



## Farthingstone Parish Council

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	<p>resignation (SFB and Planning) – although he has kindly agreed to act as an informal source of support in these areas. To be discussed at the next meeting. All the documents were approved for 2017/18 – proposed John Church and seconded Peter Stanton.</p>													
<p><b>32/17</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Accounts 2016/17:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SH presented the Annual Accounts for 2016/17, which had been circulated with the Agenda. She asked Councillors to note that these had not been audited yet by Dr John Mole, but that this will be done on his return from holiday later this month.</li> <li>SH noted that total receipts were greater than in 2015/16, this was due to the Church Wall Restoration funds; total payments were greater which was due to several factors including Church Wall Restoration costs, which were offset by the absence of salary and election costs, which had been present in 2015/16. The closing balance for 2016/17 was £6,226.14 (Deposit Account £4,955.63; Current Account £1,270.51).</li> <li>SH noted that it will be necessary to hold a short meeting in June to approve the audited accounts as these must be submitted before the end of June.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council Annual Accounts were considered and approved by the Council – proposed Susan Castle and seconded Peter Stanton.</p> <p><b>Annual Return for 2016/17:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 – SH asked that councillors approve Section 1 of the Annual Return. She noted that Farthingstone Parish Council complies with all the required accounting statements. Section 1 was proposed for approval by John Church and seconded by Peter Stanton and signed by the Chair.</li> <li>Section 2 Accounting Statements 2016/17 – SH asked that councillors approve Section 2 of the Annual Return. She noted that this agrees with the figures reported in the Annual Accounts. Section 2 was proposed for approval by Susan Castle and seconded by John Church and signed by the Chair.</li> <li>SH reported that Section 4 Annual Internal Audit Report will be approved at an additional meeting to be held in June when the accounts have been audited by Dr John Mole.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget Report 2017/18:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SH provided a short budget report YTD 2017/18 showing a total cash at bank of £7,768.50 (Current Account £2,812.87; Deposit Account £4,955.63)</li> <li>The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1261 1230 1462"> <tr> <td>Cheque No 766</td> <td>AON Insurance (Parish Council Insurance 17/18)</td> <td>£523.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No 767</td> <td>E-ON (Streetlight Repair on Main Street)</td> <td>£28.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No 768</td> <td>Northants CALC (Membership 2017/18)</td> <td>£160.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque No 769</td> <td>Northamptonshire ACRE (Membership 2017/18)</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Finance Report was approved by all councillors – proposed by Jennie Miller, seconded by John Church.</p>	Cheque No 766	AON Insurance (Parish Council Insurance 17/18)	£523.25	Cheque No 767	E-ON (Streetlight Repair on Main Street)	£28.16	Cheque No 768	Northants CALC (Membership 2017/18)	£160.10	Cheque No 769	Northamptonshire ACRE (Membership 2017/18)	£35.00	
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<p><b>33/17</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DA/2017/0366 Littlecourt House, Maidford Road, Farthingstone – this application was discussed and it was noted that the large additional building was no longer going ahead, but that the attached garage would be larger. The revised application also includes timber cladding to much of the property (unspecified as to what sort of timber); together with a different concrete slate on the roof. It was noted that the Parish Council remains supportive of changes to improve access for the applicant such as the increased size of the garage; however significant concerns were raised about the revised cladding scheme to timber. Farthingstone village is entirely local stone and some sympathetic brick and an almost completely timber clad property will look completely out of character with the village. It was also noted that the work to replace the roof tiles is well underway prior to any decision on the application. SH to draft letter of response outlining our objection to the proposed timber cladding, advising of the work on the roof tiles and requesting that this application is heard by a full planning committee. Letter to be copied to Councillor Johnnie Amos.</li> <li>DA/2017/0371 – Field View Cottage, Main Street, Farthingstone – application for an</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>SH</b></p>												

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	<p>external oil tank and a summerhouse in the rear garden. After discussion councillors agreed that they had no comments to make on this application. SH to draft letter accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Annexes – SH raised a question about what a Parish Annexe is compared to a Village Design Statement and that we need to make sure that our VDS continues to be recognised by DDC as part of its local planning processes. SC noted that the VDS needs to be updated with the listing of Littlecourt Yard and agreed to investigate the difference between Parish Annexes and VDS.</li> </ul>	<p>SH</p> <p>SC</p>
<b>34/17</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SH reported that all correspondence is forwarded by email.</li> </ul>	
<b>35/17</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church Clock – it was noted that this is not running presently, despite Graham Baseley’s best efforts. SH to contact the Cumbrian Clock Co and ask them to visit and assess (annual service is due shortly). Letter to Graham thanking him for all his hard work during 2016/17 looking after the clock for us.</li> <li>Cemetery – SC asked if the Parish Council would fund refurbishment of the gates to the Cemetery – rubbing down and repainting</li> <li>Cemetery – it was reported that RDL are not mowing the area where the trees were removed, nor the west boundary which was cleared. PS reported that he has asked for a quote for grinding out the stumps, but heard nothing. SH to write requesting a quote for this additional work. FPC still to do twice yearly working groups to keep tidy.</li> <li>Cobblestones in front of Church gate – SC agreed to spray these.</li> <li>Cold Calling Area – NW communications talk about areas where cold calling is banned – stickers on doors – how does an area go about securing this status? JM to investigate with PCs Kev and Chloe and report back to next meeting.</li> <li>Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council – SH explained that we need to post a notice advising of the vacancy and advise the proper officer at DDC. If after 14 days, 10 electors have requested a by election then this must go ahead, otherwise we can co-opt to fill the vacancy. Agreed to discuss at the next meeting when we know the outcome of the 14-day consultation.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Parish Council Meeting <u>Tuesday</u> 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall.</b></p>	
	<p>The Meeting closed at 9.29pm.</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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