **Allotment holders’ insurance.** The Clerk had written to Mike Wyatt, Chairman of the North Luffenham Allotment Association (NLAA), suggesting that this could best be achieved via the National Allotment Society to which NLAA is affiliated. Mr Wyatt, speaking from the floor, said his initial investigations showed that 30 members would get Public Liability cover for £137. It may be that the PC ask for a pro rata contribution to the cost of NLAA taling out insurance to cover all allotment holders. The Oval/Field Gardens working group will look at the idea of increasing the allotment hire charge to include membership of NLAA * **Clean for the Queen,** Cllr Cade reported that he was pleased with the turnout and work done over the weekend of April 16/17 * **5-a-side goalposts.** Oval/Field Gardens working group to investigate this issue  1. FINANCE  * The Finance report had been circulated with the agenda and was accepted * The accounts for FY15/16 were AGREED * Expenditure of £125 + vat on a new cradle seat was AGREED * Expenditure of £46-20 for “Clean for Queen” materials were AGREED * Cllr Cade sought authority to spend £200 on a seat for the Walkway. Cllr Riordan asked that the PC have a proper quotation with picture including cost of cement/fixing etc. She suggested that at the same time the cost of making the Walkway “permissive” should be included. All of this was AGREED and Cllr Cade will bring this forward to the next meeting * Expenditure of £100 + vat on a dog waste bin for the Walkway was AGREED * Cllr Cade sought authority to spend £600 for fencing alongside the allotments. The PC felt that more precise written quotations are needed and Cllr Cade will bring these forward to the next meeting * The Clerk had received an invoice for £75 + vat from King West for agricultural tenancy advice given in August 2015. It was AGREED to pay it. * Cllr Cummings proposed that there is a contingency for our being able to incur emergency expenditure up to £250 without waiting for a meeting. This was AGREED.  1. **NORTH LUFFENHAM CRICKET CLUB**   Cllr Burrows reported that the Club had done much work in refurbishing the pavilion including improving the lighting. However the Club now wish to make it more amenable for use by other clubs and societies within the village. Cllr Burrows gave advance notice that to do this the Club will be seeking a grant of £2000 and will support the application with a business case and Bank account details.  Cllr Riordan reminded the meeting that The Parish Council (Trustee) is not a grant giving body and therefore any application for a Grant should be directed to the Parish Council NOT the Parish Council (Trustee). She went on to remind the PC (trustee) that it had already undertaken to formalise its relationship with the Cricket Club. Given that the terms of the CC’s lease of the pavilion had expired, Cllr Riordan suggested that it might now be appropriate somehow to build the refurbishment plan into a new leasing arrangement.  Cllr Cummings commended the Cricket Club for its work in improving the cricket pavilion. The Club will put forward a formal request for a Grant for the next meeting. | Clerk  Oval/FG group  Oval/FG group    Clerk  Clerk  Cllr Cade  Clerk  Cllr Cade  Clerk |
| **8 FIELD GARDENS REPORT**  **Allotments** There is one allotment available. Cllr Cade advised the PC that residents of Geoff Sewell Close have requested that the area behind the houses be made into allotments. Cllr Cade will do this but it was stated quite clearly that such allotments are available to any resident not just those in Geoff Sewell Close.  .  **9 OVAL REPORT**  **Walls** A quotation from Rutland Masonry had been circulated with the agenda. This is at a cost of £1500 (no vat) to repair that section in the South-East corner of the Oval from (and including) the steps outside The Old School House to where the wall joins Church Street. It was AGREED that Cllr Cade should instruct Rutland Masonry to proceed with this work. Cllr Cade will find out if the residents at 11 Church Street and Old School Close need to be involved in any way.  **Play area report.** Following the report the last of the wooden play equipment has been removed.  **Cricket Club mowing proposal.** Following a request at the previous meeting the Clerk had written to the Cricket Club asking for their proposal re mowing the Oval middle in 2016. The Clerk had received a reply only at 5 pm that very day quoting £1500 for the work and an invoice for the first tranche for £500. Cllr Riordan thought the PC should get another quotation and to this end Cllr Cade will contact Oliver Helmsly, after which there will be an extraordinary PC meeting to discuss both the invoice and the quotation. Cllr Marson suggested that the Cricket Club appoint one person (not on PC) to carry out all discussions with Parish Council and Cllr Cade agreed to take this forward.  **Use of Oval.** Cllr Riordan expressed concern that unlike other users the Cricket Club do not ask permission to use the Oval and therefore the PC is not aware of its usage. The PC does get requests for events on the Oval and therefore needs to know when The Cricket Club wish to use the Oval for training and fixtures. The Clerk will write to the Secretary of the Cricket Club asking for the list of fixtures and training days.  **10 VILLAGE DAY (June 11th 2016)**  On this day the Parish Council will be holding various activities on the Oval  including dog shows, Bar in pavilion, BBQ, Live music, Childrens races,  Touch Rugby, Tug of war, rounders, stands, stocks, bouncy castles, vehicles  in the long grass, use of nets and Tai Chi. It was AGREED by the Trustee  that the PC can stage these activities on June 11th.  **11 DATE OF NEXT** MEETING - Monday July 11th 2016  There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-05 pm  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(signed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) | Cllr Cade    Cllr Cade  Cllr Cade  Cllr Cade  Cllr Cade/Clerk  Cllr Cade  Clerk |
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