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MINUTES OF THE FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Memorial Hall Faldingworth

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Present: D. Waine (Chair) Debbie Whelan (Clerk), Cllr D. Dickinson, Cllr P Gregson, Cllr. W Green, Cllr. M. Thompson, Cllr. A. Bradbury

No members of the public were present.

24/01/01. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

24/01/02: To receive declaration of interest in any item on the agenda

None was received.

24/01/03. To suspend the meeting to allow no more than 15 minutes of public forum

This was proposed and accepted. There was no public forum

24/01/04 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the 22 November 2023 were **APPROVED**.

24/01/05. Reports from outside bodies, taking any required action:

The Clerk circulated a document sent by LALC with respect to the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. This involves purchasing a lamp and then lighting it at the required time on the 6th June. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk circulate the document to Councillors and this can be raised at the next meeting.

24/01/06. Resident's issues, taking any required action:

There were none received.

24/01/07. Financial Matters:

Cllr Waine reported that the price of a replacement battery for the defibrillator has increased significantly. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Waine will purchase the battery as it is accommodated in the budget.

The Clerk noted that an application to WLDC for funding for Christmas lights had been successful and Cllr. Swift had donated £250. Given that the monies arrived close to Christmas, the lights were not purchased. The Council will make careful consideration of spending these monies for next Christmas on lights for the oak tree on the Village Green.

- The payments as indicated were **APPROVED**
- The Bank Reconciliation was presented and **APPROVED**
- Banking arrangements to be held over to the next meeting. The Clerk is to contact HSBC regarding the Parish Council business and ensure signatories are correct. Once this has been done, then the transfer across to TSB will need to be actioned, depending on the interest rates offered.
- Adoption of budget for 2024/2025: The budget was **APPROVED**. The Clerk is instructed to apply for a Precept of £9 561.00. This will not involve any increase to the rates paid by Parishioners.
- Feedback on PAYE for Clerk: Andy Hopkins has repaid the monies into the Business Money Manager account.

Payments in the August /September period.

The following were **APPROVED** for payment:

DD	Bank Charges – 25 Nov 2023	£ 11.00
Cheque 101220	HMRC PAYE (December/January)	£ 161.40
Cheque 101221	Clerk Salary December/ January	£ 161.40
Cheque 101218	Glendale Grass cutting	£ 253.84
Cheque 101219	Wicksteed Playing field inspections	£ 316.80
Cheque 101217	Glendale (paid in December)	£ 248.46
DD	Bank charges – 25 Dec 2023	£ 10.00
DD ICO	Data protection	£ 40.00

TOTAL	£1202.90
Income:	
EFT HMRCVAT refund 2020-2021	£ 263.10
EFT WLDCFunding for lights	£ 250.00
EFT Andy Hopkins PAYE refund into Money Manager account	£ 58.45
EFT InterestGross interest to 30 November	£ 146.90
TOTAL	£ 718.45

The Business Current Account closed with a balance of £17,654.47

The Business Money Manager Account closed with a balance of £30,666.44

24/01/08. Community Speed watch:

The Clerk presented the quotation from Messagemaker speed signs. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would consider paying for speed signs out of the Current Account savings. Given that this would only pay for one sign, the Clerk is to approach Cllr. Swift to ascertain the possibility of extra funding support to purchase three speed indicator signs.

24/01/09. Planning Matters:

There were none submitted.

24/01/10. Correspondence:

There was none received.

24/01/11. Playground areas:

Cllr Waine recorded that the cutting back of hedges along the playing field had exposed other obstructions. The Council thanks Paul Raynor for cleaning out the ditch which included a large plant and a slab of concrete.

The Clerk is in contact with an interested party and will continue to pursue sourcing a company to clean the playground equipment. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Waine and the Clerk meet to establish the parameters for cleaning the playground equipment.

The Wicksteed Reports have been received and the Clerk will circulate them to the Council members.

Cllr. Waine noted that the rubbish bin in the playground is full. The Clerk is to remind waste removal services to remedy this.

Given the erratic nature of grass and hedge cutting, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk collate the Glendale cuts in the last financial year in order to get a baseline of what is needed annually.

24/01/12. LALC and website maintenance:

There are sufficient hours remaining in the website maintenance payment.

24/01/15. Urgent items for discussion:

None were raised.

24/01/16. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Faldingworth Parish Council will be held on 20 March 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.