

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council AGM held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th May 2022
at 8.00pm

| Item | | Action |
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| 30/22 | <p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell. Alison Nelson, Stewart Summers • Ward: Rupert Frost • Clerk: Linda Mayne • Rep for Village Hall: John Acres <p>Apologies: Debbie Mason rep for The Joy Mead</p> | |
| 31/22 | <p>Declaration of interests: PS member of Joy Mead Committee LM member of Farthingstone PCC</p> | |
| 32/22 | <p>Minutes of AGM 17th May 2021 The minutes of the meeting, held by Zoom, were proposed by PM and seconded by AN, as a correct record: all agreed.</p> | |
| 33/22 | <p>Matters arising: None</p> | |
| 34/22 | <p>Finance: The annual accounts for the financial year 2021/22 were presented. The balance at the end of March 2022 was £5617.98 with £1323.08 in the current account and £4294.90 in the deposit account. A donation to The Joy Mead Gardens of £1000 from these funds has recently been made, leaving £4617.98 to carry forward. Expenditure during the year was in line with previous years, the largest being the upkeep of the grounds of The Cemetery and The Churchyard, followed by general administration and public lighting. The accounts have been audited by John Mole. Council approved the accounts and PS, as chair, and LM, as financial officer, signed the documents required by AGAR. The Certificate of Exemption for small authorities will now be submitted. The accounts will be available for public view for a period of 3 weeks to be confirmed. The date will be published on the Parish Board.</p> | LM |
| 35/22 | <p>Annual Reports: The Village Hall: John Acres, who was elected Chair at The AGM on March 19th, explained that they had been fortunate to receive Government funding to compensate for loss of income during the pandemic which has given them financial security of some £17000 for the future. Although one charity is not allowed to give money to another, The Village Hall is able to let other charities in the village use The Hall without charge for events like the Harvest Supper. A more detailed report is attached. The Joy Mead: Debbie Mason had provided a comprehensive report in advance as she was unable to attend the meeting. A grant of £9000 from the Finnis Scott Foundation had enabled some essential repairs to be carried out in the cloister but a further £70000 is required to replace part of the roof. Generous donations and fund-raising events have boosted their reserves. The plans for the celebrations of the 100th birthday are well-advanced; with tickets now on sale. A more detailed report is attached. The Church: LM reported on behalf of the PCC. The current balance is £13497.45 of which £3000 is in restricted funds. The Parish Share of £ 7344 was not paid in full; the Diocese recognised that many parishes would find it difficult to do so this year. The PCC felt that funds needed to be kept in reserve to complete some of the repairs highlighted</p> | |

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| | <p>in the quinquennial report. The pinnacles on the tower have been removed as they were in danger of falling and therefore a potential hazard.</p> <p>The congregation remains very small except for special services at Harvest and Christmas. A number of residents provide support in a variety of ways but the PCC currently has no secretary and there is an urgent need to find someone to take on this role.</p> <p>A more detailed report is attached.</p> <p>The Knightly and Shepherds Trusts: Both these trusts have very small funds and there has been little, if any, activity in recent years. Consideration should be given to closing them and distributing the funds appropriately.</p> | |
| 36/22 | <p>Report from Rupert Frost, Ward: Rupert highlighted two issues, the state of the roads and planning procedures.</p> <p>A new contractor has been appointed for September with a remit to make proper and lasting repairs to the roads, many of which have significant pot-holes making them dangerous to all users. The new contractor will also be responsible for cleaning the road signs, many of which are so dirty as to be illegible.</p> <p>It is hoped that current problems with planning procedures will be resolved when the new IT system is fully implemented.</p> <p>A more detailed report is attached.</p> | |