

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 24th May 2021 in the Village Hall 8pm

Min No		Action
33/21	<p>Election of Councillors: Peter Mayne, Alison Nelson, Richard Russell, Peter Stanton, Stewart Summers have been elected. Peter Stanton welcomed Alison as a new member of the Council.</p> <p>Election of Chairman: Richard Russell proposed Peter Stanton, seconded by Stewart Summers, all agreed. PS signed the acceptance of office.</p> <p>Election of Vice-Chairman: Peter Stanton proposed Peter Mayne, seconded by Richard Russell, all agreed.</p> <p>Election of Planning/Cemetery Committees: It was agreed that, as the Council is a small group, separate committees are not necessary.</p> <p>Appointment of Responsible Officer/ Responsible Financial Officer: Peter Stanton proposed Linda Mayne, seconded by Alison Nelson, all agreed.</p>	
34/21	<p>Apologies and Approval of Absence: None received.</p>	
35/21	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest None declared</p>	
36/21	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 15th March 2021 were reviewed; PM proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by RR, all agreed and signed by PS. 	
37/21	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Liaison: Alison Nelson offered to take on this role as she was already had an interest in this through her work on Farthingstone News. Electronic Speed Signs: Maidford Parish Council has provided some useful information. It paid £2500-£3000 including installation, but there is an extra cost if there is not a suitable post available. A Section 30 Licence must be obtained from The Highways Department. Maidford obtained a grant from SNC. LM will follow this up with Westnorthants Council. Bank Signatories: These have been updated. It would now be very useful to pursue the facility of on-line banking Church Tower: A quote has been received for the removal of the unstable pinnacles which has been accepted by the PCC. LM has asked the stonemason for a 'method statement' as required by the DAC before work can start. SS commented that this would be normal practice for such work. 	<p style="text-align: right;">LM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LM</p>
38/21	<p>Annual Accounts: The accounts for the year ending March 31st 2021 have been audited by John Mole and were circulated prior to the meeting. Current Account £745.21 Deposit Account £3974.46 Total £4719.67 It was proposed by PS, seconded by RR that these be accepted; all agreed. PS signed the documents required by AGAR and the Certificate of Exemption will be forwarded by LM. It is understood that the increase in the Precept, as requested, has been agreed but this has not registered in the bank account as yet.</p>	LM
39/21	<p>Footpath Warden: Steve Sayers has been approached and he is happy to continue in this role.</p>	
40/21	<p>Green Bins: Westnorthants is not continuing the provision of a free service for charities. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for two bins for the Joy Mead, one for the Cemetery and one for the Church at a total cost of £140.00.</p>	LM
41/21	<p>Main Street: The road surface in Main Street is in constant need of repair and the situation has become worse since the work by Gigaclear. PS has discussed the issue with Anglia Water and residents as to underlying cause. LM spoke to Anglia Water today and an engineer is expected to visit the site in the next few days. PM also expressed concern about the pot hole on Litchborough Road which is a danger to drivers and cyclists. LM will report this on Fix-My-Street on behalf of the Council, but it was agreed that residents should be encouraged to use this site. It is understood that action is more likely to follow</p>	

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	if a significant number of complaints are registered.	
42/21	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>Fernhill lodge: The planning officer is aware of the concerns which have been raised over this development.</p> <p>Holmedale House: No concerns have been raised about this application.</p>	
43/21	<p>Annual Village Meeting: A Zoom meeting was held on 17th May 2021 at which representatives of the Parish Council, St Mary the Virgin Church, The Joy Mead and The Village Hall gave brief accounts of the year's activities and their financial balance at the end of the year. The minutes of the meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
44/21	<p>Correspondence: LM read the letters received from Jonnie Amos and Robin Brown on their retirement from DCC; the Council expressed their thanks for the support it has enjoyed from these councillors over a number of years. LM will write to them on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>LM had also received a complaint from a resident about dog fouling on Maidford Road close to the stables. Regular users of the road have not seen a problem, but this will be monitored.</p>	LM
45/21	<p>AOB: LM reminded everyone of the need to complete the forms circulated</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Election expenses</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Register of Interests</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">These are legal documents required of all elected councillors.</p>	
46/21	<p>Incursion on the Churchyard: Richard Russell gave the Council an update and explanation on repairs to his barn on the Churchyard boundary.</p> <p>Because the Council needed to discuss this matter as custodians of the Churchyard, Richard Russell left the meeting at this stage.</p> <p>After a full discussion from the remaining members of the Council, it was unanimously decided that the two concrete posts which had been erected in the Churchyard as buttresses should be removed and alternative ways of supporting the barn wall be considered.</p> <p>It was also decided that instead of sending letters or e-mails, the Chair should visit Richard and discuss the matter in person, in order that a speedy conclusion could be reached.</p>	PS
47/21	<p>Date of next meeting: July 19th 2021 8pm</p> <p>Meeting ended 9.30pm.</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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