

FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 19th May 2014 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, Mrs Sarah Hyatt & Mr Peter Stanton.

Apologies – None.

Election of Chairman

Mrs Miller was nominated by John Church and seconded by Stephen 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 not received by all Councillors, therefore these will be read, agreed and signed at the next meeting.

Matters Arising

Following a visit to the cemetery by Susan Castle and Peter Stanton it was noticed that the back hedge has totally overgrown row A of graves. This will be cut back in the autumn.

Susan Castle has suggested that the Parish Council buy some brass letters to place on the path to inform people where the burial rows are. After some general discussion Chris FitzGerald proposed and

John Church seconded this proposal. All agreed that this is a good idea. SC to purchase appropriate lettering.

Stephen Batterby suggested that some concrete slabs are purchased for the top part of the cemetery where there is no path so the brass letters can be placed there. After some discussion and agreement by all, Chris FitzGerald proposed and John Church seconded this proposition.

The PCC would like to send their thanks to the Parish Council for the mowing and upkeep of the Churchyard. A letter of thanks to be sent to R D Landscapes.

Peter Stanton stated that the hedge on the road side is looking good and Susan Castle will trim it shortly.

Clerk to contact Highways regarding the missing finger post on the Weedon/Stowe crossroads.

Pip Rutherford has taken some new photographs in line with the arrows on the existing VDS map. This was discussed and it was agreed that SC will scan these and send a copy to all Members. These were approved in principle and SC will forward them to DDC to form the updated Farthingstone VDS. DDC have agreed to accept these in place as Farthingstone's Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Watch

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

Update on Planning Meetings.

Stephen Batterby attended a recent meeting at DDC. He gave a report of this which was more about conservation and heritage issues within planning.

The second DDC meeting date was changed and SB was unable to attend. SC was not aware of the date change so neither attended. SB requested details of the meeting and when he has received these he will send them to all Councillors.

Stephen Batterby also attended the CPRE roadshow and he gave a report of this to all Councillors.

Jennie Miller thanked SB for his reports and attendance at these meetings.

Annual Accounts

Copies of the accounts were circulated to all Councillors. The internal audit is due to take place shortly by John Mole. The external audit will take place in June. The accounts were discussed and agreed by all. These were signed by the Chairman for FPC.

Planning Applications

None

Correspondence

None

A.O.B

SC asked if the Parish Council had heard anything from DDC regarding the cars in the field at Manor Farm. No one had any information regarding this and it will be investigated by the Clerk.

SB raised the matter of Broadband suggesting that the PC contact other parish Councils on the Preston Capes exchange and raise with District Councillors at our next meeting.

SC suggested that the Parish Council ask someone from Abthorpe to visit, as they have their own system for broadband and the internet. SC to contact them.

JC reported that the road between Farthingstone and Maidford is in a bad state of repair. Clerk to report to Street Doctor.

JC reported that one of the water leaks on the Weedon Road has been fixed but a second one remains unchecked. Clerk to report to Street Doctor and Anglian Water.

PS reported that he has not had any response from the Footpath warden at NCC regarding the state of some of the public footpaths/gates/styles. Chairman to contact Councillor Robin Brown regarding this.

There is some fly tipping on the Preston Capes road near Mantles Heath. Clerk to report this.

Date for next meeting Monday 21st July 2014 (TBC).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm.