

FARTHINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 21st January 2015 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present – Mrs Jennie Miller in the chair, Dr Stephen Batterby Mrs Susan Castle, Mr John Church, Mrs Sarah Hyatt, Mr Peter Stanton, District Councillor David Smith & 1 parishioner.

Apologies – Mr Chris FitzGerald

Jennie Miller thanked Councillor Smith for attending the meeting.

Declarations of Members Interest

Personal	None
Prejudicial	None

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

Matters Arising

There has been no decision made by DDC regarding the Planning application at Bay Tree Cottage.

Following the recent accident on the Litchborough Road by a College Bus, Ian Wootton has asked Tate Brothers to take the hedge out along the road side. This is to be done when there is no livestock in the field.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Graham Baseley for his time keeping the Church Clock running right.

Neighbourhood Watch

No update given. There have been no incidents within the Parish.

Annual Parish Precept

This matter has been discussed by all Councillors prior to this meeting and it was unanimously decided to keep this as in the previous year. JC proposed and seconded by SB.

Superfast Broadband

There was a meeting held at Everdon and Farthingstone residents were invited. Two Northampton County Councillors and a representative from BT attended. The meeting was not very well attended by Everdon residents. SC gave her account of the meeting.

SB attended a meeting held by CPRE which he reported on.

Following this he has been asked to contact other Parish Councils on behalf of CPRE to find out if they are also having problems with obtaining Superfast Broadband.

JM thanked SB for all his input and stated that it looks as if we will have to wait and see what happens in the coming months.

NCC Funding

The Joymead Committee has been invited to apply for funding to repair the paths.

Farthingstone Parish Council suggested that IT WOULD ALSO ADD £250.
This was proposed by SB and seconded by SC.

Planning Applications - Update

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

Following a telephone conversation to DDC regarding this application no decision has been as DDC are asking the applicant for information which to date they have not received. Katherine Daniels from DDC will contact the applicant.

JM asked Councillor Smith what he would suggest the Parish Council do if people ignore planning rules and start work before permission has been granted. He suggested that the Parish Council get in touch with DDC.

Correspondence

An email has been received from English Clockmakers that they are ceasing clock repairs and that they will pass all work to The Cumbria Clock Company. Clerk to contact them to enquire about their charges for servicing etc and report back to Councillors.

A.O.B

SB raised the recent accident on Maidford Road and if anything could be done to prevent it happening again. This was discussed by all Councillors and there is not much that can be done but to monitor the situation.

SC raised the matter of the road sign on the Everdon crossroads which is in the hedge. There is also part missing of the sign on the Weedon crossroads. Clerk to contact Street Doctor and report.

PS raised the matter of the £150.00 given to the Parish Council following the recent litter pick. He

would like to buy some litter pick equipment with it. SH proposed and JC seconded. PS to purchase the relevant items.

Paul Justice asked the Parish Council if anything could be done to slow the vehicles down on the Everdon Road, in particular by his house. This was discussed by all Councillors and it was suggested that Paul Justice contacts NCC to ask their advice.

SB asked Councillor Smith if the Parish Council could contact him over any planning application issues they have. Councillor Smith said he would be happy to do so.

Date for next meeting Monday 16th March 2015 (TBC).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.