



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (**virtual**) on **Monday, 28th September 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Smith, Burrows, Cade, Barsby, Marsh and Anker.

There was 1 member of the public attending

115/20 Apologies: Cllrs Sewell and Canham and County Cllrs Waller and Bool

116/20 Declarations of Interest: None

117/20 Public Forum: The gate to the Oval from Church Street was again raised as it was still not closing and once again the notice to close the gate had gone. Cllr Smith advised that he had asked someone in the village to attend to it but this had not happened. Another solution will be sought. Cllr Cade will arrange for a permanent sign to be made and installed

118/20 The minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- Parish Council meeting of 10th August (virtual)
- Parish Council Extraordinary meeting 12th August (Virtual)

119/20 Chairman's Report: Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting including the 2 new councillors that had recently been co-opted. He hoped that they would find the role rewarding. He advised that the time limit for the consultation of the RCC Local plan had been extended for a further month and this item would be discussed later along with the SGB Development Fighting Fund. Finally, we had been sent details of a proposal looking at the possible re-opening of the Welland Valley Railway. Correspondence had been received from the Chair of a group looking into the feasibility of re-opening the line.

120/20 Correspondence – The clerk went through the following correspondence.

- RCC – Weekly confidential Covid-19 briefings. The Chair advised that this was likely to be replaced in the near future by a virtual Parish Council Forum on a monthly basis, where Chairs would be invited to join
- Emails from residents re laurel bushes on Ancaster Way. It was agreed that the PC would investigate sending a 'letter of public nuisance' being sent to Greenbelt.
- Email from resident re spillage on Kings road of Oil like substance
- RCC – Re overgrown vegetation at the top of Pinfold Lane causing a nuisance. Cllr Cade advised that this had been attended to.

121/20 Finance Report – Clerk

1. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward Bank statements to Cllr Burrows to enable the bank reconciliation to be undertaken.

2. The Finance Report was approved as presented
3. The VAT claim of £183.77 for period 01/06/20 – 31/08/20 was noted
4. The following payments were duly approved
 - £692.89 RCC re Street Lighting
 - £15.00 Janet Whittaker re cutting of keys for Comm Centre
5. The following contractual payments were noted
 - £1221.90 Clerk salary
 - £305.60 HMRC

122/20 Planning - Cllr Burrows went through the following planning notices.

- **Reference: 2020/0973/CAT.** 9 Glebe Road North Luffenham, LE15 8JU
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

- **Reference: 2020/0877/FUL.** Stonecroft, 7 Digby Drive North Luffenham
PROPOSAL: Construction of new swimming pool and timber shed

- **Reference: 2020/0961/RG3.** Civic Amenity Site North Luffenham Road
 Morcott Rutland
PROPOSAL: Regulation 3 application to create a new vehicular exit route from the site.

- **Reference: 2020/0955/CAT:** Stone Cottage 27 Church Street North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JR
PROPOSAL: T1, Malus sylvestris (Crab Apple) crown thin and 1.5m crown reduction, T2 , Malus domestica (Fruiting Apple Winter pruning , crown thin, and 1.5m reduction.

- **Reference: 2020/0923/CAT:** North Luffenham Hall Church Street
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 Notice: 2020 2020/0805/FUL**
 Date of Validation 14 July 2020
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension.
 20 Kings Road North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JH
GRANT Planning permission in accordance with the application and plans

- **2020/0018/APPEAL. Appeal by:** Mr C Milburn. Application to regularise matters with regards to the property being used as two separate dwellings.
Site: The Horse and Panniers 12A Church Street North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JR
Appeal Start Date: 16 September 2020

It was noted that the PC has no input with regard to the appeal. With regard to ref 2020/0961/RG3 a traffic assessment should be sought. It was also noted that the request from the PC to RCC to have double yellow lines painted at the top of Lyndon road had been considered and rejected by RCC. Finally, there had been no further update with regard to the parking of lorries at SGB

122a/20 To receive and consider the proposed response to the RCC Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19).

Cllr Smith advised that this was a major item and that the time limit for the consultation had been extended to the 6th Nov 2020. Cllr's Smith, Burrows and Anker had met with Mark Andrews (virtually) asking for an extension in view of the new limits of numbers of people able to meet. Mark Andrews subsequently emailed that the six weeks complied with the SCI. However RCC then extended the response period due to discrepancies in the presubmission published Local Plan. It was suggested that now more time was available that an additional extraordinary meeting should be called. Cllr Smith asked that if anyone was interested in taking part in the examination, if they could let him know. In the interim he along with Cllr's Burrows and Anker were working on the formal response though it was noted that it was a very legalistic process.

With regard to Fight4Rutland, a barrister had suggested that a landscape assessment covering the views across to NL and beyond should be undertaken as it would appear that this piece of work had not been undertaken by RCC. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Smith would look into the cost of getting this done with the money allocated to Fight4Rutland being used for this purpose rather than the general barrister fund. Enquiries to be made.

123/20 To receive and consider the report from the Community Centre Working Group. It was disappointing to note that the refurbishment of the Community Centre had not yet started. RCC were seeking additional financial support from NLPC above the cost of the new lighting. This proposal was rejected. Cllr Smith will advise RCC.

It was noted that the resilience materials had now been received and were being stored at the cricket pavilion until work on the Community Centre had been completed. Finally, it was noted that this matter was now being overseen by Cllr Oliver Hemsley at RCC.

124/20 To receive and consider the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. The steering committee continued to meet fortnightly with additional meetings being scheduled as needed. The village survey had resulted in 218 responses being received. Plans were now being discussed with regard to arranging a roadshow, though matters were complicated due to the Covid-19 restrictions. It was still to be decided whether it should be a physical or virtual roadshow.

125/20 Bonfire Night 2020. Due to the current restrictions it was agreed that Bonfire night will not proceed. A notice will be posted on the village website.

126/20 To consider a date for an informal strategy meeting. This was again deferred to a future date

127/20 Date of next Parish Council meeting: **Monday 19th October 7.30pm (virtual)**

The meeting closed at 8.57pm