

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2023

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

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

J Richardson sent his apologies.

2 No Public Participation

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Previously circulated from the May meeting, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

EV Charging Point- NCC had forwarded a License Agreement to sign for the siting of an EVCP at the village hall. The parish council as holding trustees of the village hall should sign the agreement rather than the Village hall committee. Agreed

Falstone Tennis Club – The tennis club have confirmed they will be looking for quotes on repairs to the court and subsequently looking for funding, which the parish council fully support.

5 Planning Applications

23NP0052LBC – The Rectory, Falstone – external works, new retaining garden wall, new greenhouse, new fencing. No objections.

6 Village Website – Nothing to report

7 Correspondence

Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2024-25

Council to consider parish priority issues at next meeting.

Northumberland Community Energy Cooperative – The project is a model for funding of solar panels and battery storage on community buildings. The village hall details were sent and also forwarded to Falstone Tearoom.

8 Financial

Invoices agreed

J Storey, £100.00 for gardening work

S Riley, £25.00 for internal audit

BHIB, £419.69, first of a 3 year insurance agreement

Balance of Bank account as at 30th May, £16005.73

Approve Audit Documents for FY 22/23.

As part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23, Section 1 Annual Governance Statement, Section 2 Accounting Statement and Certificate of Exemption, were all agreed and signed.

All documents due for return and publication by 30th June 2023.

Projects agreed to be funded during 2023/24

Chairs with arms for the village hall

Outdoor festive lights for the Jubilee Park, including fitting, £1000.

Gardening Role, £2000

2 New wooden noticeboards, £1200

Permanent light fitting in bus shelter, including fitting, £1000

9 Village Hall Update

From the minutes of May meeting –

New broadband provider but no change to free village wifi.

Some repair work to be completed in the Play area.

Another £1000 funding received from Ballinger Trust.

The parish council will request a copy of the ROSPA report on The Croft play area, when received.

10 AO B

It was agreed as a one off, to ask J Storey as part of the gardening role, to cut the verges at Falstone road end, both road ends at Stannersburn, road end at Yarrow. Plus cut the grass on the 'green' at Donkleywood.

A trainer from North East Ambulance Service, attended the warm hub session on 6th June. He gave a detailed account of how defibrillators work. A total of 8 people attended.

Date of Next meeting Tuesday 11th July.

Signed

Date

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