

# Fulstow Parish Council Minutes

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Location: Fulstow Village Hall

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Time: 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Larder, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Flinn, Cllr Pike, Cllr Mann & District Cllr Mossop

Minutes taken by M Lawson

1. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Leonard & Cllr Guilliat were accepted by the Council
2. Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest - Cllr Lawson disclosed a pecuniary interest in agenda point 7.a) due to being related to the Clerk & RFO. He would exclude himself from the decision making/vote on this matter
3. *Public participation* – No members of the public in attendance
4. *Public participation ends*
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman
6. Matters arising including updates from the following action points
  - a) Cllr Larder to discuss Emergency Plan with VH Committee Meeting cancelled. Matter to be C/F to next meeting
  - b) Cllr Pike to follow up gardener for flower beds – C/F to next meeting
  - c) Cllr Pike to sort & return Bullgrass documentation for filing – 3 documents relating to the Bullgrass were returned for filing
7. Finance
  - a) To discuss Clerk & RFO hours - The Council approved an increase to the Clerk & RFO hourly rate in line with National Joint Council pay scales. Based on a record of actual working time the weekly contracted hours will be increased from 2 to 4 hours from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. \*[REDACTED]
  - b) Updated finance reports for 2023 – 2024 were examined and accepted by the council
  - c) The 3 year estimated budget was reviewed and agreed by the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain prices for a new printer as the current one is faulty
  - d) To set the precept for 2024/25 - The Clerk informed that tax base figures would not be published until ~21 Dec 2024. The Council disused the precept in principle, but a definite decision would be made once the required information had been received.
8. Certification of payments - No payments have been made since the last meeting
9. Request for Parish council to provide public dog poo bag dispenser for Football fields – The council discussed the request and agreed to finance the dispenser subject to the Village Hall agreeing to its upkeep.
10. To agree proposed meeting dates for 2024 – Dates were agreed and accepted
11. Any other business.
  - Cllr Pike updated the Council on the new War Memorial by the canal bridge
12. Date of next meeting: 25th January 2024.

\*Redacted due to confidentiality.