

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 17th July 2023 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
47/23	Apologies: Rupert Frost	
48/23	Declaration of Interests: None	
49/23	The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th May 2023. These were reviewed, proposed by PM and seconded by RR, as a correct record; all agreed and the signed by PS.	
50/23	Matters arising from Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Signs: We have been led to understand that once work starts on the development of the golf course Fifty Five Hospitality will pay for electronic speed signs at strategic points in the village. LM will now contact Kier and ask a representative to visit the village to give advice. • Telephone Box: No developments proposed at present. AN suggested this be removed from the agenda for future meetings and brought up again as AOB if required. • DHL Development: The proposed relief road has an unexpected hold up and, therefore, the DHL development is now on hold. • Minute Book: This has now been located and safely stored. 	LM
51/23	Finance: LM presented the budget report for the year to date. The balance on the ledger at July 17th 2023 is £6897.58; current account £3154.52, deposit account £4325.43, the difference is represented by uncashed cheques to the amount £582.37. ACRE supplied an incorrect invoice, which was paid. This cheque has been cancelled and a new one was signed at the meeting to cover the correct amount. It was agreed that a cheque for £72.49 be paid to Peter Stanton to cover the balance of the cost of the Coronation bench. LM reported that the notice giving public access to the annual accounts 22/23 from July 3rd for 6 weeks is displayed on The Parish Board. There have been no enquiries to date.	
52/23	Planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Club 2023/0155. The application has been approved; work is expected to start in March. There were 77 comments submitted to the planning committee, but none of its members have visited the site and some did not appear to have read the associated papers. Anglia Water will be responsible for the sewage system, but there are residents who are unhappy about the route of the proposed pipe-line which will cause considerable disruption during its installation. PS has written to the chair of the committee expressing his concerns about the overall procedures adopted in considering and approving the application. • Farm Track 2023/0002: Three objections have been raised, including one from The Ramblers Association, which stated that they had been in contact with the 4 local councils. Neither PS nor LM have received any communication from the Association. LM will write to the Association for clarification. From the proposed plan it appears that the road would pass through a corner of Knightly Wood, which would be a significant cause for concern. LM will write to the planning committee. • Self- Build Property 2023/5160/OUT 3 New Cottages Litchborough Road. The application has been approved. LM had written asking for the consultation period to be extended. She received a confirmation receipt of the email, but no further response. 	
53/23	Police Liaison: AN attended a virtual conference during which the Chief Constable spoke at length. It was mentioned that in some areas of the county the liaison works well but not in others, as is our experience in Farthingstone. There was concern expressed that Northampton is not maintaining the speed cameras effectively. The minutes of the meeting are not yet available. PS thanked AN for the work she does for the Parish.	
54/23	Cemetery Matters: There has been a request for the cemetery plan to be updated. LM produced the paper work she has which consists of a partial plan reflecting recent changes.	

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	The list on the cemetery board needs updating. PS explained that the numbering of the plots is confusing as, at some time in the past, a new system was introduced without reference to the existing one. AN agreed to set up a template which could be used to produce a better plan. LM will search the files for any further history.	
55/23	Correspondence: LM has been notified that, in the future, photographic ID will be required to vote in elections. PS expressed his concern that a number of residents may not have the required documentation. LM produced copies of the poster which gives the details and guidance; these will be displayed on the notice boards in the village at the appropriate time. AN asked for a copy which she could then circulate via FVN.	
56/23	AOB: None	
	Dates of future Meetings Monday 18th September Monday 20th November Meeting closed 9.00pm	

Signed as a true record:

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