**Fishburn Parish Council**

**Chair Cllr. S.Dowson**

**Minutes of a meeting of Fishburn Parish Council held on Thursday 10th April 2025 in Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.**

**Present :** Cllr. S.Dowson (Chair),

Cllrs. D.Dowson, S.Tinkler C. Leonard, V.Anderson, M.Barker

**In attendance :** Mr. J.Robinson Parish Clerk. County Councillor C. Lines and D.Brown.

**221.0/24 Apologies**

Councillors S.Hughes, A.Pearson, R.Pedlow.

**222.0/24 Declaration of Interest**

The following declaration of interest were made Cllr. D.Dowson, V.Anderson, M.Barker.

**223.0/24 Member dispensation**

No issues raised.

**224.0/24 Chairmans Report**

1.Cllr. S.Dowson reported the Councils objection to the Anaerobic Digester has been lagged. The Clerk advised Officers have indicated the meeting to hear the application may be in July due to County Council elections.

2. Issues have arisen with the NWA repairs to the cemetery water pipes and it could take another week to complete.

3. The parking charges at the Workingmen’s Club will cease as of 9th April

4. The 4 benches are ready for dispatch; it was agreed to pay remaining amount of invoice.

5. Bee Bombs have been purchased

6. She has applied under the Penguin 90 programme for a grant towards the Little Library Project.

7. She is arranging a site visit regarding the floodlighting of the church.

**225.0/24 Minutes of meeting held 13th March 2025**

Cllr. S.Tinkler proposed seconded Cllr. M.Barker and agreed to adopt the minutes and recommendations of this meeting.

**226.0/24 County Councillor Report**

No report due to purdah rules.

**227.0/24 Feedback from meetings attended by members**

Nil

**228.0/24 Matters of Information**

1. Members confirmed the revised Flagpole Policy for 2025 showing what events would be covered.
2. Clerk advised the Neighbourhood Grant from DCC had been approved and offer letter returned signed. It was noted the funds would not be forwarded till after the County Council elections. It was agreed to proceed with the work to ensure it is completed in time for the VE 80 Commemoration events.

**229.0/24 Correspondence**

1. Clerks and Councils direct received.

2. Various emails previously circulated to members, received.

3. DCC Control Waste Transfer agreement, signed and returned to DCC.

4. An email from a resident regarding ASB opposite the ambulance station. It was agreed to refer the matter to both Police and DCC

5. An email from a resident regarding the cutting of bushes in front of Glebe Close, agreed to ask S.E.Landscape to assess and report back to Council.

6. PowerGrid advising how much power was used during Christmas Light Switch on.

7. DCC advising of Avian Flu regulations referred to Allotment Society for action.

**230.0/24 Annual Audit**

Clerk advised members of the process for the annual audit. Members agreed to appoint Brown Accountants of Sedgefield as the Internal Auditors for this year’s audit.

**231.0/24 Planning**

 No plans were submitted for consideration.

**232.0/24 V.E. Commemoration:-**

Members considered a report from the Clerk detailing the programme for the evening event on 8th May 2025. Clerk and Cllr. S.Tinkler to meet the firework provider to discuss risk assessment. It was agreed to purchase a public address system up to the value of £600 for the event and future ones. It was also agreed to the address being performed by the following :-

Represent 20-year-olds to be confirmed

Represent 30-year-olds Cllr. D.Dowson

Represent 40-year-olds to be confirmed

Represent 50-year-olds Cllr. S.Tinkler

Represent 60-year-olds Cllr. V.Anderson

Represent 70-year-olds to be confirmed

Represent 80-year-olds to be confirmed

Clerk to try and book a group to perform from 8pm to 9pm at the picnic on the green. Clerk advised members of the programme of events at FYCC on Saturday 10th May. Cllr. V.Anderson agreed to judge the dog show on behalf of the Council.

**233.0/24 De-Fibrillator**

Members noted they had been ordered including a box for the third one to be sited in Fishburn Colliery.

**234.0/24 Monthly Account Reconciliation**

Members agreed to payments for all invoices as per Appendix 1.

**235.0/24 LIVIN Garages**

Members noted receipt of the full list of tenants and agreed to hold a meeting with tenants on 29th May 2025. It was proposed Cllr. S.Dowson seconded by Cllr. D.Dowson and agreed garage rents to be set at £90 per annum and allotments £30 per. Annum. Clerk to confirm contact details for all tenants.

**236.0/24 Council Elections**

Clerk reported on the Notice of those Nominated to serve as Parish Councillors from May 2025 to May 2029. 7 residents being nominated. They are automatically elected and take up post Tuesday 6th May 2025.

**237.0/24 Annual Parish Assembly**

Members were reminded they had agreed to hold the Assembly Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 6.30pm followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. Current Parish Councillors will host the event as it their report to residents being considered.

**238.0/24 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.00pm in Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

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Signed:-

Chair Fishburn Parish Council

6th May 2025