

## **NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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26 September 2011

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Monday 03 October 2011 at 4.00pm, at Hartley Library, Ash Road, 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,  
**Alison de Jager**  
**Julie Hoad**

### **A G E N D A**

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 July 2011.**  
**(APPENDIX A WHITE)**
4. **Financial Report** **(APPENDIX B PINK)**
5. **Land and Site Maintenance**
  - 6.1 Milestone School Access - To note that J Hooper & Sons have agreed that the installation of the fence, gate and hard standing will be undertaken during the October half term break from 24 – 28 October 2011.
  - 6.2 The hay crop has been harvested, report at meeting.
  - 6.3 To note that the bramble around the new hedge planted adjacent to Milestone School has been strimmed and sprayed for a second time this season.
  - 6.4 Hay Cutting – report at meeting
  - 6.5 To consider the collection of wild flower seeds from the Meadow in New Ash Green for distribution on Northfield. The Kent Wildlife Trust has shown an interest in this project and would like to inspect the site to discuss further.
  - 6.6 To note that an additional cut around the perimeter of Barnetts Wood and footpaths within the wood has been carried out.
  - 6.7 To consider the purchase of stakes and ties for the best six specimens in each of the two new copses in the Meadow at a cost of £2 - £6 each, plus labour.
  - 6.8 To consider the reduction of the hedge along the southern boundary of Northfield to the same height as last year at a cost of £180.00.

## **7. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw (Appendix C Lime)**

7.1 To consider quotations received for the works in New House Shaw, identified by the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment.

7.2 To consider further formative pruning of the area primarily made up of Oak trees in the segment of Barnetts Wood adjacent to New House Shaw. This area of woodland formed part of the initial formative pruning programme carried out in 2008 and 2009. Due to the high percentage of Oak trees it is considered this area of the woodland would benefit from additional formative pruning.

7.3 To note the successful planting of 1750 bulbs in Barnetts Wood on 17 and 18 September 2011 and to consider further planting of bluebell bulbs in Autumn 2012.

## **8. Recreational Facilities (Appendix D Blue)**

8.1 To undertake the annual review of the Horse Riding Route Rules and Conditions. (attached).

8.2 Members will be advised of the closing date of the route on recommendation from Cllr Mrs Oxtoby.

## **9. Health and Safety (Appendix E White)**

9.1 Football – To note that the football post sockets have been removed from the informal playing area and a letter sent to the Junior Football Club advising of the action taken.

9.2 To consider a request from Kent Police to erect notices regarding motorbikes and to share the costs as per the attached document.

9.3 To note that a camp had been found in Barnetts Wood and removed.

9.4 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheets for the period June to August 2011 will be available at the meeting.

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

10.1 To note the receipt of correspondence from residents regarding the use of the informal playing area for Northfield and that all enquiries have been responded to.

10.2 The New Ash Green Junior Football Club have raised the following concerns (quoted from email of 02/08/11):

1. Permission to use the field was given to us by Mr Alan Pett and endorsed by Susan Heads
2. The lease for Northfield makes provision for the use of football pitches on Northfield (this I would assume allows goal posts etc)
3. If the suggestion of portable goals is a genuine offer would the Parish care to fund these items?
4. We will contest the issue of 'health & safety' as being the reason for the committee's actions for as long as it takes, including involving the local press, as it is patently obvious that that there are several other 'hazards' on Northfield, some of which are manmade, that pose far more of a safety issue than four 2½ " holes.

A response has been sent to the New Ash Green Junior Football Club and a copy is attached.