

**Minutes of a meeting of Fishburn Parish Council
held in Fishburn Youth Club at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th December 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors A. Pearson (Chairman); M. Barker; D. Dowson; S. Dowson; S. Tinkler. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. K. Murray-Hetherington (Parish Clerk).

- | Minute No. | Agenda item |
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| 955. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. P. Pearson (leave of absence for an indefinite duration); and M. Hodgson. Cllrs. M. Jones; A. Lord; C. Welsh were absent with no reasons given. |
| 956. | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS: Cllr. Barker declared a registerable interest in matters affecting Fishburn Football Club [treasurer] and a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in matters affecting Fishburn Allotment Association [treasurer/plot holder]. Cllr. D. Dowson declared a registerable interest in matters affecting Fishburn Football Club. |
| 957. | DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL (DCC): Cllr. David Brown had submitted an apology for absence. Cllr. Chris Lines presented a comprehensive report on matters relating to DCC a copy of which he had sent in advance. He explained the position relating to devolution arrangements. He confirmed that county councillors for the Sedgefield ward/division would be willing to make a financial contribution [£4,000] towards drainage at the football fields. |
| 958. | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED: To approve as a correct record and authorise signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022. |
| 959. | MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. |
| 960. | ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: On the motion of Cllr. Barker, seconded by Cllr. Tinkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED: That Cllr. S. Dowson shall be elected as the Vice-Chair. |
| 961. | REPORTS: The Remembrance Sunday wreath laying had been well attended. The Christmas tree lights switch on event had been a success with carols played by Fishburn Band. |
| 962. | CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence which required action. |
| 963. | PLANNING APPLICATIONS: DM/22/03447/FPA - Mr. J. Anderson, The Steading, Butterwick Road, Fishburn - installation of solar panels to main house and detached garage roof. |
| 964. | FINANCIAL MATTERS: RESOLVED: To receive the schedule of monthly expenditure and approve payment of those invoices presented to the meeting and issue cheques. RESOLVED: To receive the most recent budget report. |
| 964.1 | RESOLVED: To present Kay Atkinson with a token of thanks for her work as a volunteer guardian, regularly checking the defibrillator machines. Cllr. Tinkler was handed a Marks and Spencer gift card worth £150.00 to give to her on behalf of the Parish Council. |
| 965. | GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES: The Parish Council's application for section 106 funding for drainage at the football fields, made on behalf of Fishburn Football Club, had been approved [£30,000]. RESOLVED: To contribute towards any shortfall in funding. |
| 965.1 | Sedgefield Electrics had quoted £120.00 to complete the electrical inspection and test at the bowls club. The electrician had offered to meet someone from the bowls club on 29th November to complete the electrical inspection and test but there had been no timely reply so the electrician had not been confirmed. |
| 965.2 | The electrician had confirmed that electrical certificates last for 5 years so the council should |

not need the football changing rooms done as work was completed in 2019.

- 966. FISHBURN CEMETERY:** Cllr. S. Dowson had received an updated quote for phase four improvement works at the cemetery and she was awaiting another two to support an application for funding from the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Area Budget Project and the deadline for applications was 12 noon on Monday 9th January 2023.
- 967. THE KING'S CORONATION:** Buckingham Palace had stated that beacons would not be lit to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. **RESOLVED:** To authorise Cllr. S. Dowson to purchase additional vintage cloth Union Jack double sided bunting; to ask S.E. Landscaping Ltd. to plant the flower beds at the crossroads with a red, white and blue display; and to place a standing item on the agenda to discuss other arrangements.
- 968. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** Cllr. S. Dowson gave a report on electrical cabling and quotes for Christmas lights for 2023 and an application for funding from County Durham Community Foundation (E.ON Butterwick Moor Wind Farm).
- 969. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Cllr. D. Dowson mentioned a request from the under 8s and under 11s football teams to paint the outside of the pavilion changing rooms. **RESOLVED:** To authorise Cllr. D. Dowson to obtain quotations for the costs of rendering/applying a coat of cement on the external walls of the pavilion, the preferred alternative to painting, and to obtain quotations for the costs of cladding. The Parish Clerk agreed to contact CISWO.
- 970. NEXT MEETING: RESOLVED:** That the next meeting shall be held on Thursday 12th January 2023.
- 971. CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.