

## Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8.00pm

| Min No    |   | Action    |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
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| 60/16     | <p><b>Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present: Peter Stanton (Chair), John Church, Stephen Batterby, Stewart Summers and Sarah Hyatt</li> <li>• Also in attendance: Councillor Johnnie Amos</li> </ul>   |           |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
| 61/16     | <p><b>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies were received and accepted from Jennie Miller (in her absence Peter Stanton took the Chair in his role as Deputy Chair) and Susan Castle</li> </ul>   |           |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
| 62/16     | <p><b>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items:</b><br/>None declared except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stewart Summers declared that he is a close neighbour of the property noted in Item 7 DA/2016.0992</li> </ol>  |           |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
| 63/16     | <p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting:</b><br/>The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were reviewed for accuracy. The Minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Proposed Stewart Summers and seconded John Church.</p>   |           |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
| 64/16     | <p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superfast Broadband (47/16) SB reported on a positive meeting with Chris Heaton-Harris (MP) on 27<sup>th</sup> October, a response has been received now in which CHH promises to continue to work to support Farthingstone, but with no form dates for any action. He also notes that he has requested the CEO of BT to consider the matter. Councillor Amos has also been following this issue and reported that the has received a response from Mr Patterson which he passed to SB for review. The response was disappointing and there was disagreement with some of the points made however, there is information that work will commence to connect Farthingstone by Summer 2017. FPC thanked both SB and Councillor Amos for their hard work on this issue.</li> <li>• Litchborough Road (47/16) PS reported that the road edge has been marked off but no action taken yet – he will pursue with Highways.</li> <li>• TPO Bay Tree Cottage (53/16) noted action has been taken by DDC TPO Officer</li> <li>• 43 Litchborough Road (53/16) noted ownership of land – no further action.</li> </ul>  | <b>PS</b> |                                   |        |     |           |  |  |
| 65/16     | <p><b>Finance Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Accounts 2015/16 – SH reported that BDO have completed the external audit of the FPC Accounts for 2015/16 and the Annual Return. She asked councillors to note that Section 3 the External Auditor Certificate and report has been completed and that there were no matters that gave cause for concern. One minor issue was raised in relation to the Asset Register where the date acquired, purchase cost and location should be complete for each asset listed. SH to review and complete with these details.</li> <li>• SH presented a budget report showing the position as at 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016. Cash at bank is £7,164.66 (Current Account £1,709.28; Deposit Account £5,455.38). The balance on the ledger is £7,080.19 – the variance being unrepresented cheques totalling £84.47.</li> <li>• The following cheques were approved for payment:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Cheque No</td> <td style="width: 40%;">E-ON – Electricity charges 1/7/16</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£84.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>756</td> <td>– 30/9/16</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Cheque No | E-ON – Electricity charges 1/7/16 | £84.47 | 756 | – 30/9/16 |  |  |
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| 757       | Churchyard and Cemetary 2016   |           |                               |           |     |                              |  |  |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH also asked councillors to approve CPRE subscription of £36.00 for 2017 which is paid by direct debit on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. This was approved.</li> <li>• SH requested the councillors approve a transfer of funds of £500 from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account to maintain a reasonable working balance. This was approved.</li> <li>• SH presented a breakdown of funding for the Church Wall Project which has now been completed due to the receipt of grants and generous donations from residents of Farthingstone. Councillors also thanked Peter Stanton for the repair to the small wrought iron church gate.</li> <li>• SH reported that she has completed the VAT recovery form for 2015/16, showing that we will recover £281.91. This was approved for submission.</li> </ul> <p>The full finance report was approved – proposed by Steve Batterby and seconded by Peter Stanton.</p>  |           |                               |           |     |                              |  |  |  |
| 66/16     | <p><b>Community Defibrillator:</b></p> <p>SH reported that the small project group drawn from volunteers have done some excellent research and concluded that the best option appears to be to work in partnership with EMAS (our local ambulance service provider) to deliver a defibrillator for Farthingstone. It is believed that the cost could be in the region of £1,200 in total - £999.00 for the defibrillator and cabinet, plus cost for installation of the cabinet. SH reported that site is still under discussion and suggested one further meeting of the project group to finalise the proposal and recommend a site and get clarity about the costs of installation before final recommendation to FPC in January 2017.</p>  |           | SH                            |           |     |                              |  |  |  |
| 67/16     | <p><b>Planning Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors noted the agreed response to the DDC Consultation on Settlement Hierarchy</li> <li>• Councillors noted that it is possible to make “without prejudice” comments on planning applications</li> <li>• Councillors noted the agreed response to DA/2016/0992 was submitted by the closing date; although it was also noted that notice has now be posted at the property which suggests there is a further period for responses to be made of 21 days from the date on the notice (16/11/2016)</li> </ul>   |           |                               |           |     |                              |  |  |  |
| 68/16     | <p><b>Miscellaneous Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath from Maidford Road towards Golf Course very overgrown – SS to contact owner to see if this could be topped. Noted that the oak tree has a TPO.</li> <li>• White lines on Weedon Road/Main Street junction – dangerous junction as visibility is poor to left and sat nav does not always recognise it as a give way junction. Noted that there is no give way sign. SH to contact Highways to see if signing can be improved to reduce accident risk.</li> <li>• Everdon Road – deep gully on left on hill up towards the Stubbs (like Litchborough Road problem) – SH to contact Highways</li> <li>• DDC plans for waste collection – SB raised strong concerns about the consultation carried out by DDC – felt that the decision had been made prior to any consultation. He had reviewed the consultation responses and felt that they were not reflected at all in the outcome. This was another way of disadvantaging rural communities. Councillor Amos reported that the Strategy Group of DDC had made the decision – there is no legal requirement to provide a service for green waste. In July 2018, a new service provider will take over the waste contract with a £2m increase in the contract cost. SB expressed his</li> </ul> |           | <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> |           |     |                              |  |  |  |

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|              | <p>frustration at the inability of councils like Farthingstone to influence decisions that matter to residents of rural communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cemetery Tidy Up – focus on the patch behind the hedge where the conifers were taken out – level and then reseed in spring. Agreed to meet at 11.00am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>• Maidford Road clearing leaves – agreed to meet 10.30am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. SH to report the drain by the Village Hall again – to get a proper drain cover.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> |
| <b>69/16</b> | <p><b>Correspondence:</b><br/>SH reported that all correspondence is forwarded by email.</p>   |                                     |
| <b>70/16</b> | <p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH reported that she had submitted a nil return to the DDC Homelessness Survey for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016.</li> <li>• Fly tipping – noted that there has been further fly tipping on the Maidford Road; and that the previous tip had not been completely cleared – needs to be on roadside of ditch. PS to report again.</li> <li>• Farthingstone Village Sign – SS noted that he remembered this being much further out of the village than currently – between the Cemetery and Littlecourt Farm. SH to check with Ian Boyes at Highways to see if there is any record of when and why it was moved.</li> </ul> | <p><b>PS</b></p> <p><b>SH</b></p>   |
|              | <p><b>Date of the Next Meeting:</b><br/>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall.</p>   |                                     |
|              | <p>The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p>   |                                     |

Signed as a true record:

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Date: .....