

FALSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2023

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

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence
Simon Walker had sent his apologies
- 2 No Public Participation
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Previously circulated, from November meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising
Notice Board – It was discovered the bus shelter was not suitable to situ the new noticeboard as the ceiling is too low. It was agreed to place the new noticeboard on the village hall, removing the existing. To ensure the new Oak noticeboard is well maintained, the gutters on the village hall should be repaired.
One letter of complaint was received regarding the positioning of the notice board in the bus shelter.
- 5 Planning Applications - none
- 6 Village Website – Nothing to report
- 7 Correspondence
Local Bus service - NCC are putting plans together for a new bus services linking Kielder and Falstone with Bellingham. This would be welcomed and it was suggested the link transfer through to Otterburn/Newcastle. Also an early bus to help people get to work would be suggested.
- 8 Financial
Bank balance at 28th November was £11499.35
Invoices paid during the month -
Festive Lights, £764.80
Kielder Sporting, final grasscutting dates, £1320
Flower Club, £200.00

Precept for FY 24/25

Discussion took place and the budget considered. It was agreed not to increase the precept. It will remain at £4450.00 for FY 24/25

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- 9 Village Hall Update
They have been successful in reducing a large invoice from WAVE for last year's water leak issue.
- 10 AO B
Bus Shelter – It was agreed to go ahead to consider quotes for fitting a permanent PIR light in the bus shelter. The cost has been earmarked in the FY 23/24 budget.

A new set of standalone festive lights have been purchased and would be fitted soon within the Jubilee park.

J Richardson requested that NCC grit the bank into Yarrow during the cold weather. Although grit heaps are on the bank, they get washed away with the rain.

Date of next meeting scheduled for 9th January 2024.

Signed

Date

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