

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 8.00pm

Min No		Action
45/17	<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Peter Stanton (in the Chair), John Church, Susan Castle, Stewart Summers and Sarah Hyatt • Also in attendance: Stuart Danbury 	
46/17	<p>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received and accepted from Jennie Miller, Councillor Johnnie Amos and Councillor Robin Brown. 	
47/17	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared 	
48/17	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 19th June 2017 were reviewed for accuracy. The Minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Proposed John Church and seconded Peter Stanton.</p>	
49/17	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Annexes/Village Design Statement – SC reported that she has emailed DDC three times but received no response. SC to continue to pursue and report back. 	SC
50/17	<p>Casual Vacancy on Farthingstone Parish Council: Peter Stanton proposed that Stuart Danbury should be co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy. This was seconded by Stewart Summers and carried unanimously. SD completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the Register of Members Interests and the Undertaking of Compliance with the Code of Conduct for Members and was welcomed by councillors.</p>	
51/17	<p>Highways Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors noted that the white lines at the Weedon Road junction have not been renewed despite the promise that this would be done by the end of June. SH to continue to chase (including Councillor Brown in correspondence) • The road edge repair to the Litchborough Road has been completed today – the damage was first reported to Highways in April 2016 	SH
52/17	<p>Footpaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS reported that he has raised issues with Highways about electric fencing on two footpaths – the Macmillan Way across Cow Ground, and the footpath at the rear of Manor Farm. In both cases the electric fence is not signed as such; at the footpath entrance and exit on Cow Ground there is no way to negotiate the fence at all. At the rear of Manor Farm, the footpath is very narrow and quite difficult to negotiate due to the closeness of the electric fence. First raised in January when the Rights of Way Officer came out but no action was taken – PS has now spoken to the Manager who could not explain why no action was taken. PS has a reference number for the query and it will be considered. PS to report back with any further information. • SH asked if the footpath behind Church Farm could be mowed/cleared again – it is very overgrown and difficult to walk across the small paddock. SS agreed to speak to the landowner to see if they would mow it. 	PS SS
53/17	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH requested approval of a flyer to circulate to the village to ask for any donations towards the purchase and installation of the defibrillator. When the original survey was done several residents indicated that they would be willing to donate. The flyer was agreed subject to the addition of a closing date of the end of August. SH to print out and circulate. • SH reported that she has asked the FFF if they would be prepared to consider donating to the defibrillator. • It was recommended that the use of an on-line site like JustGiving was not appropriate in this case. 	SH

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54/17	<p>Cemetery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH reported that she has written to RD Landscapes to request a quotation for removing the stumps of the Leylandii and mowing the piece of ground behind the roadside hedge – no response has been received yet. It was noted that the hedge at the rear of the cemetery is covering some grave plots – SS reported that he takes the top off this but does not go down the side as is concerned about catching grave stones. It was noted that Chris Tate kindly cleans out the side hedge and the layby. The gates need painting (green Hammerite paint). Agreed to set a date for a working party at the September FPC Meeting. SH to add to agenda. 	SH									
55/17	<p>Finance Report 2017/18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH presented the finance report for the year to date – the balance on the ledger is £6,887.56; cash at bank is £7,522.12 (current account £2,566.36 and deposit account £4,955.76), the variance being represented by un-presented cheques to the value of £634.56 (shown below). SH requested councillors to note that a query had been received from BDO (external auditors) querying the variation in salaries between 2015/16 and 2016/17. This is because a clerk is no longer employed by the Council and so there are no salary costs. SH to respond to DBO accordingly. The following cheques were approved for payment and signed: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Cheque No 771</td> <td style="width: 55%;">Joy Mead Committee – Passing on Councillor Brown’s grant</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No 772</td> <td>E-ON – Electricity Charges April to June 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£91.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No 773</td> <td>E-ON Street Light Maintenance April to June 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£43.18</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Finance Report was approved - proposed by John Church and seconded by Stewart Summers 	Cheque No 771	Joy Mead Committee – Passing on Councillor Brown’s grant	£500.00	Cheque No 772	E-ON – Electricity Charges April to June 2017	£91.38	Cheque No 773	E-ON Street Light Maintenance April to June 2017	£43.18	SH
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56/17	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DA/2017/0366 Littlecourt House, Maidford Road, Farthingstone –SH reported that she has received notification of a further revised design for this application – nothing on the DDC website yet – SH to circulate when available. Closing date for responses is 1st August 2017. DA/2017/0385 Land adjacent to 45 Litchborough Road, Farthingstone – SH reported that she has received notification from DDC that this application has been withdrawn. 	SH									
57/17	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH reported that all correspondence is forwarded by email. SH reported on a letter from E-ON regarding mercury lanterns in street lights (which are now banned) which would cost £320 each to replace. She confirmed that we have no mercury lanterns. 										
58/17	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC asked if there was any progress with the Church Clock – SH reported that she is waiting for a date for an engineer visit from the Cumbria Clock Company. 										
	<p>Date of the Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th September 2017 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall.</p>										
	<p>The Meeting closed at 8.40pm.</p>										

Signed as a true record:

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