



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council (Trust) Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 in the North Luffenham Community Centre

20/19 Apologies: Cllr J Sewell

21/19 Declarations of Interest: 2 were declared

1. Cllr Riordan (Trees)
2. Cllr R Sewell (Woodland Walk)

22/19 Finance Report:

- a. The financial report for the year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 was presented to the meeting with explanations provided as needed. The report was approved as presented.
- b. Whilst the Charity Commission do not require the Trust accounts to be independently examined (due to the current level of income and expenditure) it was agreed that the Trust arrange for the accounts to be reviewed.
- c. The following payments were duly received and approved:
 - £17.99; C Cade re grass seed for Oval
 - £90.00; 4 Counties re grass cutting March
 - £214.29; Mow-All re grass cutting March
 - £80.00; Caffarelli Design replacement tap for allotments
 - Up to £600 + VAT to cover the cost of professionally spraying the Ragwort on the basis the land is a buffer zone to agricultural land

23/19 Field Gardens Report - Cllr Cade

- Allotments update; Cllr Cade advised that all but one allotment had been re-let, however it had been left in a very poor state and currently unlettable. The previous tenant had been traced and would now be approached to clear the site. If not, arrangements would be made to clear it and the cost recovered from that tenant.
- Woodland walk; It was agreed that Cllr Sewell (interest declared due to his livestock grazing on adjoining land) be able to speak. Ragwort is growing once again on the walk which is dangerous to livestock. When this is the case, Govt recommend spraying if it is within 50 metres of the grazing land, which in our case, it is. It was therefore agreed that we should engage the use of a licenced agronomist at a cost of

up to £600 to carry out the work on the basis that it was a buffer zone to agricultural land. We will then receive certification that the work has been carried out. It was also agreed that the permissive walk way be closed for a minimum of 10 days following the spraying as the chemical used could harm dogs.

24/19 Oval Report - Cllr Cade

- Western Power request re HV Cable. The clerk advised that he had not heard further from Western Power about their request to lay a new HV cable.
- Update re Trees. The clerk advised that category 4 work on 49 trees had started on the 23rd April however not all the scheduled work, including the felling of 2 trees, could not take place due to nesting birds. This work will be carried out in the Autumn. Cllr Riordan stated that she did not think that posting a notice on the web-site was sufficient notice to residents of works being carried out on behalf of the PC or Trust, that may affect them, as not all residents look at the web-site. It was agreed therefore that where works are directly next to a resident's property that those residents receive an individual notice as soon as the PC receive notification when the work is to start.
- The weekend clear-up has been scheduled for Saturday 18th May. Details to be posted on web-site so that residents can be encouraged to help if they want.

25/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 20th May 2019 directly following the PC meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm