

North Luffenham Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Monday 11th April 2022

at North Luffenham Community Centre

Chairman's Address: Cllr Tim Smith welcomed the public to the meeting and outlined the purpose of the meeting

1. Work of North Luffenham Parish Council: Over the past 12 months the Parish Council (PC) has taken over the running of the community centre following its refurbishment. A new on-line booking system was being introduced. New tables and chairs had been purchased along with improved lighting. Full fibre broadband was now available with WIFI access. The main benefit in the PC managing the building was that we now had control of its use.

We had also held another very successful bonfire night which had raised over £2500 for council purposes.

The Neighbourhood plan steering group had continued to meet on a regular basis and will be covered separately as well as the PC response to the Rutland County Council (RCC) local plan.

The extension to the Woodland walk was progressing with a further area being planted up with new trees.

We had also received a payment of £10689 from RCC being a community infrastructure levy (CIL) on new planning consents. The PC will be consulting on how this can be best spend for the benefit of NL residents

2. Neighbourhood Plan. Work on this had been progressing over the last 2 years. It was now in draft format and had been sent to RCC for its initial compliance review. Once we receive their feedback then it will go to public consultation (known as Reg 14). Following the public consultation then it is returned to RCC for an independent examination.
3. Rutland Local Plan: Following RCC electing not to accept the Government HIF payment of nearly £30 million the proposed emerging local plan had been withdrawn. RCC were now working on a completely new Local Plan which will take approximately 4 years to complete.
4. Parish Finances. The clerk advised that the finances for the financial year were currently in draft format. As a consequence of a very good bonfire night and receipt of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies

then income was significantly ahead of budget. This meant that the reserves of the council had increased over the last 12 months. It was noted that the CIL monies were a restricted reserve and could not be used for everyday expenditure but for infrastructure items to improve the lives of North Luffenham residents.

5. Forum. Issues raised and discussed above those covered above concerned:
 - Are we receiving a regular newsletter from Empingham Medical centre? Action: Clerk to enquire
 - The broken styles going from Digby Drive to Station Road
 - Vegetation growth covering the footpath to Edith Weston
 - Suggestion to use some of the CIL payment to have a Trim trail on the Oval
6. The Chairman advised that following the village survey various non planning suggestions had been put forward by the public. These included eco paths, a cycle network with other villages and some more rewilding. These will now all be looked at by the PC over the coming months

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm