

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September, 2022

Present – S Jopling (chair), S Cowan, J Richardson, A Mansfield

Also attending was Mrs S Nicholson

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

Mark Had sent his apologies, Neil was absent.

2 Public Participation

Mrs Nicholson updated the council on events being held by the Falstone Bonfire Group. The fireworks due to be held on 5th November will be low noise.

Encouraging to hear the enthusiasm for new community events.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4 Matters Arising

EV Charging Points –

Karbon Homes suggested the parking space between bungalows 4 & 5 was to be used for residents.

Another idea was to have an EV Charging point on the village hall.

This may cause parking issues and it was suggested some parking for hall events could easily be created behind the village hall.

Consultation would take place with the village hall committee.

Improving Local Bus Service

Following a notice in the North Tyne News (Hexham Courant) only one person from Charlton responded.

It was disappointing level of response although it was felt many people within valley would welcome a more regular bus service.

As ADAPT run the dial a ride, it was agreed to promote their service and ask for passenger numbers.

5 Planning Applications –
22/02947/FUL creation of 2 no. four bedroom two storey farmhouses
land North West and land South East of Carpenters cottage,
Stannersburn – no objections

6 Village Website – Nothing to report

7 Correspondence
Kielder Marathon weekend 1 & 2 October.
The village declined the offer to do any catering over the weekend.

Falstone Cemetery –NCC Local Services Officer will visit the cemetery
later in the month to cut back the rhododendrons and look at the large
trees.

A request to get some maintenance done on the footpath from
Hawkhope Hill down to the Railway Arch.
The council is trying to find who has ownership of the Arch, and they
will be asked to work on the embankments.

Following two estimates for a notice board to be erected at Yarrow,
Earth Anchors Ltd would be accepted, £566 plus VAT.

Northern Powergrid Resilience Funding – Northern Powergrid is
making money available to communities to assist in building up
resilience to better cope with extreme weather. It was agreed to
complete an expression of interest.

8 Financial
Received from NCC, 2nd half of fy 22/23 precept, £2225.00 but not yet
on statement.
Invoice from Village Hall for cost of hall hire and Jubilee meetings,
£83.00, agreed.
Bank balance as at 4th September was £14339.71.

9 Village Hall Update
The committee is reviewing various guidance and policy notes.
New signatures for the bank account is being pursued.
A 'What's on Newsletter' is about to be issued.

Revised charges will soon be published, with some given a more commercial rate.

A business plan is still in draft.

10 A O B

Telegraph poles have been erected on the old railway line, to supply a faster broadband link to the Forestry England Hawkhope Office.

Check whether planning is required.

Kielder Country Sport have apologised for the recent unacceptable grass cutting session in the village and especially the cemetery. All areas will be returned to the recognised standard we have come to expect.

The matter of dangerous trees on The Curricks has been raised again and NCC will be requested to investigate.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th October.

Signed

Date

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