

# MINUTES

## Northfields Liaison Group Meeting

**Date: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Venue: St Andrews Church, Carlton**

Present:

Eleanor Wood  
Petula Beverley  
Ian Sarson  
Peter Race  
Franco Onesti

Apologies

Julie Reed

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Eleanor advised that Julie Reed has given her apologies due to family illness.

2. Election of Chairperson

2.1 Eleanor Wood was elected as Chairperson.

3. Grounds Maintenance of wildflower areas between 4 & 5 Northfields & Barton Rd outside the Diamond Jubilee Orchard

3.1 Ian Sarson advised that Carlton Parish Council would like confirmation of who is supposed to be maintaining the wildflower areas. Eleanor advised that NCHA is responsible for maintenance of all the wildflower areas. Franco Onesti suggested that the best way to maintain the areas is to cut them down after the wild flowers have flowered and the seeds have set, which would normally be in July. The cuttings should be removed and the areas then maintained as grass. Eleanor advised that this suggestion will be fed back to the gardening contractors. Petula Beverley commented that it is a bad reflection on NCHA if the area is not maintained

EW to  
feedback

properly.

4. Maintenance of the hedge along Nailstone Rd outside the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard.

4.1 The new hedge which was supposed to have been planted along Nailstone Rd has not yet been planted. Ian asked if William Davis will be planting this hedge and, if so, who will be responsible for maintaining it. Eleanor advised she will find out and provide feedback.

EW to find out & feed back

5. Maintenance of hedges along Barton Rd

5.1 Franco advised that the Carlton Gardening Group have maintained the short length of hedge in front of the NCHA wild flower area and have added some whips to it. Franco advised that the gardening group is happy to continue to maintain this length of hedge if NCHA has no objection. Eleanor advised NCHA has no objections to this.

6. Community Event

6.1 Eleanor advised that NCHA's Resident Involvement Manager has suggested that a community event is held at Northfields and asked for any ideas. Suggestions were a barbecue or street party to be held in Spring or Summer. Franco confirmed that the Carlton Gardening Group would be interested in being involved. The event could be used as an opportunity for others in the village to get involved and see the scheme and the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard.

EW to feed back to Resident Involvement Manager

7. Any other Business

7.1 Peter advised that he is often asked if the residents of Northfields have a local connection to the area. There is a perception amongst some in the village that none of the residents has a connection and it would be useful to have some clarification on this. Peter suggested that an article regarding this could be put in Carlton News, which he would draft for initial approval. Eleanor confirmed that she will request some information from NCHA's Allocations Manager, which can then be forwarded to Peter in order for the article to be drafted.

EW to request information from Allocations Manager

7.2 Peter advised that he is also asked how people can apply for housing at Northfields. Eleanor advised that people would need to apply to join Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's housing register. If a vacancy arose NCHA would advertise it via the Council and anyone assessed as eligible could then bid for it. Peter will also include some information regarding the process in the article in Carlton News.

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| 7.3 | Petula queried if NCHA could provide a grit/salt bin for Northfields in the event that there is snowy/icy weather. Eleanor confirmed that she will find out if this will be possible.           | EW to establish<br>If NCHA can provide a grit bin |
| 7.4 | Eleanor queried who from the NLG will attend the Annual Meeting of CPC, which is in May. Ian confirmed that he will attend and provide the report, which will be the minutes of the meeting(s). |   |