

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 19th July 2021 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
48/21	Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell, Alison Nelson • Clerk: Linda Mayne 	
49/21	Apologies and Approval of Absence: Councillors: Jo Gilford	
50/21	Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items Richard Russell declared his interest in the last item under matters arising.	
51/21	Minutes of the last Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 24th May were reviewed; Alison Nelson proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Peter Stanton. The minutes will be delivered to Peter Stanton for signature. 	LM/PS
52/21	Matters arising; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Signs: LM has written to Westnorthants explaining that we are investigating the installation of electronic speed signs to improve road safety through the village, but that the cost is beyond our means. We are therefore enquiring about the possibility of a grant. • On-line Banking: PS has completed the application which now needs to be signed by LM. • Church Tower: The Method Statement and Risk Assessment have been supplied by the Stonemason and submitted to the architect who carried out the quinquennial as required by the Archdeacon, but the architect has declined to comment on the grounds that he does not know the stonemason and has not been involved in the proposal. The matter is now in the hands of the Archdeacon. • Annual Accounts: (a) The first instalment of the precept has now been received. (b) The Notice of Public Rights to view The Annual Accounts is on the Parish Board; the period set lasts 6 weeks from July 1st. • Main Street and Anglia Water: The problem persists with water running down the road at times. PS reported that Anglia Water have attempted a repair, but the workmen had been misdirected and were digging in the wrong place. They did not have the authority to change their instructions. Anglia Water have promised to return. At times the occupants of Hedgerow House, formerly 4 Main Street, can hear the running water. LM will contact Anglia Water again. • Pot Holes on Litchborough Road: Although some work has been carried out the road surface is already beginning to deteriorate. LM will report this on Fix-my-Street. • Planning Application for Fernhill Lodge: There are a number of concerns mentioned by residents about this application, these include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The viability of the plan to raise 45 cattle on a 5- acre site (b) The increase in the number of heavy vehicles on the road (c) The danger of flooding and effluent waste (d) The current position of a telephone pole (e) The possibility of an alternative use of the proposed building. PS will write to The Planning Officer, setting out in full the objections of The Council. • Dog Fouling: LM reported that a 'blue bag' was left on the grass outside Willow Cottage for a couple of days before being removed. PS added that the problem on Maidford Road, reported at the last meeting, has continued. AN suggested she would write a piece on FVN • Police Liaison: AN has been in contact with Police Officer and will be meeting her to discuss their roles. She hopes to write something for FVN. • Incursion on the Churchyard: After meeting with PS, following the concerns expressed at the last meeting, Richard Russell has spoken with the builder. The concrete posts will be removed and the building supported inside with metal ties. RR also reported that there is an oak tree in the Churchyard, a branch of which is touching the roof of this barn. PS will look into this. 	LM LM LM LM PS AN RR PS

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53/21	There were no Parishioners or County Councillors present.	
54/21	<p>Finance report:</p> <p>LM presented the budget report for the year-to date. The balance on the ledger at 19/07/21 is £6024.34: current account £1842.96, deposit account ££4294.56; the variance represented by uncashed cheques to the value of £113.18.</p> <p>An invoice has just been received for £90 from Westnorthants for costs related to the recent elections. Payment was agreed , although this seems unreasonably high for an uncontested election.</p>	LM
55/21	<p>Cemetery Matters: PS has carried out some maintenance work and the grass has been cut.</p> <p>LM asked about the plots where it appears stones have been removed as there is bare ground. Apparently excess soil from a recent burial was transferred to plots where the earth had sunk and the grass has not grown over; it may be necessary to re-seed these areas.</p> <p>General maintenance will be undertaken in the autumn.</p>	
56/21	Correspondence: None received	
57/21	<p>AOB: AN is working on an update of the Village Welcome Pack.</p> <p>PS commented on two areas in the Village where hedges need cutting back for health and safety, Hinton Cottage and Willow Cottage. The owners/tenants will be contacted and asked for their cooperation.</p>	AN
58/21	<p>The next meeting is planned for Monday 20th September</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.05 pm.</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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Date: