

## Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Present – S Jopling (chair), S Cowan, M Halliday. Welcomed were members of the public, Mr G Varty of Donkleywood and Mr R Stone, new to the village.

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence – S Walker and J Richardson had sent apologies. A Mansfield 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  
Trees at Braeside – Two contractors had been to look at the site and a third was due later in the week. The approach seems to be selective thinning. Remove regen, take out the dead trees like ash and poplar.

Road Closure, Stannersburn to Tarsset Bridge – Closure due for 3 or 4 days from 20<sup>th</sup> June. Concern is expressed over the total closure of the road during the work, with the official diversion over the Carter Bar. Locals who use the Donkleywood route do so at their own risk. After the works are complete, the parish council will again take up with NCC, the request for passing places on the Donkleywood/Lanehead road.

- 5 Planning Applications - none
- 6 Correspondence –  
Falstone Cemetery, on the 10<sup>th</sup> June work will start on crown lifting on all the trees around the boundary wall of the cemetery.  
  
EV Charging Point – With a new funding source, NCC are likely to install a EVCP at the village hall.
- 7 Tennis Court – No further update from Community Action Northumberland.

8 Open Areas- Church and Roadside

It seems the small grass area at the URC gate is not registered to anyone. It was agreed to make a claim for Common Land.

The roadside down from the Blackcock is NCC – This would make a good public car park. To investigate with NCC.

9 Financial

Bank Balance at 28<sup>th</sup> May, was £11828.94.

The full set of audit forms had been circulated and the following were agreed and signed as appropriate, Internal Audit Report, Governance statement, accounting statements and certificate of exemption.

10 Village Hall Update

Through Northumberland Community Energy, a feasibility study has been arranged to consider more solar panels and battery storage.

The committee are considering a new shed and a new fire door.

To note - Battery storage may have an impact on the village hall insurance

11 A O B

Kielder have agreed that a 'poppy' made by S Jopling, is appropriate for the cemetery gate.

Date of next meeting Tuesday July 2nd

Signed

Date

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