

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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18th January 2008

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Friday 25th January 2008 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 Friday 30th November 2007
(APPENDIX A)
4. **Matters Arising** from those minutes (Not on the Agenda)
5. **Financial Report** (APPENDIX B)
6. **Land and Site Maintenance** (APPENDIX C)
 - 6.1 Footpath Barrier leading into Stocks field – Report at the meeting.
 - 6.2 Chippings on Northfield – Once ground conditions on the field improve, more chippings can be brought on and spread where required.
 - 6.3 Surface water run-off from Northfield – Report attached.
 - 6.4 Cutting of the field for hay 2008 – To consider arrangements for cutting the field for a hay crop in 2008 – Cllr. Barnett to report.
 - 6.5 Wildflowers on Northfield – To consider planting more wildflowers on Northfield – Cllr. Barnett to report.
7. **Recreational Facilities – Horse Riding Route, Trim Trail and Junior Football Pitch**
(APPENDIX D)
 - 7.1 Horse Riding Route – To note that a meeting of the Advisory Committee will take place on 28th January 2008. The route was closed to members on 2nd January 2008 to preserve the ground. An email was received over the Christmas Holiday to say there was evidence that some riders had been deviating from the route and riding on the ‘Play Area’ and other parts of the field.

- 7.2 Trim Trail – An analysis of the consultation exercise is attached for discussion.
- 7.3 Junior Football pitch – An analysis of the consultation exercise is attached for discussion.
- 7.4 Planning status re Northfield and the siting of a temporary football pitch – To discuss the attached correspondence.
- 7.5 Legal determination from NALC relating to the correspondence from the New Ash Green Sports Pavilion Ltd who threatened to take legal action for breach of covenant against the Northfield Management Committee, if it failed to provide further football pitches on Northfield. (correspondence attached).
- 7.6 Meeting with the New Ash Green Village Association Council of Management to discuss the provision of a junior football pitch on Northfield – Unfortunately, efforts to meet with the Village Association to have a roundtable discussion have so far proved unsuccessful. Attempts will be made to find another suitable date.

8. Boundaries

- 8.1 Boundary fence between Courtfield, Cavan and Northfield – A site meeting was held on 18th January 2008 with all relevant parties to ensure the correct siting of the fence.
- 8.2 South Ash Boundary Hedge – Report on the status of this work at meeting.

9. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw

- 9.1 Quantative Tree Risk Assessment on New House Shaw – A further letter was sent to the Contractor giving him a deadline for receipt of the report by Wednesday 23rd January 2008.
- 9.2 Maintenance programme for Barnetts Wood – This work has still to be completed.
- 9.3 Free Trees – These will be planted when weather conditions prevail.

10. Health and Safety

- 10.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheet for November 2007 will be available at the meeting.
- 10.3 Bollard to be placed outside the entrance gate to Church Road – Report by the Secretary at the meeting.
- 10.4 EDF Energy – The Village Association’s solicitor has received confirmation that EDF have agreed to delete the clauses that were required and these will be replaced by EDF to ‘construct and maintain’ the Building. The VA have confirmed that they will only give full consent after they have seen and approved the plans for the Building.

11. Single Payment, Environmental Stewardship Scheme and Soil Association

- 11.1 Single Payment Scheme – Payment of £922 has been received.
- 11.2 Environmental Stewardship Scheme – Payment of £394 has been received.
- 11.2 Soil Association – A compliance form has been received to confirm our compliance with the Soil Association standards for the coming year. A certification of registration has also been issued in the name of the Northfield Management Committee. The complete copy of the Soil Association Organic Standards book has now been received and is kept in the Parish Office of Ash-cum-Ridley parish council.

12. Correspondence and Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1 RAMSAK Rag No 93 December 2007 - January 2008.
- 12.2 Certification News Winter 2007 from the Soil Association

13. Any Other Business