



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2^{8th} October 2019 at North Luffenham Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Smith, Cade, Burrows, Anker, Mason, Bishop and County Cllr Waller

There were 2 members of the Public present

110/19 Apologies: Cllr Sewell, County Cllr Bool and Mary Canham

111/19 Declarations of Interest: None though this was subject to item 117/19

112/19 Public Forum: The question of a more permanent 'Close the Gate' sign on the gate onto Church Lane from the Oval was raised. The clerk confirmed that this was now in hand

113/19 The minutes of PC meetings held on the following dates were duly approved:

- Parish Council Meeting 2nd Sept 2019
- Extraordinary Meeting 18th Sept 2019

114/19 Approval was given to close the meeting to the public to discuss item 115/19 in confidence

115/19 The Parish Council duly approved that Mary Canham be co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was confirmed that she met the criteria and that the Council now had the correct number of Councillors.

116/19 Chairman's Report. Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that most of the items he wished to discuss were covered by agenda items. SGB continued to be a major issue and will continue to be for a considerable time. A distribution list had now been circulated to all Cllrs for times when we needed to inform the whole of the Parish what was going on.

117/19 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in relation to SGB. Following attending Chairman training by LRALC, it became apparent that as all Cllrs were property owners in the Parish, that the development at SGB could have an impact on the value of properties in the Parish. As a consequence then all Cllrs had a pecuniary interest, which meant that declarations of interest need to be made. However due to the importance of SGB going forward then each Cllr should seek dispensation. This would need to be referred to the monitoring officer at RCC. Also what wording needed to be put in box 1 of the form so that a new form needed to be completed for each meeting. Clerk to seek advise from RCC.

118/19 Update on St George's Barracks Development.

As can be seen from the paper the main issue with SGB is the HIF: 'The Council was still awaiting a decision from Government on the Housing structure (HIF) bid for SGB. The evolving master plan had assessed that without the £30 million HIF funding the project in its current form would not be viable'. This was because the current infrastructure (eg utilities etc) could only support 300 houses.

There was a comment made and this has been said repeatedly, "In the event that the HIF bid was unsuccessful it would be up to the Ministry of Defence to consider the viability of the St Georges site and whether to increase the proposed number of houses.

In the event of the above then the possible options were;

1. MOD stays on site
2. The site is left to become derelict
3. Build a settlement of 300 houses
4. Be used as an industrial site
5. Build 5,000 houses which would make it more viable

Cllr Anker advised that he had just attended a PCLG meeting which had been scheduled to be just before the advisory group met. However the latter had been cancelled at very short notice and there was conjecture that this had happened as a result of the HIF bid being declined. This however had not been confirmed. The PCLG also confirmed that they would not take part in the proposed sub-committees.

119/19 Correspondence – The Clerk advised

- New Mobile Library Times had been posted on website and noticeboards
- Resident Email re Wild Flower area had been directed to Spire Homes as owners of the land in question
- Resident email re the moving of grit bin in Newman's Close had been referred to RCC
- Resident email re Sweet Chestnut tree offer. Cllr Cade will go back to the resident thanking them for their offer but on this occasion declining the offer.

120/19 Finance Report

1. Cllr Mason confirmed and signed the Bank Reconciliation as at 1st Oct 2019
2. The Finance Report was duly approved
3. The Parish Council confirmed the re-appointment of LRALC to undertake the internal audit of NLPC at the same fee as last year being £210.00
4. The following contractual payments were noted:
 - £1186.31; Clerks Salary
 - £296.60; HMRC
5. The following payment were duly approved:
 - £51.91; RCC re pavement closure
6. The VAT refund of £534.48 of which £494.48 was transferred to Trust Account was noted

121/19 Planning: Cllr Burrows/Mason

1. PROPOSAL: Reference: 2019/1000/CAT

Remove Juniper (T1) over greenhouse to just above ground level:
Keepers Cottage 1 Butt Lane North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JN.
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. No Objections were raised.

2. PROPOSAL: Reference: 2019/1045/FUL

Minor alterations to existing flat roof, single storey extension, 9 Digby Drive North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JS. No objections were raised

3. PROPOSAL: Reference 2019/1159/CAT

Fell 3 No. Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus Hippocastanum*) Trees - no. 178, 184 & 189. The Oval Recreation Ground Pinfold Lane North Luffenham Rutland

4. Decision: Reference: 2019/0789/FUL

Application to regularise matters with regard to 12a Church Street, N Luffenham was refused.

5. Decision: Reference: 2019/0880/LBA

Application to regularise matters with regard to 12a Church Street, N Luffenham, Listed Building consent refused.

6. Decision: Reference: 2019/1000/CAT

RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

7. Cllr Mason reported that having met with RCC, the officers will recommend to Council the painting of double yellow lines along a section of Lyndon Road to reduce the number of accidents, to both vehicles and property. It was mentioned that due to the increase in claims along that stretch of road that residents were seeing a significant increase in insurance premiums.

With regard to the two refusals, 2019/0789/FUL and 2019/0880/LBA that relate to the same property, that the PC should write to RCC Chief Exec to see whether they were going to take any action as a result of the wrongful split of the property over the past few years. Clerk to write

Mention was also made with regard Planning Application 2017/0008/FUL to which a decision notice granting the application had been received. The planning granted related to the land between 10 Glebe Road and the property known as the Pastures which is Grade 2* listed being a house of significant national interest.

122/19 Bonfire Night: Cllr Cade advised that all matters were in hand though he needed to advise the Fire Brigade.

It was also confirmed that all licences had been applied for and received.

123/19 Community Centre Working Group. Their report had been pre-circulated to all Cllr's. Much debate was had around what the full responsibility of the PC would be and also the ongoing cost of managing the Community Centre. The latter was needed so that a realistic figure could be put in future budgets. The figure given by the working group was £2,100 pa. Cllr Cade that the Community Association still had around £8000 in funds which could be used towards the Community Centre if the PC took on the management.

The following proposal was unanimously agreed. That NLPC agree in principle to take over the management of the Community Centre. It was also agreed that the working group continue to seek clarification of issues as they arise.

- 124/19** To receive and consider the following policies and plans
- The updated Financial Procedures in-line with 2019 NALC template were duly adopted
 - The Reserves Policy was adopted
 - Resilience Plan. It was agreed that we would keep this under review
 - Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the village survey was a good starting point, however we need to understand from the residents how they want the village to develop, ie we need to have a clear definition of what is wanted and what is not. Cllr Smith and Burrows will continue to take this forward.

125/19 Update re plans with regard to VE Day Celebrations in May 2020. Following a request posted on the website for volunteers and ideas for taking this forward there had been little response. It was agreed that matters do need to start happening and that this will stay as an item for future PC meetings

126/19 IT Working Group; Update on progress re High Speed Broadband; Cllr Bishop advised that it is unlikely that we will hear anything until 2020/2021

127/19 Village Trust: Appointment of 3rd PC representative; We currently 2 appointees (J Speigl to 2021 and H Smith to 2022). Cllr Anker confirmed that he as far as he was aware had completed all the paperwork for being the 3rd PC representative. Reference to the minutes of 20th May meeting confirmed that he been proposed and seconded. Clerk to seek clarification from the Clerk to the Village Trust.

128/19 Date of next meeting: 2nd December @ 7.00pm, North Luffenham Community Centre

The meeting closed at 8.55pm