

# North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust

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## Trust Meeting

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Small Hall of North Petherton Community Centre which started on the rising of the Town Council's General Purposes Committee.

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr L Hyde

**Councillors:** L Dennis-Smith, S Habberfield, L Parchment and P Reddington

**PF7/2023 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Baker, Councillor D Bunce, Councillor P Spencer and L Spelman-Ives

**PF8/2023 Declarations of interests**

There were no declarations of interest

**PF9/2023 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2023–**

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

**PF10/2023 Community Time**

No matters were raised

**PF11/2023 Financial Matters**

The bank balance as at 30 September 2022 (most recent bank statement) was £14,253.54

**RESOLVED** to provide Lyng Parsh Council a donation towards the defibrillator (recompense for RLT monies)

**PF12/2023 General Update**

The general update report regarding the RLT money and the proposed festival project was noted.

**PF13/2023 Appointment of a Councillor Trustee to the Management Committee**

Councillor Bradford has resigned from the Management Committee and a replacement is required. Councillor Redington had been nominated but requested time to consider if he was able to take up the position.

**PF14/2023 Footpath BW23/5 & Football Pitch Maintenance**

Consideration was given to recent correspondence regarding Footpath BW23/5 & Football Pitch Maintenance

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that a letter be sent to the North Petherton Football Club explaining that:
  - the Trust, having considered the difficulties caused by the temporary fencing, consider it unreasonable to block public access to the playing field particularly when this involves a Right of Way;
  - the Trust has discussed the possibility of applying for a diversion order however it is of the opinion this will not be practical.
  - the Trust has discussed principal use of Parker's Field and wish to re-affirm that this is an open access playing field for the whole of the North Petherton community and therefore does not expect members of the football club to imply anything different in dealings with members of the public.
- (ii) That a meeting be convened with representatives of the football to discuss maintenance responsibilities etc. and the letter referred to in (i) above should be delivered at the meeting.
- (iii) That a copy of the letter referred to in (i) should be circulated to all Town Councillors.

The meeting closed at 21:07hrs