

## Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies received from N Welton. M Halliday and S Cowan absent
- 2 No Public Participation
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
Previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising  
EV Charging Points – NCC have confirmed they have funding and will complete a survey for suitable sites in Falstone.

Footpath To Hawkhope Hill - Historical Railways Estate (on behalf of Dept. of Transport) have agreed to look at the Railway Arch and the embankments.

- 5 Planning Applications - none
- 6 Village Website – nothing to report
- 7 Correspondence  
A quote for clearance work in the Jubilee Park has been accepted.

Purchase of coronation mugs (King Charles 111) was declined.

NCC have carried out the interim inspection of memorials in Falstone Cemetery, all 21 passed.

- 8 Financial  
Invoices received and agreed –  
HCI Data- renewal of pc .gov.uk for 2 years, £102.00  
NALC – Parish finance zoom meeting attended by J Sanderson, £10.00  
NCC – memorial inspection, £155.22

Bank balance at 29 December was £14988.27

NS&I Savings- in order to close the savings account, the change of authorised signatories requires to be declared.

It was agreed that S Jopling as chairperson and J Sanderson as finance office are authorised to close the account.

Precept FY 2023/24

It was agreed in principle to support and until a grant becomes available to make provision for a suitable 'green' generator, cabling, switch and storage facility for the village hall, approx. £3k.

It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by 12%, from £1381 to £1546, for fy 23/24.

No increase in the precept, £4450, was agreed.

- 9 Village Hall Update/ Grant Application  
The warm Hub continues to be popular.  
Completion of a Northern Powergrid funding application is continuing.  
An Energy audit for the village hall, completed by CAN has been received.
- 10 Business Rates  
A copy letter from another council will be adapted to suit our parish.  
The letter will be a proposal to ask holiday-let accommodation for a contribution towards specific parish projects, yet to be agreed,
- 11 Declaration of Interest – A reminder to submit the forms
- 12 AOB - none

Signed

Date

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