

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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5th January 2007

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Friday 12th January 2007 commencing at 10.00am in the Pavilion, Manor Field Hartley**. We would like to remind members of the Committee that all original copies of the correspondence contained in the Agenda are brought to the Committee meetings and held on file. If any member wishes to have sight of the correspondence that is not copied with the Agenda, would they please contact the Secretary to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Redman

Julie Hoad

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **To Approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 3rd November 2006 **(APPENDIX A)**
4. **Matters Arising** from those minutes (Not on the Agenda)
5. **Financial Report** **(APPENDIX B)**
6. **Land and Site Maintenance**
 - 6.1 Dog fouling notices and replacement Dog Bin on Northfield – Signs have been produced and will be placed at the entry/exit points to Northfield indicating to users where the three dog bins are located. A replacement dog bin will be ordered to replace the one that has been vandalised at the Milestone School entrance to Northfield.
 - 6.2 Area of Fencing bordering the Ash Road, opposite Appledore, including the erection of a stile – The work has now been completed by Green Acre Landscapes.
 - 6.3 Footpath leading from the Ash road entrance to Northfield – The new PROW Officer has been asked to arrange clearance of this stretch of SD302.
 - 6.5 Cutting of Hay 2007 – Offers will be open to any interested contractors who might wish to enter into an agreement, advantageous to both parties, for the cutting and removing of the grass for use as a hay crop. It is envisaged that the cut will take place during the middle of July 2007. RAMSAK have also been informed so that they can advertise it within their membership. Cllr. Barnett has asked the Committee to consider that if a workable agreement is made with the contractor and both parties are happy after one year, that a longer term agreement can be considered for the future.
7. **Recreational Facilities – Horse Riding Route** **(APPENDIX C)**
 - 7.1 To receive the notes from the Horse Riding Route Advisory Committee held on 5th December 2006. The notes of the meeting of 2nd January 2007 will be sent under separate cover.

7.2 Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Horse Riding Route Committee **(attached)**.

7.3 A letter has been written to the New Ash Green Village Association setting out the Northfield Management Committee's intention for the horse riding route to commence in the Spring of 2007. As landowners, they have also been requested to give their formal written consent for this facility on Northfield.

8. Boundaries

8.1 Boundary fence between Courtfield, Cavan and Northfield – To consider the legal determination from NALC **(attached)**.

9. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw

9.1 Log Barrier, New House Shaw – A meeting between Cllr. Barnett, the Tree Officer from SDC and the Contractor has been arranged to discuss any work that will be carried out on the trees. A report by Cllr. Barnett will be given at the meeting.

9.2 Free Trees – The free allocation of hedging plants have now been planted.

9.3 Donated Trees – Mr Munday has planted a replacement horse chestnut and two oak trees.

9.4 Quantitative Risk Assessment on New House Shaw – Three quotations have been sought for this work. A report will be given by the Secretary at the meeting.

10. Health and Safety

10.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheets for October and November 2006 will be available at the meeting.

10.2 EDF Energy – A meeting will be arranged between the two Co-Chairmen of the Committee and the Chairman of the New Ash Green Village Association to discuss the advice that has been received from NALC.

11. Single Payment and Environmental Stewardship Scheme

11.1 Single Payment Scheme – To date no further response has been received from DEFRA, despite another letter having been sent.

12. Milestone School, Capital Works Programme (APPENDIX D)

12.1 To approve the minutes of the Special Meetings held on 19th September and 6th October 2006.

12.2 To note that letters have been written to the residents of Farm Holt who objected to the proposal to site an access road on Northfield land, confirming the Northfield Management Committee's decision that the matter would not be taken any further. As the landowners, a letter was also written to the New Ash Green Village Association informing them of the same.

13. Correspondence

13.1 RAMSAK Rag December 2006/January 2007 Edition 87.

14. Date of next meeting

15. Any Other Business