

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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23rd July 2007

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Friday 27th July 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 18th May 2007 **(APPENDIX A)**
4. **Matters Arising** from those minutes (Not on the Agenda)
5. **Financial Report** **(APPENDIX B)**
To note that the amounts of the payments listed in 3.3 of the Financial Report will be available at the meeting.
Additional payment for authorisation: RAMSAK for the sum of **£95** for the annual subscription.
6. **Land and Site Maintenance**
 - 6.1 Cutting of Silage/Hay 2007 – To receive a report from Cllr. Barnett.
 - 6.2 Footpath Barrier leading into Stocks field – To note that the quotation to purchase and install the footpath barrier at this location has been accepted.
 - 6.3 Ragwort removal – To note that TD Munday has removed an amount of ragwort from Northfield that was growing in Barnetts Wood and an area south of New House Shaw.
 - 6.4 Replacement Dog bin – To note that this has been delivered and will be erected.
 - 6.5 Weedkilling and Fertilizing of the Play Area – Quotations received as follows:-
Fertilizing, to supply and spread - **£70.00** from Westcut Mowing
Weedkilling to kill off the clover – quotations were sought for this operation from Complete Weed Control and Weed Management Ltd. One quotation has been returned from Weed Management Ltd for **£288.00.**

7. Recreational Facilities – Horse Riding Route

7.1 To receive an up to date report on the Horse Riding Route Facility from Cllr. Mrs Oxtoby.

7.2 Trim Trail on Northfield – Cllr. Mrs Oxtoby to report.

7.3 Fun Run on Northfield – To note that the charity event will not be taking place this year.

8. Boundaries

(APPENDIX C)

8.1 Boundary fence between Courtfield, Cavan and Northfield – To note the letters received from the owners of Courtfield and Cavan in connection with the erection of the boundary fence.

8.2 Hedge along the Ash Road boundary – To note that a letter has been written to the Highway Authority concerning the cutting of the hedge. A ‘holding’ reply has been received to say that the matter will be investigated.

8.3 South Ash Boundary Hedge – To note that a quotation has been sought to tidy up the hedge and clear the area between the post and rail fencing and the original boundary and to remove any brambles so that proper maintenance both sides of the fence can be effected. Secretary to report at the meeting.

9. Barnetts Wood and New House Shaw

9.1 Log Barrier, New House Shaw – The log barrier is continuing to be dismantled and the owner of Cavan has asked that her concerns over its current stability and safety are brought to the attention of the Northfield Committee for discussion. In its current form, there are also concerns that it will prove a fire risk during the summer holidays.

9.2 To consider planting more trees on Northfield – To note that a letter has been sent to the Forestry Commission seeking advice and information.

10. Health and Safety

10.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspection sheets for May/June 2007 will be available at the meeting.

10.2 EDF Energy – To report that EDF Energy have confirmed that they are agreeable to enter into a sub-lease, however they have asked that when the land is valued, the District Valuer takes into consideration the cost to EDF Energy for taking down the network when fixing the rent. The Village Association’s Solicitor has asked if EDF Energy can indicate the likely costs that will be incurred. The Northfield Management Committee have been requested to look at and make any observations on a plan which has been forwarded to the VA’s Solicitor by EDF Energy showing the location of the land and cable rights to be acquired and rights of access. This is attached for your information.

11. Single Payment and Environmental Stewardship Scheme

11.1 Single Payment Scheme – As the Committee have been successful in obtaining the grant under the Entry Level Scheme they are now eligible to participate in the next stage and apply for Organic Level Status. The next stage will have cost implications, as the land has to be registered with a body such as the Soil Association and in order to do this the Committee would have to apply to join the association at a cost of around £425 per year – Cllr. Barnett to report.

12. Correspondence and Date of Next Meeting

12.1 RAMSAK Rag Issue 90 June/July 2007.

13. Any Other Business