

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2023

Present – S Jopling (chair), S Cowan, N Welton and J Richardson

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from M Halliday and A Mansfield

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 – Government grant funding has become available for EV charging point infrastructure. After a site visit which has taken place, two installations could be fitted on the village hall. Waiting for an electrician visit.

Road Sweeper – prices were obtained for street cleaning road verges
It was agreed to proceed with a session around the village at the end of February.

5 Planning Applications – none

6 Village Website – domains .org and .gov.uk are due for renewal.

7 Correspondence

Drinking Fountain – National Park claim the fountain is outside their boundary at the car park. NCC will be asked to investigate the ownership.

8 Financial

Bank balance at 26 Jan was £14926.91

£250.00 has been received from NCC for grasscutting charges 2022 season.

It was agreed to contribute £200 to the local flower club, to recognise the work they have done by placing wreaths around the village on special occasions, ie Platinum Jubilee and Christmas and hopefully the King's Coronation.

9 Village Hall Update

Notes from the recent hall committee meeting were conveyed.

10 Business Rates

A suitable letter had been revised for the request of donations from holiday-let properties. It was suggested to target a specific project for the income, the tennis court. The tennis club will be asked for maintenance details.

11 AOB

A Gardener role will be advertised, to undertake work around the village.

A question has been asked about reinstating or creating hedgerows. Are the local authorities, ie Northumbria Water, National Park and Forestry England taking any action. The correct policy information is required before chasing the authorities.

Agreed to investigate the options for a skip to be placed in the village.

Signed

Date

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