

## Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

Simon Walker was welcomed to the parish council.

Also attending were Mrs J Storey and Mr Davenport

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence

M Halliday had sent his apologies for the meeting.

2 Public Participation

J Storey, representing Festive Falstone reported that the committee are arranging a ceilidh on 9 Dec and a kids Christmas party on 17 Dec. But they are not in a position to carry on with providing or renewing the festive lights for the village. They request that the parish council take over the install and maintenance of any future village lights.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Previously circulated, September minutes (no meeting in October) were agreed and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

Tennis Club – An open meeting has been arranged for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, to establish community support for a continued tennis club.

Gardener Role – No interest in the recent advertising, but agreed to continue to use J Storey for future work.

Notice Board – a new oak notice board has been purchased. Following discussion it was agreed the new notice board should be erected inside the bus shelter.

5 Planning Applications – none

6 Village Website – Look at how archiving works within word press.

7 Correspondence

Cemetery – Interim memorial inspections are due again, to be completed during December.

A section of the boundary wall has collapsed and NCC have been informed.

EV Charging – The next round of funding is due in January, so Falstone will be considered again, then.

8 Financial

Festive Lights – The parish council have earmarked £1000 for festive lights. Discussion took place after the request from Festive Falstone, for the parish council to take over the village lights. It was agreed the parish council take responsibility for the future festive lights, one option to be investigated was hire. It was agreed that Festive Falstone should take down/ remove the non-working existing sets before any new sets of lights are placed.

As the flower club will be again erecting seasonal wreaths around the village, a donation of up to £200 would be given.

Bank balance at 1<sup>st</sup> November was £16559.69.

Invoices agreed –

J Storey, clean up in the village, £155.00

Greenbarnes, new notice board, £2251.42

Falstone Village Hall – Meetings to end of Dec 23, £130.50

Falstone Village Hall, transfer of wayleaves from fy 19/20, £452.93

NALC, 2 sessions of clerk training, £60.00

Income –

VAT claim refund, £991.78

NCC, 2023 grasscutting in the village, £310.00

December meeting to discuss the budget for fy 24/25 and to include the precept.

9 Village Hall Update/ Grant Applications

Although the warm hub continues to operate, concern was expressed at the lack of expenditure from the donation by the parish council in December 2022 for the running of the warm hub.

10 AO B

Braefoot Holiday Home - Agreed to write to owners asking to respect the grass area outside the UR church. It should not be used for car parking.

A large length of 38mm ducting is left from the electric install work within the Jubilee Park and is no longer required. Agreed to sell at £75.00

Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Signed

Date

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