

## Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

| Min No |   | Action                           |
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| 42/20  | <b>Attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell</li> <li>• Clerk: Linda Mayne</li> </ul>   |                                  |
| 41/20  | <b>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</b><br>Jennie Miller<br>Councillors: Robin Brown  |                                  |
| 42/20  | <b>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items</b><br>None declared   |                                  |
| 43/20  | <b>Minutes of the last Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were reviewed; Richard Russell proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Peter Mayne and signed by Peter Stanton.</li> </ul>  |                                  |
| 44/20  | <b>Matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone Box/ Library: The key has been returned.</li> <li>• Road Signage: There is now a sign by the church wall asking traffic to slow down where the road narrows and there is no footpath. The resident who raised this issue is very pleased with the result.</li> <li>• 45 Litchborough Road: LM has spoken to the company again and hopes for a response from their development department in the near future.</li> <li>• The Church Clock: There has been no progress to date which PS thought might be due to the difficulty of obtaining parts in the current pandemic.</li> <li>• Overgrown Gardens: The owner of the property on Main Street took prompt action when contacted, but the situation will be monitored to prevent the same problem arising. There is a similar concern about another property; PS will contact the owner.</li> <li>• Trees/Hedges Maidford Road :The roadside on the corner just before the Village Hall needs trimming as the view for traffic is becoming obscured. RR will talk to SS</li> <li>• Black Bin: It was noted that as collections are scheduled at three weekly intervals there will be months when only one collection is made.</li> </ul> | LM<br><br>PS<br><br>PS<br><br>RR |
| 45/20  | No other residents or councillors present.  |                                  |
| 46/20  | <b>Finance Report 2019/2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual Accounts have been submitted to AGAR. The statutory notice period for residents was published and has now expired: there were no enquiries.</li> <li>• LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 21/09/2020 is £4631.18; cash at bank £4671.18 (current account £696.95, deposit account £3974.23), the variance being represented by an uncashed cheque of £40.00. This cheque was written on 29<sup>th</sup> May to ICO for data protection; LM contact the organisation.</li> <li>• LM reported that it had been very difficult to speak to anyone at the Bank about arranging for on-line banking and adding new signatories due to restricted service in the pandemic. A response was finally achieved yesterday, only to be told that the changes could only be instigated by a current signatory. PS agreed to pursue this.</li> <li>• LM had received information about Bank Switching which she passed to PS for his attention.</li> </ul>  | LM<br><br>PS                     |
| 47/20  | <b>Cemetery Matters</b><br>Comments following visits to the Cemetery:<br>PM: The path along the hedge is covered in moss and ivy.<br>PS: The front hedge needs trimming and the bench oiling.<br>These are relatively minor jobs and will be undertaken by councillors when weather conditions are appropriate. A recent visitor to the cemetery, attending family graves, commented very positively on the area, its upkeep and tranquility.<br>Churchyard: There is ivy by the north gate and on the corner which needs removing, the weeping ash needs trimming and the bench needs a coat of wood preserve.   | ALL                              |

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| 48/20 | <p><b>Water Supply</b><br/>                 The problem with the water supply to parts of the village is now in the hands of Anglia Water Legal Team who have photographic evidence of the activity at Manor Farm. Residents are advised to contact the Authority if there are further problems. LM will obtain the direct number to ring and publish it on the Village website.</p>   | <b>LM</b> |
| 49/20 | <p><b>Correspondence</b><br/>                 PS reported that NALC have moved from their premises in Litchborough and are now working from home.</p>  |           |
| 50/20 | <p><b>AOB</b><br/>                 PS showed councillors the Welcome to Farthingstone booklet which Alison Nelson has produced for new residents which gives very detailed information about services and amenities in the area; it is very impressive and Alison's hard work is much appreciated.<br/>                 The Joy Mead Committee has expressed its thanks to the Council for the payment of a second Green Bin.<br/>                 LM reported that she had received a telephone call from a company offering to monitor fly-tipping problems on a regular basis. She had declined the offer on the basis of expense and the fact that we do not have a significant issue. PS added that Daventry DC respond very quickly to problems.<br/>                 PM expressed concern about the pot holes re-appearing on Litchborough Road. LM will report the matter on 'Fix My Street'</p> |           |
| 51/20 | <p>The next meeting is planned for Monday November 16<sup>th</sup><br/>                 Meeting closed 8.40 pm.</p>  |           |

Signed as a true record:

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Date: .....