



# North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (**virtual**) held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr's Smith, Cade, Burrows, Anker and Canham and County Cllr Waller

Three members of the public joined the virtual meeting

**80/20 Apologies:** Cllr Sewell

**81/20 Declarations of Interest:** None

**82/20 Public Forum:**

The signage on the gate from the Oval on to Church street needed replacing and also the gate was no longer closing properly. Could this be attended to as it presented a risk for both Children and dogs. It was agreed that it would be attended to along with having a hard surface laid on the Oval side of the gate to help prevent Oval users slipping on the ground when it was wet. Cllr Smith will arrange

**83/20 The Minutes** of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (virtual) were approved

**84/20 Chairman's Report**

1. RCC Local Plan: Statutory Community Involvement has already begun and ends on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Mike Wyatt has produced a leaflet on behalf of the SGB working group and it will be distributed across the parish as well as being uploaded on to the website. Regulation 19 is proposed for August to Sept. The Parish Council Liaison Group has enacted 'Fight4Rutland' and will be covered under 88/20.
2. Co-option of 2 Trustees: Following notification from RCC that we were now able to co-opt 2 residents on to the Parish Council, notices had been displayed on both our website and notice boards. Expressions of interest were required by the 4<sup>th</sup> August. In the event that we had interest from more residents than we had vacancies, then the Parish Council were able to set any selection criteria

**85/20 Correspondence**

1. CPRE- Renewal of membership for 12 months to May 2021
2. RCC – Weekly confidential Covid-19 briefings

**86/20 Finance Report**

1. Due to the meeting being held on a virtual basis, confirmation of the bank reconciliation was not possible.
2. The Finance Report as presented was approved. It was also noted that we had now received written confirmation on the outcome of our internal

audit as well as confirmation from PFK Littlejohn that we were in order to self-exempt from external auditing

3. The removal of Wayne Bishop from the Bank Mandate was agreed and to be replaced by Cllr Tim Smith
4. The claim for VAT as at 31/5/2020 of ££2601.06 was noted
5. The following payment was approved
  - £40.00 LRALC re Cllr Training
6. The following contractual payments were noted:
  - £1,222.10; Clerk Salary
  - £305.40; HMRC

## **87/20      Planning**

### **Decision Notice: Application Number:2020/0447/CAT**

LOCATION: 2 Glebe Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JU

PROPOSAL: Fell 3 Conifers (T1; T2 & T3) due to excessive shading and low amenity value and replace with Buddleias and Pyracantha to form hedge.

RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance. This decision was noted by the Parish Council

## **88/20      'Fight4Rutland' Campaign:**

Cllr Smith reported the following;

A paper had been circulated prior to the meeting outlining the position so far. 'Fight4Rutland' was now live and they were looking to raise funds. However, it was noted that there was nowhere to donate; bank account?

There is a PCLG meeting tomorrow.

It was proposed that each parish take on a single key issue such as environment, regs, sustainability or SEA, and seek funds for specialist advice.

At the last PCLG, NL was tasked with contacting other planning consultants. Cllr. Smith has done so with limited success. Cllr Canham had advised on planning consultants called DLP (Dynamic Development Solutions) and they have expressed an interest. Costs would be in the region of £100 per hour.

As we have an environmental specialist on our working group then that would be an obvious area for NL to undertake.

All Cllr's felt that we had a duty of care to the parish and its residents.

The following was proposed and agreed; NLPC will earmark £1,000 for activities around the review of the RCC Local Plan. If residents wanted to contribute financially then any monies received by the PC would be held in a sub account of the Parish Council

## **89/20      Community Centre Working Group:**

Cllr Smith reported the following:

The working group has been stood down as it was felt it had got as far as it could: NLPC wished to record its thanks to the WG and Cllr Smith will write to Syd Overington thanking him for his work.

A meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July with RCC property services (MW and Lewis), school (FW and RW) and NLPC (TS, MA and CC).

Agreement was reached on the maintenance of the fabric of the building and what was to be included in the refurbishment and funded by RCC. It was agreed that if the lights were to be replaced then the cost would be covered by NLPC from funds held under the old Community Centre arrangements. RCC to get quotes for the work. It is unlikely that refurbishment will be completed before October 2020.

There was also substantial agreement on cross charging (initially based on 9% of total costs for the whole of the school building) but a further meeting will be required to reach full accord with separate SLA'S needing to be signed between NLPC and School and NLPC and RCC.

**90/20 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee:**

Cllr Smith reported;

The NPSG has now produced an updated resident survey which will be available online and also in paper. It will be distributed in the very near future.

A Project Plan has been developed and an SLA with RCC signed. A virtual meeting was held with RCC to discuss various issues that are likely to arise. There had been some disagreement especially with regard to residents who complete the survey having to provide details. It was felt that this may discourage residents completing the survey, whereas RCC felt that it was needed to verify responses received. It was proposed and agreed to find out what had happened in other counties eg Leicestershire

The steering group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis with additional meetings being called to discuss single issue matters.

**91/20** Bonfire Night 2020. It was agreed that a decision to hold the event could be deferred until a future meeting though would require a further easing of Covid-19 lockdown rules

**92/20** Informal strategy meeting. This was again deferred until proper meetings could be held. It was also agreed that it would be beneficial in having any new co-opted Cllrs in attendance.

**93/20** It was proposed and agreed to purchase a children's playhouse at a cost of £699 utilising the balance of the section 106 monies which stand at £717.43

**94/20** Ancaster Way green space: Following further issues being raised it was agreed that the clerk should write again to Greenbelt Ltd to try to get some action agreed.

**95/20** It was proposed and agreed to move the September meeting from the 7<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**96/20** Date of next Parish Council meeting, **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm** (virtual)

**The meeting closed at 8.44pm**