

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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22 September 2022

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend a committee meeting of the Northfield Management Committee to be held on **Wednesday 28 September 2022 at Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley commencing at 11am.** 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 01 June 2022

4. Financial Report

APPENDIX A PINK

4.1 Financial Report

4.2 To confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2022-23 financial year.

5. Land and Site Maintenance

APPENDIX B GREEN

5.1 Wildflower Meadow – some of the seeds have been delivered, but there is a shortage in the bespoke mix suggested by the woodlands group and this may only be available next year. To consider planting the seeds received.

5.2 Kent County Council - Cllr David Brazier has advised that the free tree scheme is not live yet, but the Tree Officer has been advised of our interest.

5.3 Woodlands Plan – Mr J Miller of Miller Land Management has made the agreed amendments to the draft plan and it has been submitted to the Forestry Commission, A site visit is usually required before approval, however this may not be required as our local officer has recently visited the Woodlands.

5.4 Quantified Tree Risk Assessment – a quote has been requested to remove the lower branched from neighbouring Ash trees that overhang the path/horse riding route.

5.5 Hay cutting –

- to note that both the field and wildflower meadow have been cut.
- to review the attached hay cutting specification.

5.6 Apple trees donated to Northfield Management Committee – update at meeting.

5.7 Rural Payment Agency – Sustainable Farming Incentive is being rolled out and applications can be made online. There is no application deadline and the agreement will run for three years. Eligibility and conditions will be looked into and brought to the next meeting.

5.8 Interpretative Panels

5.9 Matters raised by members – no pre-meeting walk, but members are encouraged to have a walk around Northfield before the meeting.

6. Horse Riding Route

- 6.1 To note that the horse riding route had 19 members which includes one member with access adjacent to Milestone Academy.
- 6.2 Further requests have been received requesting horse access to Northfield through the gate adjacent to Milestone Academy.
- 6.3 To agree a date to close the horse riding route for the year.

7. Health and Safety

- 7.1 To note that there has been a report of living in Barnetts Wood. This has been reported to Sevenoaks District Council and to the Community Warden.

8. Date of next meeting.