

FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 21st May 2012 in the Village Hall at 8.38pm.

Present – Mrs Jennie Miller in the chair, Dr Stephen Batterby, Mr John Church, Mr Chris FitzGerald, Mr Peter Stanton, Cllr Kevin Perry, Cllr Ian Duly & 2 Parishioners

Apologies – Mrs Susan Castle & Mrs Sarah Hyatt

Election of Chairman

Mrs Miller was nominated by Mr J Church and seconded by Dr Batterby. There were no other nominations and members were unanimous in her appointment which she accepted. Mrs Miller was thanked by Mr J Church on behalf of all the Councillors for the work she puts into the Parish Council which is greatly appreciated. Mrs Miller thanked members for their vote of confidence.

Election of Vice Chairman

It was decided as has been the case in previous years not to elect a Vice Chairman.

Election of Planning Committee

All Councillors to stand on the Planning Committee.

Election of Cemetery Committee

All Councillors to stand on the Cemetery Committee.

Declarations of Members Interest

Personal None

Prejudicial None

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

Matters Arising

There is still road maintenance work waiting to be done within the Parish, in particular the drain on the bend opposite the village hall, a large pot hole on the bend at the top of Maidford Road and most of the road surface by the cemetery on the Maidford Road. Clerk to report again.

Mrs Miller thanked Mr Stanton for organising the recent litter pick within the parish.

Mrs Miller thanked Becky Chambers and Mr Stanton for distributing the free tree saplings.

Neighbourhood Watch

No incidents to report at present.

Annual Accounts

Copies of these were circulated to Councillors and these were approved. The internal audit will now take place by Mr John Mole.

Farthingstone Telephone Kiosk

A resident within the village, Karen Elliott, is interest in using the kiosk as a village exhibition centre/museum and has asked this Council to adopt the kiosk. Karen explained her plans for this. It could be a celebration of the history of Farthingstone. This was discussed by those present. A proposal to adopt the kiosk by Peter Stanton and seconded by Chris FitzGerald was passed unanimously.

Chairman to organise the adoption and insurance for this kiosk.

Planning Applications

DA / 2012 / 0326 Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations including repositioning staircase, alterations to walls, replacement windows and doors to 2 Pansion Row, Maidford Road, Farthingstone, NN12 8HE

This matter was discussed and the plans observed. A letter from FPC will be constructed by the planning committee having discussed both the Listed Grade II status and the apparent commencement of works by the applicant with DDC Conservation Officer and English Heritage. Particular attention was felt necessary due to the Listing and principles involved with planning procedures.

Correspondence

None

A.O.B

Mr Church would like to pass on thanks from the PCC for the mowing and upkeep of the Churchyard. R D Landscapes have done a very good job and they are very grateful for all their efforts in this. This sentiment will be passed on to R D Landscapes.

Date for next meeting Monday 16th July (TBC)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.36pm.