North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7pm at North Luffenham Community Centre

Present: Cllr’s Smith, Cade, Canham, Burrows, Bishop and Anker and County Cllr Bool.

There were 4 members of the public present

22/20 Apologies: Cllr’s Mason and Sewell and County Cllr Waller
23/20 Declarations of Interest: none declared
24/20 Public Forum: Two issues were raised
   ● The use of bird scarers. That it was illegal to use these outside of certain hours and also close to residential property. It was noted that they can cause serious concern to vulnerable and older residents. A note to be put on village web-site
   ● It was noted that there were several large piles of bracken and wood on the proposed building site on Glebe Road. It was requested that the developers be approached requesting that it be disposed of, off site and not burnt in situ. Clerk to contact developers.

25/20 The minutes of the PC meeting held on the 20th January 2020 were duly approved

26/20 Chairman’s Report.
   1. We agreed previously that the PC would take on the running of the CC. Do we now make that agreement formal? Charles will lead on that discussion later under 32/20.

   2. RCC Local Plan: I attended the reconvened meeting at RCC on 10.02.20. I can go into more detail if wanted but basically the pre submission LP was voted through (F 15 A 10 A 1). The consultation on the LP begins on 10th March and lasts for just eight weeks. The plan if agreed will cover the period up to 2036. We are all encouraged to write to our MP and if 4000 bona-fide resident signatories are gained then further notice will need to be taken by the minister. There is a PC Forum meeting 23rd March during which there will be a session on how to correctly challenge as any campaign must be organised. There is a further PCLG meeting on the 4th March which I will be attending. It was agreed that minutes of those meetings will be circulated. There was also talk from that group of producing a pack for cllrs and residents

   3. The resilience plan has now been accepted and equipment to the value of £569 agreed. This includes a storage unit and the School has agreed to have it sited there.
27/20  SGB Update. – This was largely covered under 26/20 however an additional point was made, saying that any development on the scale currently being sought would have a major impact across the whole of Rutland and not just local parishes. Workshops are being planned to help ensure that any objections are submitted properly. CPRE can provide experts with regard to this.

28/20  Correspondence – Clerk

- Update on Ancaster Way Laurel Bushes: The clerk had met with Nick Upton from Greenbelt following the last PC meeting. Photos were taken and he would be reporting back to his manager. Despite two email chasers sent by the clerk no action or further response had been received. It was suggested and agreed that we write to RCC to get their support. It was further suggested that there was the option to write a pre-action letter to Greenbelt with regard to nuisance caused by their lack of action. However this letter would need to be very carefully written.
- RCC email re parking in Ancaster Way. Whilst the clerk had been contacted directly by RCC no further contact had been made either by residents or RCC.
- Contact from the owner of the field below NL Primary School. A note had been put on the village web-site requesting that people wanting to cross the field stay on the marked footpath. Clerk to contact RCC re better signage of the footpath
- Details of 2 events organised by RCC had been circulated to Cllrs. They were; Rutland Road Safety Summit on the 27th March in Oakham and a Tree Warden Symposium on the 21st April in Ketton

29/20  Finance Report – Clerk

1. The Bank reconciliation was deferred due to the late apology from Cllr Mason.
2. The Finance Report was approved as presented
3. The following payments were duly approved:
   - £210.00 LRALC re Internal Audit Fee. To be paid after 1st April 2020
   - £66.13; Ionos Ltd website hosting.

30/20  Planning: Cllr Burrows

2020/0079/PRE
PROPOSAL Installation of children’s play equipment (Preliminary Enquiry)
The Oval Recreation Ground Pinfold Lane North Luffenham Rutland. A response had been received from RCC but was not particularly clear. Cllr Burrows will seek clarification as to whether formal planning is needed

2020/0097/FUL
PROPOSAL: To erect a pent roof concrete garage on a concrete base on the drive parallel with the front of the house.
29 Ancaster Way, North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8LH

2019/0731/FUL
Decision Notice: Date of Validation 19 July 2019
PROPOSAL: Conversion of barn to create 2 No. dwellinghouses.  
LOCATION: Sculthorpe House Pilton Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 9PD  
Grant Planning Permission in accordance with the application and plans submitted

31/20 Highways: RCC have confirmed that the potholes in Digby Drive will be dealt with during this financial year. County Cllr Bool requested that he and County Cllr Waller be sent a copy of the email so they can chase in need be on our behalf. There have been no further developments with the painting of double yellow lines along the agreed part of Lyndon Road.

32/20 Report from the Community Centre Working Group  
Cllr Smith advised that the working group had been working hard on this, especially over the last few weeks. He thanked them for that. Draft rules and responsibilities had been pre-circulated and these were approved. Cllr Smith is due to meet with RCC (Gordon Brown) and then the school in the very near future, with the PC due to take over the running from 1st April. A draft budget had been drawn up by the working group. There was a need to appoint a management committee with the suggestion that there be 3 cllrs and 3 members of the public. Cllrs Smith, Cade and Anker volunteered to stand as the Council representatives. 3 residents will now be sought. There was now a need to set up a web-site so that the clerk and school can have access to the diary so bookings can be made.

33/20 To receive an update re plans with regard to VE Day Celebrations in May 2020. It was reported that the main focus would be around the Fox where a beer festival, hog roast and music themed around the 40’s was being put on. There will also be talks from Gerry Wells and a local military historian. The scouts are also organising events on the Oval around the cricket pavilion for younger residents including games and light refreshments.

34/20 The purchase of a triple playhouse and supporting equipment at a cost of £9765 plus vat (£11,718) was duly approved, funded by the section 106 monies.

35/20 Neighbourhood Plan: The application to produce a neighbourhood plan had been agreed by RCC. The steering group was now meeting fortnightly on a Monday. Minutes of those meetings had been circulated to Cllrs as well as members of the steering group. Cllr Smith was meeting with Karen Sinclair at RCC to find out what support they could provide. County Cllr Bool suggested that we may want to contact Edith Weston as they were one of the first parishes to produce one.

36/20 It was proposed and agreed that Cllrs photos along with their G Suite email addresses be added where needed to the Parish Council part of the village web-site. No other personal details to appear, ie private emails or telephone numbers. Cllr’s were requested to send electronic photos to Cllr Bishop.

37/20 To consider what further can be done with regard to dog mess fouling in the village following further complaints from villagers. County Councillor Bool suggested contacting RCC or Annette at Exton as they did have a
similar issue. They have received some spray paint and mark where there has been some fouling. RCC then arrange clearance.

38/20 Future Parish Council meetings. The following two proposals were tabled:

1. Meetings to move to monthly after the Annual Parish Council meeting in May; Proposed Cllr Bishop, seconded Cllr Burrows. Motion approved
2. Meetings to start at 7.30pm; Proposed Cllr Bishop, seconded Cllr Burrows. Motion approved

It was further suggested and agreed that future dates be set after the 11th May when RCC are due to publish their Council meetings for the next 12 months

39/20 Date of next meetings:
- **Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 20th April @ 7.00pm**, North Luffenham Community Centre
- **Annual Parish Council Meeting, Monday 18th May @ 7.00pm**, North Luffenham Community Centre

Meeting Closed 8.29pm