



# North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 20 January 2020 at 7pm** at North Luffenham Community Centre

**Present:** Cllr's Smith, Canham, Cade and Bishop

There were 4 members of the public present

Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cllr Canham who had recently been co-opted on to the Parish Council

**08/20** Apologies: Cllr's Burrows, Anker, Mason, Sewell and County Cllr's Waller and Bool

**09/20** Declarations of Interest: None

**10/20** Public Forum: Several members of the public raised the issue of the nuisance caused by the starlings in the vicinity of Ancaster way due to the laurel bushes having grown a significant amount since they were last cut back in 2014/15. The clerk advised that he had now heard from Greenbelt who owned the land and that he was due to meet with a representative of that company, Nick Upton, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> pm. Following the site visit it was the intention of Greenbelt to write to every household to let them know what was happening. It was noted that the residents that were at the meeting had differing views on what needed to be done though they all agreed that something was necessary. The issue of litter was raised especially plastic waste. Agreed that a message will be put on the web-site.

**11/20** The following NLPC minutes were approved and signed:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019
- Extraordinary meeting 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## **12/20 Chairman's Report.**

RCC: Local Plan:

- Pre submission local plan has been published: all 966 pages of it and it has been circulated.
- RCC council meeting tonight to approve or not HIF.
- 27th RCC council meeting to approve LP and I will probably make a deputation unless HIF rejected tonight. (would be good if as many as possible can attend)
- From the point of SGB: 'The Spatial Strategy for Development', p39 paragraph 4.8 states:
- **'The new garden community' (SGB)** will deliver a significant portion of the County's housing and employment development and provide supporting services including local shopping, education, and community and employment opportunities to meet the needs of the residents of the new community'.

- Cllr. Anker and I have continued to attend the PCLG meetings at EW in order to have a strategy to try and ameliorate the scale of this proposed development.
- I asked a question a Scrutiny Panel meeting in December and a deputation last Thursday: making the points that the proposed plan does not have the support of the local communities and that there is insufficient time to scrutinise in detail the LP.
- Cllr. Anker gave an impassioned presentation at the PCF last Monday; it made an impression on those who were there.
- Unfortunately the executive of RCC just 'bat' aware all these points and are intent on implementing the LP.
- If the next weeks meeting the LP is approved I suggest a public meeting, perhaps with EW to discuss the implications. If you agree will discuss tomorrow when I go to the PCLG.
- Finally Woolfox is not going away: RCC have received a letter stating their intention to proceed.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

- Following the EGM 6th Jan I submitted an application to RCC to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan
- There was a meeting of those interested on the 13th Jan and a Steering Group formed.
- The ToR were discussed and amended. Revised ToR's have been circulated
- Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January of the steering group to take matters forward including an application for grant funding. An expression of interest has been submitted

#### Resilience Planning:

- I was forwarded an email by Paul Cummings basically asking where was it. I have completed as best I can and you have had the updated version. Along with the email from the Resilience Planning Team was a Community Emergency Scheme Orders Form (circulated) in which there is £600.00 worth of equipment available.
- I have a discussion with Cllr. Cade and we both feel that a storage facility would be our first need.
- I have discussed this with the school and they agree one could be placed in the school grounds near to the scouts area.
- I am meeting with a Helen Hardy of the Resilience Planning Team on the 29th Jan to discuss.
- Suggestions to what would be useful equipment gratefully received.

**13/20 To receive an update of St George's Barracks Development. – Cllr Smith/Anker:** This agenda item was fully covered under the previous heading, 'Local Plan'

#### **14/20 Correspondence – Clerk**

- 3 emails and 1 letter re starling issues in Ancaster Way. This was discussed during the Open Forum
- 1 email re dog fouling; It was agreed to repost on NL web-site

**15/20 Finance Report – Clerk**

1. The bank reconciliation dated 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 was deferred due to the absence of Cllr Mason
2. The finance report was considered and approved.

**16/20 Planning: Cllr Burrows**

**Decision Notice; Refusal:** Application Number: 2019/0878/PTA

PROPOSAL: 2 no. Corsican Pine trees: T1 - cutback/reduce lower branches that overhang the boundary with 24 Kings Rd. T3 - remove lower branch over hanging garage.

LOCATION: 22 Kings Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JH.

This decision was noted. There were no new applications

**17/20 Highways:** To report to RCC re potholes in Digby Drive and Lyndon Road. This will be done online by the clerk

**18/20 To receive and consider the report from the Community**

**Centre Working Group:** The working group met recently and the heads of agreement drawn up. These had been pre-circulated prior to the meeting. The working group is due to meet again next week. It is hoped that we will have a more concrete proposal by the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It was also confirmed that a figure of £2100 had been included in next years NLPC budget to cover the running costs of the Community Centre and was one of the reasons why the precept had been increased.

**19/20 To receive an update re plans with regard to VE Day**

**Celebrations in May 2020:** Cllr Smith advised that he now had the details of 3 people within the village who were interested in helping with the celebrations. He will attempt to get a meeting set up at the earliest opportunity

**20/20 To receive, consider and approve the purchase of further play equipment for the Oval Recreation Ground, using Section 106 monies.**

Cllr Cade circulated details of a wooden fort/climbing frame that he thought would make a good addition to the current play equipment. The cost was £9,765 plus £1,953 vat (Total £11,718). The net amount was within the balance of funds available £10,477. The fort was to be situated just outside of the enclosed play area The proposal was viewed favourably subject to:

- Consultation with Butt Lane residents
- Check with RCC planning due to height of equipment

Other ideas were being considered but these may require an application for funding to a local giving body such as Mick George Community Foundation or Augean

**21/20** Date of next meeting: **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 @ 7.00pm**, North Luffenham Community Centre

The meeting closed at 8.05pm