



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council (Trust) Meeting (virtual) held on
Monday, 22nd February 2021.

Present: Cllrs Smith, Cade, Burrows, Canham, Barsby, Anker and Sewell
There was one member of the public present

08/20 Apologies: Cllr Marsh

09/21 Declarations of Interest: None

10/21 The minutes of the Parish Council (Trust) meeting 25th January 2021 (virtual) were duly approved

11/21 Finance Report – Clerk

1. Cllr Burrows confirmed that the Bank Reconciliation was correct
2. The Finance Report was approved. It was noted that all but one allotment holder had paid their rent
3. Switching of investment funds from COIF Charities Investment fund to COIF Charities Ethical Investment fund. The letter received from CCLA was discussed and it was agreed to defer the decision to switch funds until the March meeting. It was noted that we had until 31st May to make the decision with any switch being made in July. It was noted that both funds had outperformed the market average over 1 year, 5 years and 10 years
4. The following payment was approved:
 - £98.06 Water-plus re water supply to Allotments

12/21 Field Gardens Report - Cllr Cade

- Allotments: Cllr Cade advised that all allotments were now allocated for 2021 and that there was a waiting list of 2. One quarter allotment was being taken on by the Allotment society for the purpose of growing herbs
- Woodland Walk: The quote received for £3252.78 for new fencing and gates for the extension of the woodland walk was discussed. In view of the amount, Cllr Cade would try to seek a 2nd quote as well as seeing if the amount of this quote could be negotiated down by slightly reducing the specification. It was also agreed the single quote can be accepted as the contractor is known to the Trustees to do a good job because he has done a lot of other work for local farmers. As it was important to have the work undertaken at the earliest opportunity, it was proposed and agreed to agree to the maximum expenditure of £3252.78 (including VAT), with the hope that a lower price could be negotiated.

13/21 Oval Report - Cllr Cade

- The annual inspection of the play equipment had taken place on the 15th February. Two items needed attention which was the replacement of one of the swing seats and also the wooden floor needed replacing on the multi-coloured climbing frame. It was agreed that we would order the seat from Wicksteed and arrange for the carpenter who had repaired the roof to the climbing frame to quote for the floor.

- Bereavement Trees. Cllr Cade advised that from time to time he gets requests for residents to plant trees in memory of a resident. It was agreed that this would be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

14/21 Date of next meeting: **Monday 22nd March 2021, immediately following the NLPC meeting (Virtual)**

The meeting closed at 9.28pm