

## NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 commencing at 10.00am in the Viewing Gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre** 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007 **(APPENDIX A)**
4. **Matters Arising** from those minutes (Not on the Agenda)
5. **Financial Report** **(APPENDIX B)**
6. **Land and Site Maintenance**
  - 6.1 Footpath leading from the Ash road entrance to Northfield – The PROW Officer has been to look at SD302 and has reported back to say that the vegetation appears to be in a satisfactory condition at the present time
  - 6.2 Cutting of Silage/Hay 2007 – To receive a report from the Secretary at the meeting and to consider any expressions of interest received.
  - 6.3 Heavy Roll of the Meadow 2007 – To consider any quotations received.
  - 6.4 Condition of the footpaths at the kissing gates on Northfield – The condition of the footpaths at the kissing gates on Northfield were judged to be very muddy and slippery. It was considered necessary, for reasons of health and safety, to sanction that wood chippings be spread around the kissing gates by TD Munday before the next Northfield Management Committee meeting. Authorisation for this action is therefore now requested.
7. **Recreational Facilities – Horse Riding Route** **(APPENDIX C)**
  - 7.1 To receive the notes from the Horse Riding Route Advisory Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006.
  - 7.2 Advisory Group members, Declaration of Interests – Following conflicting advice on the declaring of interests from both the Monitoring Officer and KAPC, the Secretary wrote to the Policy Advisor at the Standards Board. A copy of her letter is attached for discussion.

7.3 To discuss the letter from the New Ash Green Village Association relating to the Horse Riding Route dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007. To note that a legal opinion has been sought from NALC relating to the terms of the consent as set out in the letter from the New Ash Green Village Association.

## **8. Boundaries**

8.1 Boundary fence between Courtfield, Cavan and Northfield – A revised quotation has been sought from the original contractors for the stock fencing to include a single strand of barbed wire. A quotation has also been requested for an additional 35 metres of stock fencing to be erected alongside the log barrier. The height of the posts in the specification have increased to 7' to take account of the single strand of barbed wire that will be erected on top of the stock fencing.

8.2 Western boundary – The chestnut paling fence is in need of repair at the point where it abuts the Ash Road. The Committee are asked to consider replacing it with post and rail.

8.3 Hedge along the Ash Road boundary – Hartley parish council have asked Kent Highways to cut the top of the hedge but they have refused to do so as it is not a Health and Safety issue. The side of the hedge where it was encroaching on to the pathway has been trimmed back. In view of this, the Northfield Management Committee are asked to consider whether this section of hedge should be included in any of their future hedge cutting work.

## **9. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw**

**(APPENDIX D)**

9.1 Log Barrier, New House Shaw – To note that this work has now been completed. An email was sent to and a reply has been received from the owner of Cavan in connection with the dead hedge, for consideration at this meeting. **(attached)**. a copy is attached.

9.2 Quantitative Risk Assessment on New House Shaw – To note that the Secretary has contacted two of the three contractors to ascertain whether or not they still wish to submit a quotation.

9.3 Cutting of the grass in Barnetts Wood – To consider increasing the number of cuts from 1 to 2. The first cut to take place at the end of May/beginning of June with a second to follow in mid August – Cllr. Barnett to report.

9.4 Proposal by the New Ash Green Village Association to create a BMX Track in Barnetts Wood **(Letter and outline plan attached)**.

9.5 To consider planting more trees on Northfield – Cllr. Gaywood to report.

## **10. Health and Safety**

10.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheets for December and January 2007 will be available at the meeting.

10.2 EDF Energy – Meeting with Co-Chairmen of the Northfield Management Committee and Chairman of the New Ash Green Village Association.

10.3 EDF Energy – To agree that any work to lay the cabling underground should be done after the end of July 2007 – Cllr. Barnett to report.

10.4 Sewer work on Northfield – To report that the New Ash Green Village Association arranged for work to be carried out on the sewer run along the southern boundary of Northfield. The Secretary will arrange for a report of the work that was carried out to be forwarded to the Northfield Management Committee for their records.

## **11. Single Payment and Environmental Stewardship Scheme**

11.1 Single Payment Scheme – Cllr. Barnett to report.

## **12. Correspondence and Date of Next Meeting**

## **13. Any Other Business**