

## Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8.00pm

Min No		Action
12/19	<p><b>Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Castle, Peter Mayne, Peter Stanton, Richard Russell,</li> <li>• Clerk: Linda Mayne</li> <li>• Councillor Jonnie Amos</li> </ul>	
13/19	<p><b>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennie Miller, John Church, Stewart Summers</li> <li>• Councillor Robin Brown</li> </ul> <p>Peter Stanton commented that only 3 councillors were required for a quorum; it was therefore in order to continue with the meeting.</p>	
14/19	<p><b>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No declarations made</li> </ul>	
15/19	<p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 were reviewed for accuracy. The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Richard Russell and seconded by Peter Mayne.</li> </ul>	
16/19	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amended Dates</b> The date of the Heritage Trail is April 13<sup>th</sup> and that of the Cemetery clear-up April 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Blocked drain</b> The problem appears to have been resolved.</li> <li>• <b>Church Clock</b> PS has spoken to Graham Baseley and he has agreed to monitor and keep a record of any problems. It has stopped on occasions but when working it keeps good time.</li> <li>• <b>Defibrillator</b> PS and LM have both spoken to Mike Barnett about the need for another training session. It was agreed that he should be reminded about this request</li> <li>• <b>Bank Signatories</b> PS is now an additional signatory to the bank accounts, making a total of 4; this should make it easier to manage the accounts and enable bills to be paid promptly.</li> </ul>	LM
17/19	<p><b>Items from Councillor Jonnie Amos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date set for the reorganisation of Unitary Authorities is April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 (Vesting Day).</li> <li>• Daventry County Council is proposing the setting up of a Good Neighbourhood Scheme; further details can be found on the notice board. Residents are invited to respond to this proposal.</li> <li>• Residents should now have received Council Tax notices for 2019/2020, together with a reminder of the need to renew Green/Brown Recycling Bin Fee.</li> <li>• Two cycling events are planned in aid of The Hope Centre 19<sup>th</sup> May 5/30/40 miles starting in Wootton Community Centre 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July Winchester to Northampton Further details are on the notice board.</li> </ul> <p>At this point Jonnie left the meeting as he had another to attend. He was thanked for his time and input.</p>	
18/19	<p><b>Finance Report YTD 2018/2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 18/03/19 is £5986.62; cash at bank £5986.62(current account £1024.37 and deposit £4962.25)</li> <li>• The budget report was approved by councillors-proposed by Peter Stanton and seconded by Richard Russell.</li> </ul>	
19/19	<p><b>Planning the Village and Parish Council AGMs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village AGM.</b> Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 10-12</li> </ul>	

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	<p>As in previous years this will be held in the Village Hall when residents will have the opportunity to talk to representatives of the various organisations in the village about their activities in the last year and plans for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Council AGM</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 8pm The agenda will include the annual financial report and the election of councillors for 2019/2020.</li> </ul>	
<b>20/19</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS had received a letter of thanks from The Joy Mead Charity for the donation of £500 towards the repair of the cloister roof.</li> <li>• A planning application has been approved for work at Church Farm on a tree subject to a preservation order.</li> <li>• The Council were given details of 2 events that are being held in aid of CPRE.</li> <li>• LM had received a telephone call about rising electricity charges from an organisation offering to arrange a switch to a different company. It was agreed that we should look into alternative suppliers.</li> </ul>	
<b>21/19</b>	<p><b>Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter pick 7<sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers who could help on the 6<sup>th</sup> but not 7<sup>th</sup> can contact Peter Stanton to make arrangements.</li> <li>• Cemetery Tidy 27<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	
<b>22/19</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hire of Village Hall</b> John Acres, treasurer of The Village Hall Committee, has suggested to PS that The Parish Council should pay an annual sum for hiring the hall rather than being invoiced for each individual meeting. The council uses the hall for an average of 10 hours per year, which at current rates is £90. It was agreed that PS should meet with John and propose this arrangement for the current year.</li> <li>• The heritage Trail is planned for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Entries for the competition should be handed in at the Village Hall AGM on May 18<sup>th</sup>; a hamper will be given to the prize winner. SC offered to organise this.</li> <li>• PS proposed that The Parish Council should pay the Green Bin charges for the cemetery, church and Joy Mead. This was agreed.</li> <li>• PS reported that 70 people had bought tickets for the talk by Romer Adams.</li> <li>• Katrina Leahy would like to convert the village telephone box to a small library as has been done elsewhere. PM was keen to support this idea and it was agreed that should enterprise should be encouraged with a review at the end of the year,</li> <li>• PS reported a development on the land leading to Mantles Heath where hedges have been planted across the footpath (ref ES5) in preparation for a deer park. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Highways department though it would seem that access along the side of the field is still possible.</li> <li>• Notices about the recent laws on dog control have been posted on the church gates: it is thought that these must have been placed by Daventry CC.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Dates of the Next Meetings:</b>  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September  Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November  All in the Village Hall at 8pm.</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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