

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022

Present – S Jopling (chair), S Cowan, N Welton and A Mansfield

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

M Halliday sent apologies and J Richardson was absent

2 No Public Participation

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Previously circulated the October minutes (November meeting did not take place) were agreed and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

EV Charging Points – The village hall committee agreed in principle for the charging points on the village hall. They asked the parish council to gather costs.

Footpath Hawkhope Hill – finally a local contact from Dept. of Transport has been made.

5 Planning Applications – none

6 Village Website - Nothing to report

7 Correspondence

Victoria Fountain - quote has been received from Heritage Consolidation, £950 plus VAT, for hack out and repoint with lime mortar and clean metal work. This was accepted but clarification is required as the listed building is on National Park land.

8 Financial

Bank balance on 30 November was £16118.27.

The NS&I account will be closed and money transferred to a new Fixed Rate Savings account.

Invoice agreed for J Storey, build and erect noticeboard for Yarrow, £90.00.

Precept return for fy 2023/24 is due for consideration at the January meeting.

Discussion took place on getting work done within the Jubilee Park as this has already been earmarked to be done this financial year. A quote for work will be obtained.

It was agreed to advertise for a gardener, approx. 4 hours a month to keep the village tidy.

It was agreed to book a road sweeper to collect the fallen leaves around the village.

9 Village Hall Update/ Grant Application

The Warm Hub in the village hall was launched 3 weeks ago and is well attended. Funding is secured to run the warm hub until end of December. The parish council fully support the project and agreed to contribute £1000 to the village hall for the running of the warm hub.

A 'team' meeting was held with National Power Grid Foundation Charity regarding a grant for the village hall towards energy resilience. The supply of a 30kva diesel generator was not favourable so S Jopling is investigating a smaller, more green generator.

10 Business Rates – The proposal is to request owners of holiday-lets make a contribution to the parish, for specific projects. Business rates from holiday-lets do not make any contribution to the parish. A suitable letter will be written.

11 Declaration of Interests – councillors reminded to complete the forms.

12 AO B

Concern has been expressed, if both the proposed 2 new house builds commence at the same time in Stannersburn, there could be upheaval for local people. It is hoped proper traffic management will take place to alleviate any disturbance for people.

Roadside Drains Shilling Pot – The road side drain culverts from Yarrow down to Stannersburn, require a pressure clean.

Next meeting 3rd January.

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