



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (**virtual**) held on **Monday, 19th October 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Smith, Burrows, Cade, Canham, Anker, Marsh, Barsby and County Cllr's Waller and Bool.
There were two members of the public present

128/20 Apologies: Cllr Sewell

129/20 Declarations of Interest: None declared

130/20 Public Forum: Perry Burns (Community Engagement Officer) from the Welland Rivers Trust had been invited to give a brief overview of his work and that of the Trust. His brief is to assist local councils in developing plans for their local rivers, with the support of land owners, as well as train and support volunteer river wardens who monitor the health of rivers. The work is being funded by the EU. His contact details will be passed to people in the Parish who may be interested in working with the Trust

131/20 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting (virtual) held on 28th September 2020 were approved

132/20 Chairman's Report. Cllr Smith advised the following

- RCC Local Plan – Public Consultation. Will be covered under 136/20
- Gate from Oval on to Church Street. A permanent notice had been put up however work to mend the gate was still in hand
- SGB Development Fighting Fund. Will be covered under item 136/20

133/20 Correspondence – Clerk

1. RCC – Weekly Covid-19 briefings had been circulated
2. Emails from resident re overhanging shrubs Chapel Lane. Clerk to contact homeowner to ask that the hedge is cut back so it does not impede the path.
3. Email from MP re feasibility study re Luffenham Station had been circulated
4. Email from Welland Rivers Trust. Perry Burns had been invited to speak at the meeting as covered in the Public forum

134/20 Finance Report – Clerk

1. Cllr Burrows confirmed that he had checked the bank reconciliation and was happy with it.

2. The Finance Report was approved
3. It was agreed that the Finance Sub Committee would meet on the 28th October 2020 to discuss the budget and precept for 2021-22
4. The following payment was approved
 - £15.72 re Website Hosting Ionos

135/20 Planning - Cllr Burrows

The following applications and decisions were noted. Cllr Burrows also advised that further applications concerning the Old Horse and Panniers Public House had been received and that he would be talking with other members of the planning committee to discuss the applications in more detail.

The issue of North Luffenham Civic Amenity site was briefly raised. County Cllr Bool advised that there were currently no plans to permanently close the Cottesmore site and if there was a move to go down to one site across Rutland then they would lobby for it to be centrally located, for example by the Enterprise Park in Oakham

Reference: 2020/1033/FUL Settings House Pilton Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 9PD

PROPOSAL: New single storey side extension and associated landscaping works to include new patio / terrace area.

Decision: Ref: 2020/0923/CAT. LOCATION: North Luffenham Hall Church Street North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JR: RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

PROPOSAL: T1-T10-Lime trees - Re-pollard, to clear electricity wires. T11-T26-Lime trees - Re-pollard, to maintain suitable size for their location.

T27-T34-Lime trees - Re-pollard, to maintain suitable size for their location. T35-T45-Lime trees - Pollard to a height of up to 4.5 metres to suitable growth points to maintain a uniform avenue of trees.

Decision: Ref 2020/0760/FUL: LOCATION: Lambley Cottage Lyndon Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JZ

Grant planning permission in accordance with the application and plans submitted

PROPOSAL: West wing side extension and first floor extension with dormer windows. Alterations to side passage due to the removal of the existing garage.

Decision: Ref 2020/0973/CAT LOCATION: 9 Glebe Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JU **RCC** has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

PROPOSAL: 1 No. Silver Birch tree (T2) - Reduce height by 5m and reduce lateral branches by 1.5m to balance shape (smaller tree on right). 1 No. Silver Birch tree (T1) - Remove to 1m above ground level (larger tree on left). 1 No. Red leafed Maple (T3) - Reduce by 2.5m

136/20 To receive and consider the proposed response to the RCC Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19).

Cllr Smith advised that the time allowed to respond had been extended to the 6th November. The Parish Council response was being prepared and will be ready by the 28th October. It was proposed and agreed that an extraordinary parish council meeting (virtual) be held on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm to finalise the response before submission. Individuals can respond at any time up to the 6th November. Details have been posted on-line as well as a leaflet drop. On the

22nd October at 7.00pm a virtual presentation for residents has been organised giving further details about the RCC Local Plan. Everyone is encouraged to respond and guidance is available on how to respond. All Parish Councillors were encouraged to take part.

It was proposed and agreed that the donation of £1000 previously agreed, should be sent to Edith Weston PC to contribute to the cost of the Barrister they are employing rather than to be given to Fight4Rutland. Mention was made that the SGB working group had already received some valuable support from this source. The previous consideration given to employing a Landscape Assessment specialist had been dismissed for the time being due to the potential cost being between £5k and £10k

137/20 To receive and consider the report from the PC Community Centre Management Sub Group. Cllr Smith advised that he and Cllr Anker had met (virtually) with Mona Walsh and Lewis Hopcroft on 8th October. They explained that matters had been delayed due to the quotes for carrying out the work coming in at approximately £2000 above their original budget. They were therefore trying to source the additional funds. They were hoping that work would now start mid-November and be completed by the end of the year so we would take over at the start of 2021. Cllr Smith advised that an email had been received seeking £3000 from NLPC rather than the cost of the new lighting. Clerk to write advising that our contribution was limited to the lighting and this had been confirmed by Cllr Oliver Hemsley.

138/20 To receive and consider the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Smith advised that the steering group continued to meet fortnightly and that following the village survey a community engagement event (virtual) was being held this Thursday at 7.00pm where responses to the survey would be given as well as an outline of the policies that were being developed. The steering group was also looking to engage the services of a consultant, Hannah Barter from Urban Vision Partnership. She would help with development of policies especially around design codes for housing and other buildings etc. Her costs as well other administrative/printing costs would be covered by a grant that was being applied for.

139/20 To consider a date for an informal strategy meeting. This matter was again deferred until further notice.

140/20 Date of next Parish Council meetings:

Monday 2nd November 7.30pm (virtual) – extraordinary meeting

Monday 7th December 7.30pm (virtual)

Meeting closed at 8.37pm