

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 6th March 2023 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
16/23	<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Alison Nelson, Stewart Summers (arrived 8.12) • Ward: Rupert Frost (arrived 8.35) • Parish clerk: Linda Mayne 	
17/23	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councillor: Peter Mayne • Wards: Jo Gifford, David Smith 	
18/23	<p>To receive declarations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received 	
19/23	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023</p> <p>A correction the minutes has been received from David Smith about the proposed levy of £5 for services. This is for the Fire Service only. A separate levy may be added for The Police Service. Subject to this amendment the minutes were proposed by RR and seconded by PS.</p>	
20/23	<p>Matters arising from Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Signs: LM has contacted Steve Barber for advice. Investigations are ongoing. • Telephone Box: AN advised that one of the conditions of receiving funding was that a timeframe for works to take place would be required. Due to extenuating circumstances this is not currently possible; AN will contact the Footfest Committee to advise this • DHL Development: An amended plan covering various aspects of the proposal has been submitted to WNC(2021/1819/EIA). Additional comments should be made by 16th March 2023. • Defibrillator: The training session was well received by the 14 residents who attended. The necessity for CPR to continue uninterrupted, while waiting for someone else to fetch the defibrillator was emphasised. There was some concern about the availability of the access code for the machine, but it was explained that this could not be published openly for security reasons. The code is given directly to anyone ringing the help-line. • Coronation: The Joy Mead and Village Hall committees have no plans at present for organised celebrations, but PS had received a letter from a resident suggesting an informal gathering in the Joy Mead with a 'bring your own picnic'. PS proposed that commemorative mugs might be given to the children in the village. This met with general approval; AN/PS/LM will investigate supply and cost. 	<p>LM</p> <p>AN</p> <p>AN/PS/LM</p>
21/23	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>LM presented the budget report for the year to date. The balance on the ledger at 6th March 2023 is £6502.44: current account £2329.94, deposit account £ 4307.16. The difference is represented by a direct debit of £44.66 and a cheque of £90.00 not yet showing on the bank account. The bank statements for the end of the month have not yet been received due to the earlier date of this meeting.</p> <p>LM commented on the increase of the licences for Green Bins, from £42 this year to £55 from April. The Council is responsible for The Churchyard and Cemetery and has, in the past, paid for the 2 bins in The Joy Mead. The total cost is therefore £220. This was approved.</p>	
22/23	<p>Police Liaison: The 'Alert' system of communication continues to be rather poor, particularly about local criminal activity. AN will attend the 6 weekly PLR Update on Wednesday 08 March. The 'Beat Bus' Surgery (Northants Police's mobile bus unit) will be visiting Church Stowe on Thursday 09 March. Colin Moore, Chair of Neighbourhood Watch Northants is looking for volunteers to join a working group to look at improving engagement and communication. Anyone interested in joining the working group should email colin.moorennw@hotmail.com by 31 March.</p>	
23/23	<p>Cemetery/ Graveyard Matters: None to report.</p>	
24/23	<p>Litter Pick: The date for this is Sunday 12th March, followed by The Big Breakfast event in the</p>	

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25/23	Correspondence: None received	
26/23	Public Forum: Rupert Frost, Ward, shared our concerns about road repairs and asked that we forward any serious problems to him. Road signs are to be cleaned by the autumn. He also agreed that the rise in the cost of Green Bin licences was excessive and a financial burden for parish councils who now have to pay for those in churchyards, cemeteries and other public places. LM asked about the Parish News which was mentioned at the last meeting as she has not managed to find it on the WNC website. Rupert agreed to send her the link.	
27/23	Golf Club Development: The planning application has been submitted but has not yet been validated; it is understood this could take some time. It is therefore not available on the website for general consideration. PS has met with Robert Nadler on four occasions to learn of the progress being made. The playing of golf has now ceased with the holes being filled in and the flags removed.	
28/23	AOB: The street light at the junction with Weedon Road has finally ceased to work. LM will report this to E-ON. WhatsApp now has approximately 40 subscribers. RR asked for details of how to use the facility; AN will provide some guidelines. The Police have spoken to the owner of the dog which had been reported for sheep-worrying. PS reported that the licence for siting a commemorative bench had been received. He will now order the bench and arrange for its installation.	LM
29/23	Dates of future meetings 15 th May: This will be the Annual Meeting; PS will invite representatives from The Joy Mead and Village Hall. 18 th September 20 th November Meeting closed 9.00pm	

Signed as a true record:

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