

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 21st March 2022 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
15/22	<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Alison Nelson, Richard Russell • Ward: Rupert Frost • Clerk: Linda Mayne • Police Liaison Officers: Tara Cooksammy, Steve Galloway 	
16/22	<p>Apologies and Approval of Absence:</p> <p>Parish Councillor: Peter Mayne Wards: Jo Gifford, David Smith</p>	
17/22	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
18/22	<p>Minutes of Meeting January 17th 2022</p> <p>These were reviewed: AN proposed they be accepted, seconded by RR.</p>	
19/22	<p>Police Liaison Report:</p> <p>Firearms: Some GPs are now not prepared to complete the medical forms required for renewal of licences. Applicants need to use either Shoot-Cert or Med-Cert, both of which charge £60. Shoot-Cert is usually the faster service. LM, on behalf of Peter Mayne, commented that he had not yet received his licence despite the fact that his cheque had been cashed some time ago. PS confirmed that he was in the same position. They were advised to contact the Firearms Office, though it is understood that this is only operating within a very restricted time period.</p> <p>Future Activities: It is hoped that 'a bicycle marking' event will be held later this Spring. The Village Hall might be used for this purpose.</p> <p>General: Although the crime rate is relatively low in the village residents are reminded to lock cars, garages and outbuildings and to keep keys well away from the front and back doors of the house.</p> <p>Police Liaison Officers have responsibility for quite large areas but they do cover for each other so they are able to respond to issues reasonably quickly.</p>	
20/22	<p>Matters arising from Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Signs: PS had received quotes from Elan City of around £2000 which he had circulated to councillors. Funds, at present, would not support this expenditure, though there is concern about vehicles exceeding the speed limits and whilst electronic signs alert responsible drivers they may be ignored by others. The matter will be considered further. • Hedges: LM has written to the occupier of Hinton Cottage but there has been no response. This problem is on-going. • Telephone Box: This will be used to display information about the village. AN plans to clean the box and it will then be fitted out with appropriate shelving/ display boards. It was suggested that Farthingstone Foot Fest be approached for some funding. 	
21/22	<p>Report from Rupert Frost:</p> <p>Rupert commented that he was aware that communication about planning applications is poor and that this is due in part to new systems being implemented. Any concerns we have should be forwarded to him. He will ensure that LM, as Clerk, receives the regular WNC newsletter.</p> <p>The cinema in Daventry is proving to be a good facility.</p>	

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	<p>Finance report:</p> <p>(a)LM presented the budget report for the year-to date. The balance on the ledger at 21st March 2022 is £5661.23: current account £1409.55, deposit account £4294.86, the difference being represented by an uncashed cheque of £43.18.</p> <p>(b)The Precept for 2022/2023 has been submitted.</p> <p>(c)The process to implement on-line banking is continuing.</p> <p>(d)LM has paid for the Green Bins for the Church and Cemetery, a total of £84. The on-line system is designed for residents and does not allow for delivery of labels to an alternative address for sites which do not have a post box. The transaction was therefore done by telephone: LM presented a cheque for signature to re-imburse her.</p> <p>(e)As agreed at the last meeting consideration was given to a further donation to The Joy Mead. AN proposed a further £500, this was seconded by RR.</p>	
22/22	<p>DHL Development:</p> <p>LM read an article from the CPRE letter about the on-going concerns which are supported by Andrea Leadsom MP. It is understood that further research is being carried out in respect of the additional traffic and congestion issues.</p>	
23/22	<p>Newspaper deliveries</p> <p>On the retirement of Mr Smith a new company has taken on this service, but some residents are not happy with the arrangements. An alternative is available through Blakesley Shop (contact Caroline Baseley, 01327 361582 for further details).</p>	
24/22	<p>Queen's Jubilee</p> <p>There has been a very limited response in the village, partly due to the planned celebrations for the Joy Mead.</p>	
25/22	<p>Cemetery Matters:</p> <p>LM has written to Chris Tate to thank him for his continuing help in keeping the hedges trimmed.</p> <p>RD Landscapes have discussed with PS the costs for the next year; any increase will only be to cover the rising price of fuel.</p>	
26/22	<p>Litter Pick:</p> <p>There was a relatively small amount of general litter; the car tyres picked up are at the Village Hall awaiting collection. The efforts of those who volunteer are much appreciated.</p>	
27/22	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>PS drew attention to a circular he had received about selling part of his garden for development/housing. It is thought that other residents may have received similar advertising. LM passed on information about a fund -raising activity on behalf of CPRE.</p>	
28/22	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Andrew Bayliss, resident, added to the discussion about speeding in the village. He is particularly concerned that some of the offenders live in the village and are a danger to cyclists and pedestrians. Council shared his concerns and agreed that a message should be put in FVN.</p> <p>PS has been approached about a possible village response to the Ukraine Disaster and LM added that there had been a similar message from The Rector. Many individuals are making their own contributions to national appeals which are well advertised and this seems the best method of support.</p>	
29/22	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 16th May AGM Monday 18th July Monday 19th September Monday 21st November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed 9.30pm</p>	

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