

Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025

Present – S Cowan (chair), M Halliday, and S Walker

No. Activity

- 1 Apologies for Absence – received from S Jopling and A Mansfield
- 2 No Public Participation
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Previously circulated from the December meeting, were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising
Trees at Braeside – Thinning will take place early in the new year.

5 Planning Applications - none

6 Correspondence

From Northumberland County Council, serving notice for Public Footpath no.23, a diversion order. The order is to divert/align the footpath with the Lakeside Way around Kielder Waterside area.

Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) Switch off – This system uses long wave radio signals to tell some electricity meters to switch between on and off-peak. The system is no longer viable and without a meter upgrade, some premises, homes and businesses could be left without heating. It was agreed to add the information to notice boards and the pc facebook page.

It was agreed to proceed with an adverse possession application for the triangle of land outside the boundary of the UR church. The cost is expected to be £180.00

7 Tennis Court - Tracy Morgan of CAN, is expected to attend the next parish council meeting.

8 New Car Parking Area – Waiting for a contractor to visit the site.

9 Financial – To consider the Precept for FY 25/26

The bank balance at 27 December 2024 was £12955.21.

Interim inspections of Falstone cemetery grave memorials had taken place by NCC at a cost of £151.56.

A full inspection is due from April 2025.

Invoice received, £114.00 for renewal of falstone parish council 'gov.uk' domain.

Discussion took place to consider the FY 25/26 Precept after accounts to date were presented. No major project is planned for the coming year, therefore the precept will remain at £4450. Proposed by M Halliday and all agreed.

- 10 Councillor Vacancy – It was agreed to co op Mr R Stone of Hawkhope Road, to the parish council.
- 11 Village Hall Update – No update, no recent meeting.
- 12 AO B
Council Tax – it was suggested to find out from NCC if holiday-lets and/or second homes get a reduction in council tax, within our county.

Date of next meeting scheduled for 4th February.

Signed

Date

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