

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council A Zoom Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021

Min No		Action
1/21	<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell, Jennie Miller, Stewart Summers • Residents: Colin Benham, Jenny Dicks, John Acres • Councillor: Jonnie Amos • Clerk: Linda Mayne 	
2/21	<p>Apologies and Approval of Absence: Councillors: Robin Brown</p>	
3/21	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items None declared</p>	
4/21	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting scheduled for Monday November 16th was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. • The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 21st September 2020 were reviewed; Peter Mayne proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Peter Stanton. The minutes will be delivered to Peter Stanton for signature. 	LM/PS
5/21	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 Litchborough Road: The area was cleared shortly after the last meeting • The Church Clock: This was eventually repaired and although it started to run around 5 minutes slow for a while it seems to be operating correctly at present. The cost of repair was met by a generous donation from Betty Ore in memory of her husband Trevor which is much appreciated. • Overgrown Gardens, Main Street: These have now been attended to. • Trees/Hedges Maidford Road: These have been trimmed • Water Supply to the Village: There is now a water trough in the field and the matter is in the hands of the legal department of Anglia Water. • Pot Holes: Stewart Summers expressed concern about the re-occurrence of pot holes on the road through Litchborough. PS reminded everyone that problems can be reported on Fix My Street. LM will do so on behalf of the Council. 	LM
6/21	<p>Report from Jonnie Amos:</p> <p>Covid Vaccinations: The Weedon and Greens Norton surgeries are well ahead of the vaccinations. Residents of 80+ years have received both initial and follow up dose, while those of 75+ are currently receiving their first, but may have to wait up to 10 weeks for the second.</p> <p>Travellers: Jonnie reported that Travellers were using a site in Dodford and that raw sewage was appearing in the water course. He had contacted Daventry DC, but they did not accept any responsibility to take action. There are people intent on buying small plots of land and turning them into traveller sites, often without the correct planning consultation and permission. It was important to remain vigilant towards this type of planning application.</p>	
7/21	<p>Finance Report 2020/2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 14/01/2021 is £4718,33: current account £743.97, deposit account £3974.36. There are no uncashed cheques. • There had been no progress on on-line banking or direct debits, but PS has submitted documents to enable other signatories to authorise cheques. No confirmation has been received. LM will contact the bank again as it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise cheques to pay bills. • Precept 2021/2022 LM has received notice that the application for 2021/2022 is required this week. Information was circulated prior to the meeting giving details of the Council's annual 	LM LM

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	<p>running costs which are only just met by the current precept; any extra costs have been largely paid for by donations from residents. The value of the precept, £3250, has remained unchanged since 2004/5. However, the Council recognised that it was now necessary to ask for an increase. PM suggested £4000 and this was agreed. LM will act on this immediately.</p>	
8/21	<p>Cemetery Matters LM had circulated notes prior to the meeting: 2 plots have been reserved by a resident. Discussions about another which were taking place have been put in hold following the very recent death of the applicant. LM has also just received a letter from Finns, the stone mason, in respect of a memorial stone for Gordon Denholm. The Council agreed to these applications. LM will arrange the details. These applications result in an income of £220 to the burial fund. Chris Tate has cleared the lay-by near the cemetery and cleared the surrounding area. His work in keeping this area safe and tidy is much appreciated.</p>	LM
9/21	<p>Bay Tree Cottage planning application. The objections to the original application resulted in an amended submission which takes into account the points raised. No further objections were raised. Colin Benham and John Acres, representing The Village Hall Committee, had nothing more they wished to add. Jenny Dicks was happy with this conclusion.</p>	
10/21	<p>Drainage Problem Maidford Road: This is being attended to.</p>	
11/21	<p>Churchyard: The quinquennial report from the Parish Church has highlighted some areas of concern in the churchyard which is the responsibility of the Parish Council. These are mostly straightforward maintenance issues. PS suggested that he ask for volunteers from the village to help through the Parish News Letter. This was agreed.</p>	PS
12/21	<p>Litterpick: This will be arranged for March; the date will be published in the News Letter.</p>	PS
13/21	<p>Council Elections: At present these are scheduled for May 6th 2021</p>	
14/21	<p>Glgaclear: LM had circulated prior to the meeting her record of communication with the company and our MP, Chris Heaton-Harris, highlighting the concerns of the village over lack of advance notice of disruption to roads and driveways, and the failure to remove 'road closed signs' when not required. There are now several notices boards in the hedgerows and ditches which have not been collected. LM will contact the company.</p>	LM
15/21	<p>Correspondence: The Council has been asked to appoint a Police Liaison. PS will make some enquiries in the village for a volunteer.</p>	PS
16/21	<p>AOB: PS thanked everyone who had attended for their support and patience in participating in the meeting which had proved very difficult to follow at times, due to the poor sound quality and frequent echo.</p>	
17/21	<p>The next meeting is planned for Monday 15th March. Meeting closed 8.40 pm.</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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