

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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14th May 2007

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Friday 18th May 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 13th April 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 Cutting of Silage/Hay 2007 – To note that the quotation from Messrs. HF and JH Glover for £500 for the work has been accepted.
 - 6.2 Footpath Barrier leading into Stocks field – To discuss the quotation received.
 - 6.3 Ragwort removal – To discuss emergency removal of ragwort by TD Munday should it become necessary.
7. **Recreational Facilities – Horse Riding Route** **(APPENDIX C)**
 - 7.1 To discuss the re-opening of the ride and the continuing vandalism to route.
 - 7.2 To note that the parish councils insurers have confirmed their acceptance of the changes to the way the route is now marked out and that the existing Public Liability Section of the policy will extend to include the legal liabilities of the parish councils as far as they could apply.
 - 7.3 To note the various emails of objection from a resident of Farm Holt, New Ash Green, to the horse riding route on Northfield **(attached).**
 - 7.4 To note the letter from the Meopham & District Bridleways Association concerning the horse riding route **(attached).**

8. Boundaries

8.1 Boundary fence between Courtfield, Cavan and Northfield – A letter, including a detailed revised specification has now been sent to the two landowners for consideration, along with particulars concerning the shared costs.

8.2 Western boundary fence – A detailed specification for future consideration of post and rail fencing along the whole of this boundary will be drawn up.

8.3 Hedge along the Ash Road boundary – To note that the Highways Authority have been asked to re-consider topping the hedge and a response is awaited.

9. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw

9.1 Log Barrier, New House Shaw – To discuss the recent vandalism to the barrier.

9.2 Quantitative Risk Assessment on New House Shaw – To note that the Contractor has visited the site as part of the assessment process.

9.3 To consider planting more trees on Northfield – To note that information will be sought from the Forestry Commission.

9.4 Barnetts Wood – To note that the payment of the retained portion for the planting of Barnetts Wood has now been received from the Forestry Commission.

10. Health and Safety

10.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheet for March/April 2007 will be available at the meeting.

10.2 EDF Energy – Following the meeting held on 12th April, the VA's Solicitor has written to EDF's Solicitor to see if they are willing to agree to a sub-lease. Once this has been determined, the Northfield Management Committee will have to arrange for the land to be demised to be valued by the District Valuer and he will have to fix the rent. The proposed disposal will then have to be advertised in the local press before the sub-lease can be granted.

11. Single Payment and Environmental Stewardship Scheme

11.1 Single Payment Scheme – To receive a report at the meeting.

12. Correspondence and Date of Next Meeting

12.1 RAMSAK Rag Issue no 89 April/May 2007.

12.2 RAMSAK Handbook 2007.

13. Any Other Business