



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (**virtual**) on **Monday, 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Smith, Cade, Burrows, Canham, Barsby, Anker and Sewell
There was one member of the public present

15/21 Apologies: Martin Marsh, County Cllrs Bool and Waller

16/21 Declarations of Interest: None

17/21 Public Forum: No items were raised

18/21 The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 25th Jan 2021 (virtual) were duly approved

19/21 Chairman's Report

- Joint meeting re Future Health in Rutland held on Tuesday 2nd Feb @ 7.00 pm: The Chair reported that this virtual meeting had been well attended by both Cllrs and public from North and South Luffenham. Details of the responses have been circulated to Cllrs and also published on the website
- Parish Forum held on 8th February. The Chair advised that he and both Cllrs Anker and Burrows had joined in the virtual forum. There were 2 topics of discussion which were; Dying Matters, an initiative that aims to give Rutlanders a single source of information about the many forms of help available in a leaflet that will be circulated. The other presentation was on the draft design codes and guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven. This is available on the RCC website.

20/21 Correspondence – Clerk

- Rutland and Stamford Sound Community Radio with Rob Persani - invitation to hear about us. This had been circulated to all Cllrs
- RCC weekly roundup. This continues to be circulated to all Cllrs on a Friday evening and covers Covid 19 update for both the UK and Rutland as well as other useful information during lockdown.

21/21 Finance Report – Clerk

1. Cllr Burrows confirmed that he had checked and agreed the Bank Reconciliation
2. The Finance Report as presented was approved. It was noted that there had been no new transactions since the last report

22/21 Planning - Cllr Burrows

Ref: 2021/0071/CAT. 7 Digby Drive, North Luffenham

PROPOSAL: T1 Lime Crown clean predominantly remove epicormic from the tree which is now getting a little congested removing and crossing or rubbing branches. this will allow for a climbing inspection to assess the overall health of the tree. I will also improve light levels for the neighbouring property located beneath.

T2 Walnut, remove now touching not yet suppressing the adjacent trees no amenity will be missed from the group and will enhance the Beech as a stand out future tree allowing it to retain full form.

T3 Yew prune back into group as per red line on attached photo. This tree has grown low over the vehicular access and is causing restrictions and conflict. I find that the Yew will recover from this shaping and retain better form than a high crown lift to 5m.

T4 Acer SPP Statutory clearance crown lift to 2.5m/footpath and 5m/ highway.

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Decision Notice: 2020/1375/FUL GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION

PROPOSAL: Construction of upper floor extension over an existing ground floor extension

LOCATION: 34 Butt Lane North Luffenham Rutland LE15 8JN

Both notices had been noted with no objections registered

23/21 To receive and consider any highway issues

- The blocked culverts in Moor Lane were causing additional flooding under the railway bridge as well as in Lyndon road. The matter had been reported to RCC and also Network Rail who had visited Moor Lane. It was felt that the issue was an RCC highways problem as they owned the grass verge between the tarmac and field boundaries. Cllr Sewell was in discussions with RCC (Rob Baxter) about the situation
- Car Parking in Lyndon Road. It was noted that the situation was getting worse with our last proposal having been blocked by RCC. It was proposed that future complaints about the matter should be sent to Lucy Stevenson at RCC

24/21 To receive and consider the report from the PC Community Centre Management Sub Group. To include the review of the draft Roles and Responsibilities document.

Work had now started on the refurbishment of the Community Centre and it was hoped that work would be completed within the next 4 weeks. The draft Roles and responsibilities had been circulated along with the repairs and maintenance schedule. The paper work had been reviewed by Cllr Canham and it was her opinion that we were being asked to enter a contractual licence and not a lease. The current papers did not include a start date or a finish date/break clause which would be needed. To this end the Parish Council should get independent legal advice before signing. Once the final document was available then advice would be sought.

25/21 To receive and consider the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

The Chair advised that work was now getting to a crucial point. Policies were largely in place with the evidence to support the policies being finalised. Before the draft plan can be submitted to RCC for review it would need to be approved by NLPC and that would need to follow a further consultation with residents. It was hoped that this could be achieved in time for the next Parish Council meeting in March. If this was not possible then an extraordinary meeting may be needed.

It was noted that the plan would also have within it, Parish objectives, which were not part of the policies to be put forward.

26/21 To receive and consider the grant request from the Parochial Church Council for financial assistance towards the maintenance of the North Luffenham Graveyard.

The application had been received and circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed and agreed to make a donation of £500 to help cover the cost of the grass cutting of the burial ground.

27/21 North Luffenham Water Gardens. To discuss and consider the options concerning this historic feature within the village.

At the start of the discussion Cllr Canham declared an interest being a property owner adjoining the water gardens. It was also noted that since putting the item on the agenda the Water Gardens were not currently for sale having heard from one of the trustees of the Trust that owns them.

It was agreed that they were of historic interest and they were an asset to the village and should the situation change then the NLPC would be interested in taking the matter forward, though the cost could be considerable, especially when looking at restoration. An initial conversation with RCC indicated that they would not object to an access point being made from the footpath adjoining the gardens

28/21 Chair to seek approval to close the meeting to the public to discuss item 29/21 in confidence.

Approval was given

29/21 To consider the applications received for the post of Clerk

Discussions took place on recruitment. Due to insufficient applicants the council has decided to readvertise the position

30/21 Date of next Parish Council meeting, **Monday 22nd March 7.30pm**
(virtual)

The meeting closed at 8.58pm