

North Luffenham Parish Council

A parish council (trust) meeting for North Luffenham was held on 17th September 2025 following the full council meeting in the NL Community Centre.

Present – Cllr T Smith (chair), Cllr J Spiegl, Cllr Cade, Cllr Forbes, Cllr Purves.

Amy Lord – Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

**Minutes**

**39/25 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gorse and Cllr Burrows. It was noted to accept the apologies. Proposed Cllr Forbes, Seconded Cllr Spiegl. All approved.

**40/25 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**41/25** **To approve and sign Minutes:**

41.1. The minutes of the Trust meeting held on 13th August 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was raised that an amendment on item 36/25 was required, Cllr Cade had attended inspections with the NLAS, not a meeting. It was proposed to approve the minutes with the amendment, Cllr Spiegl proposed, Cllr Forbes seconded. All approved.

**42/25 Matters arising from previous minutes – Please refer to actions in red.**

Agenda item 34.25 Cllr Smith has sent the correct information.

Agenda item 35.25 Clerk has looked through all invoices and added any outstanding to payment list.

Agenda item 37.25 Quotes have been received for playground inspection.

**43/25 Correspondence**

 None received.

**44/25 Finance Report**

44.1 Finance report was approved. It was raised that a transfer of £2000 needed to be made to the trust account. Proposed Cllr Spiegl, Cllr Forbes seconded. All approved.

44.2 The below payments were approved. Proposed Cllr Cade, seconded Cllr Forbes. All approved.

* Little Miss Mow All July £260.00

**45/25 Field Gardens Report and Allotment Society**

45.1 The new Allotments Rules and Tenant Agreement were circulated prior to the meeting. A committee meeting was held on 1st September to review the rules and agreement, which were subsequently sent to all allotment holders. Some additions were requested and have been incorporated. It was agreed that rent will remain the same. WaterPlus invoices are reducing, with £748.80 spent so far from the budgeted amount for the water bill. Water-saving measures and potential schemes are being investigated. The next allotment inspections are scheduled for 17th October. Councillors requested additional time to consider changes to the Terms and Conditions, with a view to reviewing and approving them at the October meeting

45.2 Woodland Walk – Cllr Cade is looking to get a quote for removal or brambles around the walk.

45.3 Bowls Club Lease – A meeting has been arranged for next Thursday. Cllr Smith and Cllr Burrows to attend.

**46/25 Oval Report**

A resignation was received from Little Miss Mow All. The parish council would like to express thanks for all the work they have done. Clerk to reach out to local parishes regarding who they use for grass cutting.

**47/25 Playground Inspection**

47.1 Quotes for playground inspections were circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed that clarification is needed from Sovereign as to whether the quote covers one inspection per year for five years, or a single inspection covering a five-year period.

It was agreed that, if the quote is for annual inspections over five years, the contract would be awarded to Sovereign. Cllr Spiegl proposed, Cllr Forbes seconded, all approved.

**48/25 Oval Bin Collection**

48.1 A response for additional bin collection was received from the county council, with an annual charge for weekly servicing at £410 per bin, for monthly servicing £181.80 per bin. It was suggested that the top left hand corner bin is removed and used to replace the Butt lane broken bin. Councillors also discussed the possibility of engaging a contractor to empty the bins, but noted that the disposal location for the waste would need to be addressed. Cllrs to talk to Rutland County Council to discuss options.

**49/25 Grass Cutting**

 49.1 Discussed on item 46/25.

**50/25** **Date of next meeting: 15th October.**

**Close of meeting; 21.08pm**

**Amy Lord. 18/09/25**