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	<p>15/16 (c)</p> <p>15/16(d)</p> <p>15/16(j)</p>	<p>Blocked drains Maidford Road: SB presented a letter from a resident of Maidford Road with significant concerns about flooding risks from the blocked drains (due to leaf litter). His home is below the level of the road and water is at risk of running into his house. He has tried Street Doctor but without successful resolution. PJ also reported that drains outside his house are blocked.</p> <p>Resolved to write to NCC to secure a resolution to the problem – by clearing silted material out of the drains to allow them to run properly – SH to draft letter.</p> <p>Potholes on Litchborough Road – to note these are now repaired.</p> <p>Housing of Homeless People at Farthingstone Golf Course: SB reported that he had contacted DDC about this but they would neither confirm nor deny that this was the case. PJ reported that there is now a regular bus collecting people from the Golf Course and returning them daily.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>20/16</p>		<p>Superfast Broadband:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB reported that he has received 24 responses from village residents about concerns about SFB, following the flyer round the village – a significant proportion of village residences. These are all entered onto a spreadsheet. • SB has been talking to a contact who was involved in getting a Gigaclear service into a local village (which was in the same situation as Farthingstone). He has offered to meet SB and has provided a contact name in Gigaclear. However, we would need a firm commitment from the community before any progress could be made; and there would also be a financial commitment as we would have to fund any such service ourselves. • SB recommends that we wait to see what the SFB Team/ BT offer in Spring 2016 before any approach to Gigaclear is made. • SB also noted that general telephony infrastructure is very poor and has raised this with the SFB team but they say we should be lobbying providers individually to resolve this. • SC had approached our MP Chris Heaton-Harris but received an anodyne response not telling us anymore that we already know about the situation. • PJ asked whether “radio jumping” could be a solution – would be Wi-Fi. PJ to liaise with SB about whether this is an opportunity for the village. 	<p>PJ/SB</p>
<p>21/16</p>		<p>Budget Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH presented the Budget Report (which had been circulated in advance of the meeting) showing the position as at 29th February 2016. Cash at bank at 29th February 2016 is £5,566.71 (Current Account £1,173.07 and Deposit Account £4,393.64). The balance on the ledger is £5,496.42. The difference is accounted for by cheques approved for payment at the meeting to the value of £70.29 which appear on the ledger but not yet at the bank. • A further cheque was approved and signed at the meeting which does not appear on either the ledger or the bank account as yet – received immediately prior to the meeting. This was: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheque number 740 for £43.18 payable to EON for street lighting maintenance for the quarter ending March 2016. ● SH reported that the only outstanding expense expected before the end of the year was for the hall hire for the March FPC meeting ● To note that the Domestic Rates Bill for 16/17 for the Cemetery has been received of £26.62 – offset by Small Business Rates Relief to nil. ● JM reported that she expects to receive a grant of £500 from Councillor Robin Brown towards the NOMADS project (from 15/16 funds). The application has been submitted. As soon as this is received it will be passed on to NOMADS together with the £200 grant from FPC – a total of £700. Councillor Brown has promised a further £500 in 16/17, nominally towards the Church Wall Project. JM to complete application form and submit. JM has discussed with Joymead and they acknowledge that they have received grants in the last two years and agree that other items may have a greater priority in 2016/17. ● Agreed to request Dr John Mole to act as our internal auditor for 20015/16 accounts. SH to ask him. ● Agreed to renew subscription to ACRE for 2016/17 at a cost of £35.00 <p>It was resolved to approve the whole budget report – proposed by SC and seconded by JM.</p>	SH
22/16	<p>DDC Consultation on Future of Waste Collection Arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC outlined the proposed changes which are proposed by DDC to save money. She felt that we did not have much influence in changing the proposals. A number of issues arose from the discussion including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Places a financial pressure on residents who have to pay for brown bin collection; ○ A potential increase in fly tipping; ○ Health hazard from longer storage of waste in the black bin particularly in warmer months; ○ Not every resident can dispose of brown bin waste by taking to the tip, or other methods; ○ Grass clipping and perennial weeds don't compost in a heap and are difficult to get rid of other than via the brown bin ● It was resolved that FPC was not in favour of the proposed changes – SH to draft response accordingly and submit by 31st March 2016. Proposed SC and seconded SB. 	SH
23/16	<p>Church Wall Project (deferred from Matters Arising 19/16):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JM reported that she has received some concerns from councillors about the cost of the repairs to the church wall and whether we should be much more cautious about spending this sort of money – as custodians of public money. She asked councillors present what their views were and all agreed that the costs were unaffordable with present funds. The PCC has no funds to support such a project. Funding would have to rely on grants, any other contributions (i.e. from FPC), and fund raising efforts. ● SC reported that she has done a lot of work on other funding sources and some bids have been submitted but she is not hopeful of success as this is wear and tear. ● There was a discussion about proper repair rather than refurbishment but no decision was made. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At present the church wall does not present any danger to road users or pedestrians. • It was reported that a faculty (i.e. permission to go ahead from the Diocese) might not be needed if we can demonstrate that it is maintenance only i.e. repair of wear and tear, however, this would require a report from a surveyor or architect which would have a cost associated with it. • JM reported that Councillor Brown has agreed a £500 grant for 2016/17 nominally for the church wall and she will complete and submit an application form accordingly. • SH reported that Parish Councils are allowed to borrow money and this could be an option. • KC asked if any of the Precept goes towards the PCC – all the Precept comes to the Parish Council – the Church does not benefit at all from Council Tax or Parish Precept. <p>It was resolved to continue to aspire to rebuild the church wall but recognised that this will require significant fund raising and/or grant funding to achieve. SH to draft letter to PCC requesting their help in fundraising. Proposed SB and seconded SH.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>SH</p>
24/16	<p>Schedule of Meetings 2016/17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to continue to hold meetings on the 3rd Monday of alternate months. • It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th May 2016 at 7.30pm. 	
25/16	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to invite all local village organisations as well as those who have benefitted from Parish Council grants to provide a five-minute presentation of what has happened in 2015/16 and their plans for 2016/17. SH to invite the following: Joymead, Village Hall, NOMADS, Shepherd Trust and Knightley Trust (Paul Heygate). 	SH
26/16	<p>To receive any Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received 	
27/16	<p>To Discuss the issue of Speeding in the Village (Item deferred from the March Meeting.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After discussion it was agreed to request advice on the best way forward from the Northants Police on safer roads and reducing speeding. SH to do. 	SH
28/16	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH reported that the Royal Mint have produced a medal to commemorate the 90th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II for councils to purchase – agreed not to purchase any medals. • KIERWSP Community Enhancement Gang – KIER are open to requests for their community gangs – councillors suggested cleaning village signs, and looking at signage at junctions around the village. SH to respond to KIERWSP. • NCALC Survey – SH reported that she has circulated an individual councillor survey and has now received a corporate council survey – SH to complete and return – seeking advice from other councillors where needed. • SH circulated a paper copy of CPRE Outlook. 	<p>SH</p> <p>SH</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog fouling – to note that new powers to tackle dog fouling will be fully enforced across DDC from 1st April 2016 with risk of a fine or prosecution. SH to put short paragraph in Parish Magazine.	SH
29/16	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) SB reported that boughs have been taken off a TPO tree close to his boundary without permission (no fault associated with contractors who did the work and stopped as soon as they were told); TPO officer will get back to SB.b) SC reported that she and SH have reviewed the cemetery plan and identified several spaces. She also reported that RD Landscapes have mowed both the cemetery and churchyard now.c) LB reported that the Farthingstone Foot Fest is looking for a certified first aider for the event – anyone to contact Paul Allinson please	
	<p>Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 16th May 2016 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall; preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.</p>	
	<p>The Meeting closed at 9.55pm.</p>	