

**Nutfield Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Combined Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 8:00pm**  
**Village Hall, Mid Street, South Nutfield**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs S Renaut (Chairman), Mr D Chapman, Mr D Cullen, Mr D Dowden, Mr P Forbes, E Hames, A Rees, Mr K Sandiford.  
Clerk R. Brown  
Guests: Simon Elson, Ken Hamilton, Liz Ramsey and Mike Fletcher

**Action By**

1. **APOLOGIES and reasons for absence:** Cllrs I Reeve – Leave, D Cullen - abroad, A Rees - work
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
None
3. **MINUTES**  
**Approval of the Minutes of the last Combined Committee meeting 15 August 2012**  
The Minutes were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. **Matters and action points arising from Minutes** – for updating and noting only. Any items requiring attention will be on the agenda  
The ABC contract between local residents and the Police & TDC needs to be checked to see what conditions are stipulated, so that Council knows what to record and advise other parishioners
5. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**
  - 5.1 **Planning Decisions by Tandridge District Council since last Parish Meeting**  
None
  - 5.2 **Current Planning Applications – the following applications to be considered and comments agreed for submission to Tandridge District Council:**  
**TA/2012/1104 61 Kings Mead, South Nutfield..** Erection of part single storey/part two storey front extension  
Dated 29/08/12 – 21 days – NPC comment by 19/09/12  
**NPC Decision – Objection – Council disagrees with the latest revised application as the proposal is totally out of character to the other neighbouring properties.**  
  
**TA/2012/1149/TPO Nutfield Day Nursery, Evelyns, Church Hill, Nutfield..** TPO 6 1993 (T) – Remove lowest branch from Poplar T3 on house side. Remove lowest branch and reduce fourth lowest branch by 2.5m on house side of Poplar T5. Fell Poplar T7  
Dated 04/09/12 - 21 days – NPC decision by 25/09/12  
**NPC Decision – No Objection- Neighbours**
  - 5.3 **RACC**  
Cllr. Chapman reported news that the Air Ambulance will be based at Redhill Aerodrome and probably the Police helicopter as well
  - 5.4 **KRAG**  
No report
  - 5.4 **Other Matters for discussion**  
None
- 6.0 **ENVIRONMENT & AMENITY**
  - 6.1 **Nutfield Playground Friends**  
**Removal/installation of new playground**  
This is now completed and the new playground is in use and proving extremely popular, especially after school and with young groups of mothers and toddlers in the morning  
**Opening Ceremony 22 September**  
NPF have asked Mrs. Kelsey, the new Head Teacher at Nutfield Church School, to officially open the playground on the day. The beer has been ordered and will be delivered in the morning. Aprons to be sold on the day for £5 each – collect shop-soiled ones from Dean Holborn as well  
**Proposed future projects**  
TDC and NPF currently investigating a MUGA, for the Hard Court area as this will be used far more than present use

## 6.2 Land off Mid Street, South Nutfield

Meeting with Councils four land experts to discuss future use of fields, maintenance and potential income. Meeting planned for 8.30pm and brought forward on the Agenda at that time.

Simon Elson, Ken Hamilton, Liz Ramsey and Mike Fletcher all arrived at the meeting and were welcomed by the Chairman

Chairman asked Mike Fletcher, farmer and land contractor, for his suggestion and ideas for the land. The land is in poor condition, its heavy clay and has not been farmed for some years by the past owner/tenant. The hedges are badly overgrown and blackthorn roots have invaded the fields. The land could pay for itself, possibly with equine use but with careful preparation it could be farmed for crops. Some discussion took place on this with pros and cons on ideas.

Liz Ramsey, Tree Wardens proposed a wildlife area. Grants are available but there are many downsides with this, the main one being no income. With 7 acres wildflowers could be planted but would cost many £1000's. Volunteer work parties would be needed and Liz quoted the Lingfield wildflower area as an example.

Mr Fletcher advised Council has 2 choices, to make money from the land, even to cover costs, or to use it as a pleasure area.

Ken Hamilton – Tree Surgeon and gardener, had spoken to the Environment Agency officer who said growing wildflower seeds is a good commercial business, crop marsh orchids as an example.

Simon Elson – SCC Environment Officer had an abstract point of view of the fields, let the land speak to you. The land is Wealden Clay grade 3 with 2 classic small grade fields but great hedgerows. The fields would make good grasslands which would require cutting, as would the hedgerows.

Good Point to Note: The fields and paths are on the Greensand Way walkers route so good audience. Grant scheme donors would look at that as a major asset on a long distance footpath, so there could be good interest in provision of wildflower meadows.

Equine will not create good income and could damage the fields

Advice is don't rush into big ideas, take time & see what happens with seeding, secure the site and sign operated by NPC etc, defaulters can then be prosecuted

Different types of seed mix were discussed

Advised to call the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to advise of purchase and what happens if NPC plough up the fields etc. there may be availability for funds to NPC

Simon suggested lay-in hedges and experts are nearby, Peter Tunks is UK champion

Hazel tree planting also discussed with 5-year plan

If a wildflower area is considered, or a similar scheme, it to be minuted that this must be administered by Nutfield Conservation Socy and not Council

Proposed that if previous owner does not fulfill his contract to plough the fields, agreed that Council plough and lime then overwinter to the Spring, to achieve good grass seeding.

Stiles to be repaired by SCC Environment Office, Simon will offer assistance on this

## 6.3 Village Halls

### South Nutfield Village Hall Ltd

Limited Company procedure and advice

Response to Chairman's correspondence

Parish Office

Condition of Hall and other rooms

Council was concerned by some of the comments made in the latest set of Minutes just released. Council's representative for the Hall, Cllr Forbes, stated there were inaccuracies in the Minutes which he will report at the next meeting

As the Title deed owner of the Village Hall, Council is concerned on some Health & Safety issues and suggest that a full structural survey be carried out. Clerk to write to the chairman, Mr Stuart King, noting Council's concerns and requesting that the directors of the Village Hall Limited Company attend a meeting called by Council, and offering 3 alternative dates namely 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, in the Village Hall Committee Room at 8pm.

RB

### Memorial Hall

Committee, Public meeting and other items

After discussion on the current situation, it was agreed the Clerk write to Tim Bellars and Jeff Dungate to invite them to attend the next Combined Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October to discuss all options under consideration.

RB

A detailed list of option to be written prior to the meeting

**6.4 Traffic & Parking**

**TAG-A25 – Report**

Next TAG –A225 meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October at TDC offices re. A25 proposals

**Lay-by** adoption/business plan

Cllr Dowden had sent a proposal to Council on the adoption of the layby from SCC Highways, titled The Nutfield Gateway project. This could dovetail with the TAG-A25 scheme on traffic speed review with the 40mph regulation signs on the verge.

Clerk to copy the Gateway proposal to the 3 District Councillors, advising that this is what Council wishes to construct on site and asking for their assistance in taking it forward

**RB**

**7. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

**7.1 Accounts**

Update on bank funds and expenses

Nothing to report since last Bank Recs issued

**7.2 Cemetery/Woodland Burial Area**

Ratify order placed for Cemetery/Woodland Burial Area direction signs

Agreed that the Clerk order the signs from Stocksigns

**7.3 Other General Matters for discussion-**

For information only

**8. NEXT COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 17 October 2012 – Venue tba**

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**Signed, Chairman**

**Date.....**