

## Falstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Present – S Cowan, S Walker(chair), R Stone, G Varty and L Elsdon

No. Activity

1 Apologies for Absence received from S Jopling

2 No Public Participation

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Previously circulated minutes from January, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

Land at URC Gate – the wooden fence had been erected. Photos of the fence were taken for future reference.

5 Planning Applications – 25/04397/FUL – Retrospective, extend blocked paving area on drive at 1 Braeside. Mouseyhaugh – No observations.

26/NP0006 – Conversion of existing barn and store into 1 unit holiday accommodation at Field House, Stannersburn - Objection on grounds of tranquillity and privacy on neighbours ie West View.

Concerns also on smoke effect from the wood burner on all neighbours and is the parking access sufficient, so as not to allow parking on the roadside.

6 Correspondence

100 Years of Kielder Forest – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April is set for the tree planting near to the original compartment no. 1.

The framing of the original map of compt 1 is progressing, as is fixing the old seat at Stannersburn.

7 New Proposed Car Park Below the Blackcock - Josephine had earlier in the day, met with Insight Architecture , based in Bellingham, on site.

He proposed a pre application be submitted detailing the case for the car park. Which the council agreed to.

If a full application goes ahead the following surveys will need to be completed. Topographic survey, tree survey, Ecology survey and an automatic traffic counter be used for a short period.

- 8 Update on Facebook, new email and website  
All are now up and running under the .gov.uk domains.  
As the basic Yahoo account does not allow for redirecting emails Josephine will have to manually monitor the account and advise correspondence of the new email address.
- 9 Village Hall Update – From the meeting of January. Fiona Knox, NCEL project manager along with the contractor, Tyne Valley Wind & Solar, had visited the hall earlier, with the proposal of installing 10 solar panels plus battery storage being very imminent (started on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>). The 20 year lease had been signed by 2 village hall trustees and 2 parish councillors earlier in the week.

The access from the garden of Elmcroft house into The Croft play area, will be investigated.

The grant of easement for Woodland Rise was discussed, the village hall will have to record the justification for any nominal fee agreed and consider the any future easement as they may happen.

- 10 AOB  
The Wildcat Project Officer for Forestry England would like to be invited to a future parish council meeting. This has been scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> March meeting.

The roadside wall at the far end of the Croft play area is damaged with a loose stone.

Signed  
Date

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