

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 20th January 2020 at 8.00pm

Min No		Action
1/20	Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne and Richard Russell, Jennie Miller, John Church • Clerk: Linda Mayne • Councillors: Jonnie Amos 	
2/20	Apologies and Approval of Absence: None received	
3/20	Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Russell declared his interest in any discussion relating to the church wall which adjoins his property. 	
4/20	Minutes of the last Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 18th November 2019 were reviewed; Richard Russell proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Peter Stanton and signed by Peter Stanton. 	
5/20	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone Box/ Library: No further development to report. • Dog Waste: The system is working well, thanks to Melissa Summers emptying the bin regularly which saves any further expenditure. There is now also a sticker on the Village Hall black bin indicating that it can be used for bagged dog waste. • Road Signage: LM is still trying to get a response from the Highways Authority; she will continue to pursue this. • Pot Holes: The road from Farthingstone to Litchborough was repaired last week! LM had first reported the problem to the authorities last September. PM commented that she had subsequently spoken to a number of residents urging them to add their concerns on Fix-My-Street in addition to placing the same message on the Village website. • 45 Litchborough Road: LM reported that following a conversation with DCC she now had a reference number and that she had been advised she would receive further advice shortly. JM suggested that there should be a record of the planning application regarding possible development of the plot dating back 2/3 years, which would clarify the ownership of the land. LM will check the files. • Trees on Maidford Road: This work is scheduled for the spring. • Old Minute Books: PM commented that he had found these an interesting read and would be returning them to PS in the near future. 	
6/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonnie Amos reported that the discussions about the future of local government are going through Parliament in the next 6/7 days with Vesting Day set for April 1st. A shadow Authority will operate until April 2021. • The date for Local Council Elections this year is May 7th. Jonnie was thanked for his support; he left at this point to attend another meeting. 	
7/20	Finance Report YTD 2019/2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 20th January 2020 is £5846.43; cash at bank £6551.30 (current account £1580.73, deposit account £4970.57), the variance being represented by uncashed cheques totalling £704.87. JC proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by JM: all agreed. • Precept: LM presented an account of the estimated expenditure for the current year and a forecast for 2020/2021, showing a significant increase due to repairs to the church wall. After some discussion it was agreed that, as our reserves are relatively healthy, the application for the Precept should not increase on last year. Proposed by JC, seconded by JM: all agreed. PS and LM signed the application which will now be submitted. 	LM
8/20	Church Wall: The stone mason has reported that the repair required is a bigger job than had been anticipated, with a danger of the bank collapsing. Susan Castle has offered to supply the stones from her present building works which will reduce the cost, but the estimate is still around £1500. It was agreed that the repair had to be carried out. Proposed by PS, seconded by JM all agreed. RR	PS

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	abstained due to his declared interest. PS will contact the stone mason to proceed with the work.	
9/20	Church Clock: The clock had continued to strike for about a month, stopping just before Christmas. On the last visit PS had spoken the repairer, Dan, who appeared to understand the underlying issues. LM will contact the company and specify that we want Dan to visit again.	LM
10/20	CPRE membership: This is paid by direct debit annually around 20 th January at a cost of £36. The payment was approved.	
11/20	Cemetery matters: Chris Tate has done a splendid job on tidying the area including the lay-by. LM will write on behalf of the Council expressing our appreciation.	LM
12/20	Correspondence: None received	
13/20	Any Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual payment for the use of The Village Hall is due. LM will raise a cheque. • The format of the Annual Village Meeting was discussed. Attendance at the Saturday morning gathering has been poor, so it was agreed that we should revert to the previous arrangement of a short meeting immediately before the Parish Council AGM. The date will be set at the next Parish Council Meeting. 	
14/20	Date of the Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th March 2020 at 8.00pm in Farthingstone Village Hall. 	
	The Meeting closed at 8.50pm	

Signed as a true record:

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