

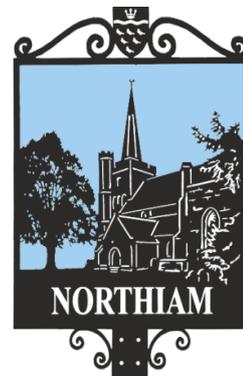
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Meeting of the SFF Committee to be held in the Jenkins Room, Northiam at 5.30pm, Thursday 26 May 2022

**Members of the Public and Press are welcome and encouraged to attend.
There will be an opportunity for questions from members of the public.**

MINUTES

Signed: Nicola Ideson, Parish Clerk

Date: 26th May 2022

ATTENDEES: Jacky Broad, David Cooper, Sarah Giles,. Jonathan Strong joined the meeting midway through item 6.

Council: Cllrs Biggs, Schlesinger, Wadie

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Tony Biggs

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Jonathan Strong explaining he had been delayed David Cooper attended as his substitution

2) PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Maximum of 15 minutes)

3 members of the public were in attendance and observed the meeting. There were no questions.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SFF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 28.4.22

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by Cllr Tony Wadie.

4) UTILITY CHARGES – AN UPDATE

The CIC have received an email from Business Stream containing the invoices providing the mains meter readings. It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting to allow the readings to be looked at in more detail. As weekly readings are now being collected from the separate meters that have been installed at the bungalows it was thought sensible to compare the readings after a few more had been collected. This would be used to calculate the water usage of the stables tenant.

5) CIC QUARTERLY REPORT

The report was circulated and is attached as an appendix. DC to circulate the summer dates for the Pop up Pub (PuP) to be publicised on the notice boards. The clerk was asked to issue an invoice to the CIC for a £200 contribution towards utility charges for PuP usage from last year.

6) The Chairman advised that item 6 would be moved to the end of the meeting, excluding members of the public, as item 6 is considered to be a confidential or sensitive item.

7) LOST ENGLAND – PROPOSAL

Progress is on hold for this proposal until the planning application for a 'change of use' of the land has been decided. Jay Foster said that he has established a sound community interest in the project with virtually no negative comments

8) GREATER CRESTED NEWT – POND

It is felt that it has reached the time for a decision to be made on whether to go ahead with the project or not. Sarah Giles explained that the organisation that has approached her, sources sites for places to relocate greater crested newts. The existing ponds situated at SFF have been surveyed and are of an unsuitable living condition for the newts, a new pond will need to be created at the developer's expense. The creation of the new pond will be funded and maintained for 25 years with no financial outlay required from the council. In return a sum of £1625pa will be received in the form of a grant. The location of the new pond is something that needs to be decided, any surrounding land of the new pond site could still be used for keeping sheep. A footpath around the pond would allow for members of the public to visit the pond and enjoy nature spotting.

Sarah Giles was asked to explain the details of the idea at full council meeting on the 9th June,

9) BOUNDARY INCURSIONS

The CIC are aware of some boundary incursions and are looking in to the legalities on behalf of the parish council. The Clerk was asked to pass on the login details of the land mapping app 'Parish Online' to the CIC. This will enable the CIC to gather accurate boundary measurements and a detailed map of the area. This item was deferred to a future meeting to allow for more research.

10) FUTURE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NPC AND CIC

Possible contractual amendments will be revisited, this item was deferred until a future meeting.

11) SHEDS FOR BUNGALOWS – AN UPDATE

The Clerk announced that the sheds are being delivered on the morning of 31st May. Arrangements will be made to ensure a member of the SFF committee will be present to take delivery. The Clerk to send Jewsons contact details to Cllr Wadie, who will call to verify delivery time beforehand.

12) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 30th JUNE 2022 5.30pm

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec1 para 2, members of the public were asked to leave due to the commercially sensitive and confidential nature of item 6.

