**Would you be willing to serve as a trustee of the Village Trust?**

The Parish Council is required to appoint 3 people to serve on The North Luffenham Village Trust, each of whom serves for 4 years. There is now a vacancy as a result of a trustee having completed his term, and the Parish Council is seeking applications from anyone who wishes to be considered for this position.

The Village Trust (Charity number 218214) is a charity which promotes education, helps in the relief of village residents suffering hardship and distress, and gives financial support to the church. It is not a fund-raising entity; the money that it distributes arises from financial investments and rental income from various properties that it owns. Further information about the Trust is available on the village website, on the Charity Commission website, or may be obtained from the trustees’ clerk, Mrs Kate Dexter, of 13 Digby Drive (email: kate.dexter552@btinternet.com; tel: 01780 721033).

The Charity Commission website also provides helpful guidance on the role of trustees, but to give a very brief outline:

A trustee must be aged over 18, and should possess basic common sense and total integrity. He or she must be willing to work with others to make balanced, informed, decisions, but should be prepared to question and challenge if necessary. All decisions must be taken in accordance with charity law and the specific terms of the trust’s governing document, and it is essential that certain aspects of the charity’s work are kept confidential. Trustees are not paid for this work.

It is helpful for the efficient running of the charity if there is a balance of knowledge, skills and other attributes within the body of trustees. Prior experience of grant giving, welfare, social care or education would be useful but not essential.

If you would like to be considered for this vacancy, please apply in writing with a CV by 14th Aug 2018 to the Parish Clerk, John Willoughby at nlparishclerk@outlook.com