

FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 22nd September 2014 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present – Mrs Jennie Miller in the chair, Mrs Susan Castle, Mr John Church, Mr Chris FitzGerald, Mrs Sarah Hyatt, & 9 parishioners.

Apologies –. Dr Stephen Batterby & Mr Peter Stanton

Declarations of Members Interest

Personal	None
Prejudicial	None

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

Matters Arising

None

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been one reported incident within the village, whereby a resident heard a noise in their kitchen and upon investigation found an intruder, who then left the property. Nothing was taken. Residents reminded to keep vigilant.

Annual Audit Outcome

The external audit has now been completed and approved. There were no matters that came to their attention.

Annual Parish Precept

This matter will be raised at the next Parish Council meeting in November.

Planning Applications - Update

DA/2014/0570 Demolition of changing rooms & gym & conversion. Alteration of Hotel and Squash courts at Farthingstone Hotel & Golf Club, Everdon Road, Farthingstone, NN12 8HB.

This application has been passed by DDC Planners.

DA/2014/0640 Variation of condition 7 of planning application DA/2011/0552 to allow demolition of the building at Bay Tree Cottage, Pansion Row, Maidford Road, Farthingstone, NN12 8HE

No decision has been made by DDC Planners. No work should be commenced before a decision is made.

Correspondence

A letter has been received from Northants CALC regarding the enhancement of recruitment of parish councillors around the country.

A.O.B

SC would like to send her appreciation to all the people who were involved in display in the phone box and the poppy posters placed around the village commemorating WW1. All Councillors agree and second this vote of confidence and appreciation. It is a very good display and nothing like this has been done in any other villages.

SC suggested that a date for **the autumn clear up in the cemetery** is set. This was discussed and the **18th October 10am onwards** was decided. A list of jobs to be done will be made to enable any councillors not able to make that date still help in some way.

SC gave a quick update on the VDS she is working on. Pip Rutherford recently took some new photos of the important views within the parish which have been sent to DDC. They approve the content but would like them on a disk or memory stick. SC to contact Peter Stanton regarding this.

SC raised the matter of the Church Clock and the annual service. Clerk to check when this needs doing and contact English Clockmakers accordingly. JC also stated that it needs regulating.

CF has received a letter from Alzheimer's Society asking for volunteers, this will be placed on the Parish noticeboard.

SB sent an email regarding a matter he has been dealing with regarding the recent accident Litchborough Road whereby a vehicle was written off. The resident would like some off road parking put in place. The area of land at the end of the village has been suggested but the residents have said they would not park their due to vehicle security and would like a pull in put outside the houses taking away the path. This was discussed and Councillors feel that this would not be possible but would find out more details before contact DDC regarding this. There are also some bushes that are on the side of the road that could either be cut down or removed to make visibility better.

Superfast Broadband for Farthingstone & Surrounding areas at 8.30pm.

Jennie Miller welcomed everyone who came to this meeting.

On behalf of the Parish Council JM would like to thank TOVE in particular for their invaluable guidance on the subject and testing in our area. Also the residents of Farthingstone who are ready and willing to assist where they can, and Charles Russell for his assistance with siting and access. Both Everdon Parish Council and residents from Preston Capes are keen to be kept 'on board'.

JM invited Colin Benham to the floor to discuss the work he has done on this. Colin gave details of the progress he has made into looking for properties that could act as a primary point for distribution of the radio access. Along with Eric and Keith from Tove, he went up the water tower near Everdon Stubbs from which surprisingly there was no signal at all. Just an extensive view ! Colin still has other positions and field surveys to carry out and will keep the Parish Council informed of his progress.

JM thanked Colin for all his hard work on this matter.

FPC thinks that it should continue looking into this matter. With the assistance of Tove and others it could be possible to find a way to produce a positive outcome.

JM thanks Susan castle for getting the ball rolling on this.

It was suggested that the Parish Council within the next 6 months needs to do, a letter box drop within the parish to see what interest there is in residents signing up to this system.

Kevin McCloud from Rainbow Cottage asked if there was any funding available from anywhere the Parish Council could apply for. JM said there is some funding available but applications could not begin until there is some idea of the costs involved and the route to be taken.

The chairman thanked everyone at the meeting for their interest, offers of help and attendance.

Date for next meeting Monday 17th November 2014 (TBC).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.