

## **NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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***Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the Northfield Management Committee will meet virtually via Zoom, in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, clause 78(2). Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact either of the Parish Clerks***

10 June 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to a virtual meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Monday 15 June 2020, hosted by Hartley Parish Council, at 10.00am**. 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,

*A de Jager*

**Alison de Jager  
Helen Boden**

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

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interests**
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2020.**
- 4. Land and Site Maintenance**
  - 4.1 Hedge cutting – the facing of the Ash Road side of the hedge and the top and facing of the hedge between Northfield and Caling Croft was not carried out before the March RSPB deadline due to bad weather. The facing will be carried out in July and the hedge cut after August 2020.
  - 4.2 Allotment Fencing and hedges.
  - 4.3 Vandalism to trees in Barnetts Wood.
  - 4.4 To note that a branch has dropped from the ancient Ash tree in the boundary north of the ancient woodland and another branch fell from an Ash tree in the woodland boundary adjacent to the Church road entrance. Both branches have been cleared from the pathway/horse riding route and wood stacked.
  - 4.5 Quantified Tree Risk Assessment – a request has been made to bring the assessment scheduled for December forward in light of the two incidents of fallen branches.
  - 4.6 Rural Payments Agency – to note that applications have been submitted for the Basic Payment Scheme and the Countryside Stewardship.
  - 4.7 Ragwort – in accordance with the Countryside Stewardship agreement, herbicides may only be used to spot treat or weed-wipe for the control of injurious weeds.
  - 4.8 Matters arising from walk around Northfield – the brambles around the bench and sign in Barnetts Wood will be cleared.

**5. Financial Report**

5.1 Financial Report – to follow

5.2 Insurance – to note that Zurich Insurance has extended the insurance policy by three months due to the COVI-19 pandemic and will now fall due for renewal on 01 September 2020.

**6. Horse Riding Route**

6.1 The horse riding route has re-opened with 14 members.

**7. Health and Safety**

7.1 Visual Inspection Sheets – The visual inspections have not been taking place since the lock down in March 2020.

7.3 Motorbikes – reports of motorbikes on Northfield have been received and the groundsman will secure one entrance site that has been identified.

**8. Date of next meeting.**