

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2022

Present – S Cowan (Chair), J Richardson and A Mansfield

Members of the public present, Mrs S MacMillan, Mr J Carse and Mr C Earsman

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from S Jopling, M Halliday and N Welton

2 Public Participation

Mrs MacMillan enquired about the local bus service, from her previous email. It was agreed to ask Bellingham PC to consider the local bus service in their study for the Borderlands funding available.

Also to ask within the North Tyne News in the Hexham Courant paper, for support from anyone in the valley, wishing to see an improved bus service and to survey opinions from a Facebook post.

Mr J Carse, had concerns regarding the village hall management and is willing to give his support. It was suggested he waits for the AGM of the village hall, likely to be in in April 2023, to put his name forward as a group representative.

Mr C Earsman, representing the Falstone Tearoom, clarified that the Tearoom car park is within the terms of the lease for the tearoom. There is no intention to lock the car park gates but the concern is expressed that some holiday let clients can take up a fair amount of the car park space.

The tearoom are investigating upgrading the EV charging point within their carpark.

Discussion took place on the lack public car parking with the village. It was suggested to contact Karbon Homes to use the parking area between 4 & 5 The Croft Bungalows.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

- 4 Matters Arising
EV Charging Points – no further update on funding or proposals by NCC

Improving Local Bus service – covered above.

Motor Cycles on Local Roads – Northumbria Police stated this would be a difficult one to resolve but they would conduct speed watch and report back.

- 5 Planning Applications - none
6 Village Website – nothing to report
7 Correspondence - none

- 8 Financial
Bank balance at 28th June was £14820.48
2 invoices received from Kielder Country Sport, May and June, total £620.00. Agreed.

- 9 Village Hall Update
A Mansfield reported from the last meeting of 27th June.
L Curry, Village Hall Officer from CAN, visited the meeting to give guidance to the new village hall committee. The governing document was discussed in great detail.
The accounts, fundraising, insurance and hire charges were all discussed too.
The outcome of the meeting was a positive outlook for the village hall.

- 10 Village Support during Power cuts
Rural Design Centre had sent through links on their business and possible funding, this will be distributed.

- 11 Business Rates
Approx 27 holiday lets and businesses, within the parish will pay business rates. If they are to be asked for a donation to the parish it should be for a tangible project, ie invest in the Tennis court.
S Cowan to organise an email.

- 12 Queens Platinum Jubilee – Update
Future events scheduled, Folk Festival July 17th, Garden Walk
7th August, Duck Race 4th September and a Ferry trip on Kielder Water
to be arranged.
The pc application for £500 funding for the Jubilee events has been
approved by NCC, Members Local Improvement scheme.
Cllr J Riddle was thanked for his support.
- 13 A O B
A reminder for the notice board for Yarrow.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th September

Signed

Date

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