

## **FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present – Mrs Jennie Miller in the chair, Dr Stephen Batterby, Mr John Church, Mr Chris FitzGerald, Mrs Sarah Hyatt, Mr Peter Stanton

Apologies – Mrs Susan Castle

### **Declarations of Members Interest**

Personal	None
Prejudicial	None

**The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed.**

### **Matters Arising**

There are still roadworks pending in the village and on Everdon Road. Highways to be notified.

Whether or not PAYE should apply for the clerk's services was discussed.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Local police inform us to be aware of rogue traders operating in this area. Also reported an internet scam regarding Olympic tickets.

### **CPRE initiative for Spring Clean Litter Campaign**

This matter was discussed and a litter pick within the parish was decided upon. This will take place around 31<sup>st</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April with each councillor being in charge of a certain area within the parish. Peter Stanton will arrange for notification and all villagers will be asked to help. On completion of this, all litter collected will be taken to the village hall car park. The litter can then be deposited within the bins at the village hall for proper disposal.

### **Emerging Neighbourhood Plan / Localism Act**

Many planning rules are becoming out of date with new ones coming in. This was discussed and it was agreed that FPC must remain alert to changes and validity. It seems possible that once DDC have completed their update that villages may need to prepare a Neighbourhood plan.

### **Farthingstone Telephone Kiosk**

A resident within the village has voiced an interest in using the old telephone kiosk as a village exhibition / museum and would like FPC to adopt the kiosk. It was agreed to ask her to attend our next

meeting to further explain what she plans. The Parish Council would also need to satisfy itself of any potential unknown liability if this was implemented.

### **Woodland Trust – ‘More Trees, More Good’ - free community planting pack**

The council has been awarded some free sapling trees for planting to celebrate the diamond jubilee. The pack has hedgerow type trees and also a Royal Oak sapling. Peter Stanton to contact local farmers to see if they would be interested in planting some of these. The Royal Oak will be planted at a later date once a suitable place can be found.

### **Clerks Wages**

The clerk is happy for these to remain the same as last year.

### **Planning Applications**

#### **DA/2011/1058 - Work to and removal of trees subject of a Tree Preservation Order at Joy Mead Gardens, Main Street, Farthingstone, Northamptonshire**

This was approved by DDC planning. The work has been completed and new trees will be planted shortly by the Joymead Committee.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **A.O.B**

SH raised the matter of the school profile at Blakesley C E Primary School. The Governors of the school of which SH is one, wish to place on village noticeboards a small article to help promote the school. All councillors agreed for this to go on the notice board and to direct any observations or enquiries to Sarah Hyatt.

JC raised that matter of the amount of grain lorries entering the village by all routes recently and asked if there was a restriction on them only using the Litchborough Road to enter and exit the village. FPC clerk to check with original planning conditions when grain store was built.

CF raised that matter of the Diamond Jubilee to see if anyone knew of anybody organizing a communal celebration within the village. Dorothy FitzGerald will be doing a flyer to see if villagers are interested in anything happening.

Date for next meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting) (TBC)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.