

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd May 2023

Annual Parish Meeting

Present S Jopling (chair), S Cowan and A Mansfield plus Mr Davenport of Tarsset.

Also Mr K Hopper and Mr S Main of NCC came to the meeting to discuss

EV charging points. NCC are installing EVCP's around Northumberland and Falstone has been included. There will be no cost to the parish, NCC will run and maintain the equipment, they will connect in the N power source and fit the equipment where most suitable. It was agreed 1 unit with 2 charge points could be installed in front of the village hall. Also 2 parking bays, each 9 metres should be available at the charging point. Another position could be within the parking area between, Nos 4 and No 5 The Croft bungalows. Land ownership will be checked. If the village hall area is the most suitable an agreement will have to be made with the village hall.

Mr Davenport of Tarsset, came to ask if anything was happening with the tennis court. The council had nothing further to report but agreed to ask the tennis club to attend the next meeting, to confirm their intention with the court.

Annual General Meeting

Present – S Jopling S Cowan, A Mansfield

Apologies from M Halliday, and N Welton, J Richardson was absent.

Nomination for Chairperson – S Jopling, nominated, seconded and was agreed.

Nomination for Vice Chair - S Cowan, nominated, seconded and was agreed.

Village Hall Committee – A Mansfield

Cemetery Committee – S Jopling, S Cowan and A Mansfield

Monthly Meeting

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence
N Welton and M Halliday sent apologies and J Richardson was 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 – as above

- 5 Planning Applications –
23NP0040 – The Blackcock- extensions and garage replacement were considered and supported but car parking will be an issue, with a total of 8 bedrooms after the final extensions and no public parking within the village.

Land at Stannersburn- Currently has planning for up to 4 houses - An interested party is looking to purchase the land with the idea to make a small development of timber frame pitches. The details given were circulated and agreed the development would not be suitable for the area and would not be supported.
- 6 Village Website – Nothing to report
- 7 Correspondence
Potholes – The timber transport forums do chase councils for more road infrastructure funding to deal with maintenance issues such as potholes but have limited ability to influence budgets.

The village hall committee confirmed they had not yet spent the recent parish council donation. Although during the warmer months the **warm hub sessions** will be run only monthly, during winter months the hub will be run weekly, so funding is still required for food and purchase of suitable kitchen items.

8 Financial

Invoice received from NALC for annual subscription, £73.90, agreed.

For the return of the Audit 22/23 details, agreed projects funded by the parish council for the current year must be listed. Projects to be agreed at the next meeting.

9 Village Hall Update – AGM minutes have been published on the notice board.

The flurry of funding for sustainability projects for the village hall seems to have stalled.

10 AO B

Trees in the Croft – It was agreed to obtain a quote for some work on the trees in front of the Braeside Bungalows, due to some of the trees taking over the view.

Next meeting 6th June.

Signed

Date

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