

North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council (Trust) Annual Meeting on Monday, 21st May 2018 in the North Luffenham Community Centre

12/18. Election of Chair.

Cllr Cummings was proposed by Cllr Cade and seconded by Cllr Inman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Cummings was elected Chairman for 2018/19.

13/18. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Cade was proposed by Cllr Cummings and seconded by Cllr Burrows. There being no other nominations, Cllr Cade was elected Vice Chair for 2018/19.

- **14/18 Apologies**: Cllr Smith and Cllr Riordan
- **15/18 Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Cade & Cllr Burrows Cricket Club
- **16/18** To review and confirm **18/19** Committees & Working Groups Oval/Field Gardens Working Group: Agreed as: Cllrs Cade, Sewell, Cllr Davies and Mr Mike Wyatt (Allotments)

17/18 To approve and sign Minutes as follows:

- a. Parish Council (Trust) meeting of 5th March 2018
- b. Extraordinary Parish Council (Trust) meeting of 9th April
- c. Extraordinary Parish Council (Trust) meeting of 10th May 2018

It was **resolved** to accept each of these sets of minutes as a true record of the respective meetings and they were signed accordingly.

18/18 To receive an update about progress of outstanding resolutions from the last meetings,

- a. **Geoff Sewell Close house sales / Spire Homes** Cllr Cummings advised that no progress had been made in resolving this outstanding issue.
- b. **Registration of the united charity** Cllr Cummings advised that Cllr Riordan had been unable to progress this due to problems securing a change in name of the Bank Account.
- c. **Woodland Walk notice** Cllr Cade had agreed to review signage with input from the Allotments Society as discussed at the Public Forum.
- d. **Dealing with Ragwort infestation** Cllr Cade agreed to meet with Cllr Sewell to ensure that the chemicals procured and method of spraying was appropriate and that all safety and chemical hazard requirements were met. A meeting was arranged on the Walkway on 24 May.
- e. **Play equipment report and recommendation for future work** Cllr Cade confirmed that the work proposed by Wicksteed in their annual inspection report was appropriate and necessary. The cost was confirmed as being £2,372. It was **resolved** that Wicksteed should be contacted by the Clerk and requested to complete all the work indicated in their report.

f. **Proposal for additional Equipment** – Cllr Cade advised that he had arranged to meet a contractor on the Oval on Th 24 May to discuss 2 or 3 possible pieces of new equipment. He would thereafter produce a report including costings for consideration. Consideration was given to the replacement of Goal Posts and **all agreed** that a 2/3rd size post would be most appropriate – Cllr Cade agreed to get costings for posts and nets and report back.

19/18 Finance Report – Cllr Cummings

- To consider and approve payment of £204.29 Mow All for April mowing. **Agreed.**
- To consider purchase of for weed-killer and sprayer re Ragwort Infestation at a maximum payment of £250. Agreed – But see 18/18.

20/18 Field Gardens Report - Cllr Cade

a. **Allotments** Clir Cade reported that all bar one of the allotments were in use. No significant issues were reported. Mr Wyatt advised that there had been concern about one allotment plot being passed on informally – this had been resolved.

21/18 Oval Report

- a. **Trees**. Cllr Cade had spoked to Stuart Kidd RCC Forestry Officer who had confirmed that he would provide a revised quotation for recommended tree works through his contractor. Work would commence in the Autumn.
- b. **EWGS Woodland Management Grant**, Cllr Cummings asked Cllr cade to liaise with the Clerk regarding the submission of the EWGS Woodland Management Grant application form.

22/18 North Luffenham Cricket Club Working Group

Cllr Cummings reminded the meeting that a working group was needed to work with the Cricket Club to identify if / how the Cricket Pavilion and Toilets might be managed if the Cricket Club closes. Cllrs Cummings /Davies and Sewell were selected to form the Working Group. They would meet to work up ToR and arrange an initial meeting with Cricket Club officials. **Action: Cllr Cummings**

23/18 Update apparent tree root damage. At the request of the assessor Cllr Cummings had taken photographs of the wall and tarmac and forwarded to him. Nothing further to report at present.

24/18 Other Issues.

- a. Cllr Cade requested that the Parish Clerk contact Spire Homes to ask that the hedges adjacent to the pavement on Pinfold Close are cut.
- b. Cllr Sewell advised that over the past 6 months, a number of cars have crashed through the Allotment Field hedge from Edith Weston Road, causing considerable damage. He will investigate further and report back.

25/18 Date of next meeting: Parish Council (Trust) meeting, Monday, 2nd July 2018

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

