

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023

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

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence
Apologies from N Welton, M Halliday was absent.
- 2 Public Participation
Mr G Varty came along to observe.
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising
EV Charging – It is likely to be 6 months before the proposed charging points on the village hall will move forward.

A road sweeper is booked for Tuesday 14th March.

Skips – NCC have confirmed they no longer provide skips for public use. For a spring clean from public land, they can provide gloves, litter picks and bags.

- 5 Planning Applications - none
- 6 Village Website – Nothing to report
- 7 Correspondence
NNPA – Their regular meeting, open to the public, will be held on 15 March, in Hexham.

Drinking Fountain – NCC have confirmed the building was transferred to NNP.

- 8 Financial
Bank balance at 6 March 2023 was £14820.78.
Wayleave income received was £86.65
Karbon Homes paid the invoice for 2022 grasscutting, £100.00
J Sanderson paid £230.18 for renewal Falstone.org domain and registration, annual. To be refunded
Annual invoice from J Sanderson for pc clerk 2022/23, £1381.00.
Agreed.

9 Village Hall Update/ Grant Applications

Noted from the village hall February meeting – bank balance is continuing to increase. They will organise an event to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Public Wi-Fi is now available throughout the village, bringing wi-fi calling and outdoor mobile internet.

The AGM is to be held in April and Andrew Mansfield will continue to represent the parish council.

S Jopling has gathered prices for battery storage, but the energy audit for the village hall is with CAN. A package of energy saving measures will be put together for the Northern Powergrid application.

10 Gardener Role

Two people have shown interest in taking on the role.

It was agreed to share the work between those interested, one role being for the heavy duty work and one for the lighter touch work.

10 AO B

Replacement defibrillator pads are required, current ones have expired.

Trees at the Cemetery – M Armer of NCC has confirmed work will not start before May/June.

Date of next meeting 4th April

Signed

Date

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