

## **FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the Village Hall at 8.20pm.

Present – Mrs Jennie Miller in the chair, Dr Stephen Batterby, Mrs Susan Castle, Mr John Church, Mr Chris FitzGerald, Mr Peter Stanton & 2 Parishioners

Apologies – Mrs Sarah Hyatt

### **Election of Chairman**

Mrs Miller was nominated by John Church and seconded by Chris FitzGerald. 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, one typo amendment was noted, agreed and signed.**

### **Matters Arising**

The matter of several pot holes within the parish. The matter was discussed and the Clerk is to do a plan of all pot holes and then pass to Jennie Miller for contact with Highways.

SC agreed to update the VDS.

A copy of a letter sent to Mr H Brown, received before and discussed at our last Parish Council

Meeting from a resident within the Parish needs further addressing. We need to respond to his correspondence.

The paddock in question, lies behind and to the north of the houses in Main Street. It is part of Manor Farm. The original letter of complaint sent to the land owner appears to have been largely ignored, apart from a huge fire on the 19 March, the day after our last meeting, when all the chemical containers visible on site ( see photographs sent to DDC ) appear to have been burnt.

Daventry District Council are aware of the problems, particularly the still present parked cars in the paddock ( see photographs sent to DDC ).

The conditions for planning approval of DA/2010/0365 appear to be being ignored by the landowner and the motor repair operator based in one of the industrial buildings at Manor Farm Complex.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

There has been one reported incident. Remember to keep vigilant.

### **Annual Accounts**

Copies of the accounts were circulated around all councillors. The internal audit has taken place by John Mole and no matters were raised. A letter of thanks to be sent on behalf of FPC to John.

SB raised the suggestion of whether the Parish Council should set up a reserve for village charities. All councillors agreed that the Parish Council would support any charity funding on the basis of looking at individual presentations to ascertain all possibilities

### **HMRC – Real Time Information/PAYE**

This matter was discussed by all councillors. JM to speak to NALC & Acre to gain further information regarding this.

### **Parish Newsletter**

JM and JC had a meeting recently in Blakesley regarding in particular funding of a deficit that has been incurred regarding the cost of this Newsletter. The deficit is £450 for 2012.

In order to clear this it was suggested that each village pay a share depending on their size. Farthingstone PCC and Parish Council each will pay £59.50 which includes their payment for 2013 now to clear the debt.

In future a figure of around £21 per year in the Way of a contribution to the ongoing costs and the facility of receiving this Newsletter should be paid to the Lambfold Benefice. All Councillors agreed to this.

## **Village Web Site**

This has been hacked into again. The matter was discussed and there are two options available. The first is to upgrade the current version of software which will cost around £500. The second option is to revert back to the old system of Dreamweaver.

It was unanimously agreed to follow second option. CF to let Wendy Francis who currently maintains the web site, of the Parish Councils decision. CF will work with Debbie Mason/Tony Millyard regarding the reversion to the original format. They will keep the Parish Council informed of the ongoing developments. JM thanked all concerned for their help in this matter.

It was agreed that FPC should send appropriate letters to Wendy Francis and Tony Millyard.

## **Planning Applications**

**DA/2013/0073** – Renewal of planning permission **DA/2010/0267** for extension at Willow Cottage, Everdon Road, Farthingstone, NN12 8HB

Delegated approval by DDC Planning Department.

**DA/2012/0094** – Removal of Conditions 6 & 7 relating to occupancy of bungalow approved under application **DA/81/564** at Farthingstone Golf Club, NN12 8HA

Delegated approval by DDC Planning Department.

## **Correspondence**

None

## **A.O.B**

JC raised the matter of the church clock not working. This was discussed and Clerk to contact English Clockmakers who do the annual service to see if they can recommend someone local to repair it.

SB raised the matter of the new County Councillor who replaces Gina Ogden. It was suggested that the PC write to him with dates of meetings and invite him to attend. A letter also to be sent to Gina Ogden on her retirement thanking her for effort to assist in Farthingstone. It has been much appreciated by all..

PS raised that matter of the annual spring clean that he arranged which had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. He will try and arrange another later in the year.

Date for next meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (TBC).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01pm.