



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the North Luffenham Community Centre on Monday 28th January 2019 at **7pm**.

Present: Cllr Cummings, Cllr Cade, Cllr Inman, County Cllr Bool

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the low numbers of Cllrs in attendance. It was explained that when it was agreed to change the date from the 21st January to enable Cllrs and residents to attend the RCC Council meeting on that date, more Cllrs had indicated their ability to attend, however in the interim period circumstances for some of those Cllrs had changed which meant they were now unable to attend.

There were 3 members of the Public present

01/19 Apologies: Cllr's Riordan, Burrows, Smith, J Sewell, R Sewell and County Cllr Waller. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

02/19 Declarations of Interest: None

03/19 Public Forum: No issues were raised by the residents in attendance

04/19 The minutes of PC meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were duly approved and signed

05/19 Chairman's Report:

- Response to 4th Local Transport Plan Consultation.

Thank you to Cllrs Smith and Riordan who contributed to the preparation of our response to the recent consultation document. Our response questionnaire and detailed document was delivered to RCC to meet the required deadline, and receipt has been confirmed. The document was circulated to all Cllrs. In broad terms the Transport Plan was a well-researched, detailed document. In our covering letter we commented that:

"the various plans do appear to be largely aspirational, rather than funded long-term commitments.

we are concerned that the aspirations of the plan do not meet the requirements for a proposed new town of 2,200+ homes in the isolated Edith Weston/North Luffenham area.

The potential for development at Woolfox, in its prime location adjacent to the A1 is not noted in the Transport Plan, however, it is potentially a game-changing development and should not be ignored at this critical juncture."

Parish Council Strategy Review Meeting. The Chairman reported that considerable progress continues to be made.

1. St George's Barracks – PC receives regular reports.

2. Play Area – All proposed equipment has now been installed less the football posts, which have been received but not yet erected.
3. Tree maintenance continues and funding has been provided for all outstanding works.
4. Long term strategy of tree planting – needed to be kept in mind
5. Future of Cricket Club and proposal to enable fund raising – some progress made – cricket club anticipate operating next year.
6. Walkway access – resolution agreed - still waiting to hear back from RCC Planning re the re-routing
7. Community Centre – following the meeting with RCC earlier in the year, the position is clearer – tonight we will be considering the ToR for a Working Group as proposed at the last meeting.
8. Website: Progress needed on email addresses and Google Storage.
9. GDPR – Needs to stay on the radar.

06/19 To receive an update of St George’s Barracks Development. – **Cllr Cummings**

The Chairman provided a comprehensive report, which is attached, to these minutes. The PC took note.

Following a general discussion the following was suggested as the way forward.

1. Success of the HIF is dependant on having the support of the local community and also of the MP. As we are not sure yet what Sir Alan Duncan’s view is then Cllrs and residents could write to him indicating that the very small majority for the bid, does this truly reflect the support of the local community. Copies of the letter could be sent to the papers.
2. Secondly the continual drip feed process of communications should continue

A resolution to write to Homes England was approved:

“North Luffenham Parish Council do not support the Housing Infrastructure Bid that has been proposed by Rutland County Council for a grant of £30M towards the development of essential infrastructure in respect of the proposed development at St George’s Barracks, North Luffenham.”

Chairman agreed to write to Homes England. It was agreed that local papers should be sent a copy.

07/19 Correspondence – **Clerk**

- **RCC** - Re: Bus Stop improvements & enhancements for 2019. This is a regular review by RCC. If anyone has any ideas/changes please can they advise the Clerk
- **Wicksteed Leisure** – Confirmation re Play Equipment Installlation
- **RCC**- Internet Safety event; details of this event on 9th February at the Rutland showground had been posted on the website
- **RCC**- Safe Driving; details to be put on the web-site

08/19 Finance Report – **Clerk**

- a. Cllr Inman confirmed she had agreed the Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2018
- b. The finance report was received and approved
- c. The final budget for 2019/20 was duly approved. The clerk confirmed that the precept application of £10,000, agreed at the last Parish Council, had been submitted to RCC and receipt acknowledged.
- d. The payment of £3088.86 to RCC for speed limit alterations was considered. It was agreed that payment would be withheld pending a satisfactory answer from Highways regarding the increase from the original quote of £2,639. Clerk to action.
- e. The following payments were approved:
 - Wicksteed Leisure £600 +vat re painting of swings
 - Wicksteed Leisure £14,086.67 +vat re new play equipment
 - LRALC £40 to cover cost of Clerk training course: Book-keeping and Year End Accounts
 - LRALC £80 to cover cost of Chair and Clerk to attend course; Managing Local Elections
- f. A claim for VAT of £643.15 covering the period 1/10/18 to 31/12/18 was noted and the fact that £282.03 relates to the Trust
- g. Approval was given to transfer £14,858.67 from the money Manager Account (106 monies) to cover the cost of the new play equipment

09/19 Planning - Cllr Smith – The following applications were received:

- **2018/1322/LBA; PROPOSAL: Internal alterations to form a bathroom and en-suite.** 11 Lyndon Road
- **2019/0010/FUL; PROPOSAL: Conversion of an existing classroom into a nursery, new single storey infill to existing courtyard to provide a cloakroom and wc and a single storey classroom extension to the rear of the site.** St Mary And St Johns Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School Church Street North, Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JR

In the absence of Cllr Smith, Cllr Inman advised that **2018/1322/LBA** had been discussed and no issues raised. With regard to **2019/0010/FUL**, then it was agreed that Cllrs Cummings and Inman would seek an early meeting with the Headteacher to get further details and the possibly call an extraordinary meeting so it could be discussed fully in view of the possible impact on the Community Centre. It was noted that responses needed to be received by RCC by 11th February

10/19 Seek review of RCC policy in respect of affordable housing in Geoff Sewell Close- **Cllr Riordan**

In the absence of Cllr Riordan, Cllr Cummings stated that he *was also concerned about the status of these homes in respect of the Rural Repurchase Scheme. He would be writing to CEO of RCC and the appropriate Cllr lead to consider how to get the management of these key village assets back on track and protected in perpetuity for the village as originally intended.*

11/19 To receive a report on progress to updating website – **Cllr Burrows**

This item was deferred until the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Burrows.

12/19 To receive an update on the installation of the additional play equipment (funded by Section 106 monies) as approved by the Parish Council on 22nd October 2018:

The Clerk confirmed that the new play equipment had now been installed. Due to a concern raised by a resident about the gap between the base of the round-about and the ground, confirmation was being sought from the Installation Manager of Wicksteed Leisure that it met with the safety guidelines for that piece of equipment.

The new goal posts had been received and would be erected as soon as the weather improves along with the new bench for the top of the Oval, which had also now been delivered.

13/19 To receive an update on the situation with regard to the Community Centre. - **Cllr Riordan**

The draft terms of reference(TofR) had been pre-circulated. They were approved.

14/19 To receive proposals with regard to the updating and re-printing of the Village Booklet at a maximum cost of £50. - **Cllr Inman**

Cllr Inman thanked people for their input for the updated Village booklet. She advised that she still had 9 copies of the current publication available. It was therefore agreed to defer the re-printing until after the May 2nd elections in case changes needed to be made with regard to the Parish Councillors.

15/19 To consider NLPC Resilience Plan for 2019. Cllr Cummings

This item is to be carried forward.

16/19 Date of next meeting: **Monday 4th March 2019 @7pm** (Cllr Cade gave his early apologies).

Meeting closed at 8.05pm