

## Farthingstone Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council A Zoom Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

| Min No |   | Action |
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| 18/21  | <p><b>Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell, Jennie Miller, Stewart Summers</li> <li>• Clerk: Linda Mayne</li> </ul>   |        |
| 19/21  | <p><b>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</b></p> <p>Councillors: Robin Brown sent his apologies and explained that he did not intend to stand for election to the new council. PS commented on how much we had valued his support and advice over the years and his contribution to the life of the village.</p>  |        |
| 20/21  | <p><b>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items</b></p> <p>None declared</p>  |        |
| 21/21  | <p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were reviewed; Jennie Miller proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Stewart Summers. The minutes will be delivered to Peter Stanton for signature.</li> </ul>  | LM/PS  |
| 22/21  | <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pot Holes:</b> The Highways Department have done some work on the reported issues, but the repairs are not very satisfactory. We are told that that there is a water leak on Main Street which, in part, causes the problem to re-appear; this has been true for a number of years. LM will contact Anglia Water.<br/>PM suggested that we should encourage more of the villagers to report issues on Fix My Street. PS reported that Alison had now agreed to send out a monthly 'Farthingstone News' and he would ask her to include a piece on this issue.</li> <li>• <b>Gigaclear:</b> The company has collected all the road signs left behind after their work. The pot holes on Main Street appear to be worse since their activity despite the fact that they returned to do that section again.</li> <li>• <b>Police Liaison:</b> It was agreed to leave the appointment of a representative until after the May elections.</li> <li>• <b>Litter Pick:</b> This was very well supported by the village and several new residents volunteered. Most of the roads have been cleared. Daventry DC have been notified about larger items which need to be collected.</li> </ul> |        |
| 23/21  | <p><b>Report from Jonnie Amos:</b></p> <p>Jonnie had indicated that he would be at the meeting, but he was not in attendance. Subsequently LM found he had sent a message during the meeting which explained his absence.</p>   |        |
| 24/21  | <p><b>Finance Report 2020/2021.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 11/03/2021 is £4763.39: current account £788.97, deposit account £3974.42. There are no uncashed cheques.</li> <li>• There had been no progress on on-line banking or direct debits, but the Bank has confirmed the acceptance of Peter Mayne, Stewart Summers and Richard Russell as signatories.</li> <li>• The request for an increase in the Precept for 2021/2022 has been agreed.</li> </ul>  |        |
| 25/21  | <p><b>Cemetery matters:</b> The memorial for Gordon Denholm has been erected. Clarice Blackwell was buried in the cemetery on February 4<sup>th</sup>, following a funeral service in the Parish Church attended by family and close friends, the number being restricted by current regulations. More friends were able to attend at the cemetery.<br/>The memorial for Gordon Denholm has been erected, but LM needs to confirm whether the reserved plots have been marked.</p>  |        |
| 26/21  | <p><b>Churchyard:</b> The concerns raised in the quinquennial report for the Parish Church have been met. There was a very good response from the village with many residents offering their time and expertise to carry out the various tasks. There is still some ivy to be removed in the corner; this is</p>  | PS     |

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|              | in hand. There are also some small areas of cement work required where ivy has grown into the walls..  |           |
| <b>27/21</b> | <b>Council Elections:</b> At present these are scheduled for May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021. Farthingstone Parish Council will have 5 Councillors under the new system; if there are more than 5 candidates an election will be held. LM will search out the requisite papers.   | <b>LM</b> |
| <b>28/21</b> | <b>Annual meeting:</b> PS suggested that this should be a Zoom meeting with representatives from the various organisations invited to give their reports. This was agreed and the date fixed for May 17 <sup>th</sup> .  |           |
| <b>29/21</b> | <b>Electronic Speed Signs:</b> The concern over the state of the roads and the speed of some vehicles through the village has prompted a discussion about the instillation of speed signs. LM is contacting other local Parish Councils for information.   |           |
| <b>30/21</b> | <b>Correspondence:</b> PS reported that he had received a letter of thanks from Sue Doust, on behalf of the Parish Church, for the work he and Chris Tate had undertaken in installing a further ladder in the tower to access the roof. PS Stanton has discovered that the pinnacles were installed in 1924. LM will contact Andrew Spooner for an update so that the area can be made safe and the current barriers removed. | <b>LM</b> |
| <b>31/21</b> | <b>AOB:</b> There was no other business.   |           |
| <b>32/21</b> | The next meeting is planned for Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May, immediately following the Annual meeting.<br>Future meetings: 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 15 <sup>th</sup> November.<br>Meeting closed 8.40 pm.  |           |

Signed as a true record:

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Date: .....