

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 19th June 2017 at 8.00pm

Min No		Action			
36/17	<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Peter Stanton, Jennie Miller, John Church and Sarah Hyatt • Also in attendance: Councillor Johnnie Amos 				
37/17	<p>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received and accepted from Stewart Summers, Susan Castle and Councillor Robin Brown. 				
38/17	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared 				
39/17	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 15th May 2017 were reviewed for accuracy. The Minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Proposed Peter Stanton and seconded John Church.</p>				
40/17	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be carried forward to meeting of Tuesday 18th July 2017 				
41/17	<p>Annual Accounts and Annual Return 2016/17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH presented Section 4, Annual Internal Audit Report, of the Annual Return for 2016/17 which has now been completed by Dr John Mole, and asked Councillors to note that no matters of concern arose from this. • SH presented a draft letter to BDO (the external auditors) which explained any variances and our general reserves position. • SH asked councillors to note that the 30 working day period for the Exercise of Public Rights had commenced on 19th June. • Councillors approved the Annual Return and covering letter for submission to BDO. Proposed by Jennie Miller and seconded by John Church. • The following cheques were approved for payment and signed: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Cheque No 770</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Farthingstone Village Hall – Hall Hire May 2017</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£28.00</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennie Miller reported that she has received a cheque from Northamptonshire County Council (Councillor Robin Brown) for £500 as a grant towards footpath repairs for Joy Mead. SH to raise cheque to pass to Joy Mead Treasurer. 	Cheque No 770	Farthingstone Village Hall – Hall Hire May 2017	£28.00	
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42/17	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA/2017/0366 Littlecourt House, Maidford Road, Farthingstone – SH reported that there has been no information from DDC about whether this application is going to Planning Committee (as requested by FPC) or not. SH to chase up. • DA/2017/0385 Land adjacent to 45 Litchborough Road, Farthingstone – councillors discussed this application and noted that they do not believe that the location map correctly represents the situation in terms of the proposed plot of plan for building. Whilst there was support for additional affordable housing in the village, concerns were raised about the proposed position of the bungalow in terms of the linear nature of the housing along Litchborough Road (and in the whole of Farthingstone) and the impact of the development on the amenity of near neighbours. It was also noted that a part of the front of the building appears to be timber clad, which is not in keeping with neighbouring properties. SH to check the location map against the situation on the ground and report back. SH to draft response to DDC – return by 30th June. 				

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43/17	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SH reported that all correspondence is forwarded by email.• SH handed out two copies of the Police and Crime Report from the Police Commissioner.
44/17	Any Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JA asked about progress with superfast broadband – councillors reported that the work has begun with a new box and cabling, so expect to be on track for July/August 2017 as per the superfast broadband website.• Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council – SH reported that no electors had come forward requesting an election so we can co-opt. PS suggested that we consider the three unsuccessful candidates from the last election, one of whom is moving away, and one of whom is now working away most weeks. It was agreed that PS would contact the third candidate to see if he would be interested in being co-opted.
Date of the Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18 th July 2017 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall. The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.	

Signed as a true record:

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