



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 13th September at 7.30 pm at North Luffenham Community Centre

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

- 124/21** Apologies were received from Cllrs Sewell, Marsh and County Cllrs Waller and Bool.
- 125/21** Declarations of Interest : None declared.
- 126/21** Public Forum: there was one member of the public present. No issues were raised.
- 127/21** The Minutes of the 16th August 2021 Meeting were approved.
- 128/21** Chairman's Report:
- Withdrawal of the emerging Local Plan (LP):
 - The chair said that although being involved in this over the past 4 years along with many others, other cllrs, residents and parishes he did not regard this as a triumph.
 - It was four wasted years and a lot of money.
 - As a result the county is open to a certain extent to speculative developers.
 - Hopefully the new LP will involve local communities in a meaningful way as should have happened 4 years ago.
 - There will be development at St. George's Barracks and the Neighbourhood Plans (NP) of North Luffenham and Edith Weston (EW) should be able to have a significant influence on that development.
 - The NP group is liaising with RCC, EW and most likely will do so with the MoD.
 - As a result of the withdrawal the NP policies and master planning/design codes need to change as SGB is no longer a strategic allocation.
- 129/21** Correspondence - Clerk:
- Resident re overgrown hedge on Digby Drive. The resident had reported the problem to RCC Highways.
 - RCC Highways road closures 06/09/2021 to 27/09/2021: noted.
 - Rural Community Council re NHS project called Changing Connections: noted.

- 130/21** Finance Report - Clerk:
1. Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Burrows confirmed he agreed with the Bank Reconciliation.
 2. The Finance Report was approved.
 3. Consider and approve retrospective payments:
 - a. (69/21) Vacuum Cleaner for Community Centre
 - b. Clerk Expenses: £43.49
 - c. (87/21) Furniture for Community Centre: £116.39
 - d. (87/31) Waste Bin for Community Centre: £14.41
 - e. (87/21) Filing cabinets x4/ 30 stacker chairs/6 chairs with arms/1 used ergo desk/2 combi storage units: £2818.80.The above retrospective payments were approved.
 - f. Benches: a donation for £150 paid by cheque was identified in the accounts and will be added to the total donations.
 4. Funding of a reconditioned Dell Inspiron Computer at £576.00 incl of vat was approved.
 5. Contractual Expense:
 - a. Clerk Salary: £1518.16: noted.
- 131/21** Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020-21
This had now been approved and needed to be published on the Website by the 30th September.
- 132/21** Planning - Cllr Burrows: Cllr Burrows had not been forwarded the planning proposals but from the summaries could see no major objections. The proposals will be forwarded to him.
- 133/21** Update on website of NLPC Policy Documents: it had been noted to the chair that these had not been updated. Cllr Burrows will initiate a review.
- 134/21** Proposed amendment to Risk Strategy - In the absence of Cllr Marsh this was deferred until the next meeting.
- 135/21** Community Centre (CC) Report - Cllr Cade
- The Community Centre Committee had met and the minutes circulated and will be posted on the website.
 - The proposal for the Hallmaster booking system of £137 plus vat per annum was approved.
 - The objections to the draft CC report between RCC and NLPC were drawn up by Cllrs Canham and Smith and sent to RCC. These were circulated to councillors. No response to date from RCC had been received.
- 136/21** Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: this had been largely dealt within the chairman's report. The group had taken advice from professional advisers in view of the withdrawal of the LP and continued to meet on a weekly basis.

137/21 Benches Project: Cllr Smith reported that there were sufficient funds for purchase and siting of the benches.

138/21 Date of next Parish Council meeting, Monday, 18th October at 7.30pm, North Luffenham Community Centre.

Barry Read
NLPC Clerk
17th September 2021