

## Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, via ZOOM.

Present – S Jopling (chair), S Cowan, D Backhouse, M Halliday and N Welton.

No.	Activity	Action By
1	No Apologies for Absence	
2	No Public Participation	
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4	Matters Arising Jubilee Park - J Storey had completed the work around the back of the park, which was well received. It was agreed much more work could be done. The rose garden border needs attention, the bridge has to remain a suitable standard and weed control will be completed by S Jopling and N Welton.	
5	Planning Applications – 20NP0066 - Major improvements to Glendhu , Stannersburn, no objections.  Consultation – proposed installation of EE mast at NW ops centre, Lakeside View, no objections	
6	Village Website M Halliday had some ideas to improve content on the website ie a parish boundary map, show details from the new information board, details of nearest petrol station.	
7	Correspondence - none	
8	Financial Invoice from J Storey, £280.00 for work within the Jubilee Park, agreed. T Bell, grasscutting for June and July, £460.00, agreed	
9	Falstone Tearoom Update – The tearoom have paid back a proportion of the loan. Customers/visitors have been making use of the Jubilee Park benches.	
10	Village Hall Update The post office, within the hall is now open. No confirmation yet of when the hall will be open for meetings.	

	NALC are recommending that digital meetings continue. Councillors agreed the current set up via ZOOM is working well and the council may continue to work that way.	
11	<p>Festival Falstone – The parish council support the continuation of the Christmas festival. It is hope the lights will be lit during December but are not expecting any further activities due to the current climate.</p> <p>The proposal to install an electric supply to the Jubilee Park will be resurrected.</p>	Josephine
12	Drain at Stannersburn – This is a roadside drain at the far end of Stannersburn, which during continuous rain can cause flooding to one or two houses. D Backhouse and S Jopling agreed to visit the site.	
13	<p>Broadband – A resident from Smalesmouth has asked for the parish council support to improving bandwidth for those properties who have not benefited from the superfast broadband. Building Digital UK (BDUK) have launched a pilot project, and residents are encouraged to register their interest in an improved service at this link –</p> <p><a href="https://broadband-upgrade-fund.campaign.gov.uk/register#main-content">https://broadband-upgrade-fund.campaign.gov.uk/register#main-content</a></p> <p>‘Alncom’ is another proposal to set up a network in the valley. Their claim is they can provide 'ultrafast' broadband to the whole area at a much lower price than BT. The other benefit is that you don't need a BT landline, which means you don't have to pay the landline rental. Further information to follow.</p>	
14	<p>A O B</p> <p>Concern has been expressed at the amount of <b>dog mess</b> being left along the riverside walk. Local residents have asked for more prominent signs to be erected. Also the NCC dog warden will be asked to pay a visit to the village.</p> <p>M Murray has asked for <b>roadside drains</b> from the Rectory down to Craig Villa be dug out.</p> <p>Concern has been expressed at the number of <b>camper vehicles</b> which are parking on the roadside through Stannersburn. It</p>	

	<p>was agreed to look into the regulations for camper vehicles parking overnight.</p> <p><b>Kielder Water security</b> – S Cowan had previously reported that she had seen people on the water side of the dam wall. N Welton in his role of NW ranger is very interested to hear of any such future incident, no matter what time of day or night, as it is an offence for such behaviour.</p> <p>Road markings at the dam car park to help direct traffic would also be taken up by N Welton.</p>	
	Date of next meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> October.	