

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 15th July 2024 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
24/24	<p>Attendance: Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Peter Mayne, Stewart Summers Linda Mayne (clerk) Susan Castle, Christine Barrant Rupert Frost</p> <p>Apologies: Alison Nelson, David Smith, Jo Gifford</p>	
25/24	Declaration of Interests: None	
26/24	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 These were reviewed, proposed by PM seconded by RR, as a correct record; all agreed and signed by PS.</p>	
27/24	<p>Matters arising not listed elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHL Development: No update to report • Golf Club: There was a break-in on Friday 12th July despite 24-hour security, though it is not clear if anything was stolen. Concerns were expressed by members of council and residents about the recent amended planning application. It is proposed that some of the chalets will be larger to accommodate more guests, though the overall number of visitors will not increase. It is also planned to increase the size of the re-cycling area with 700 solar panels towards the Mantels Heath side of the property. It was agreed that Rupert Frost be asked to 'call in' this application expressing the concern of possible development drift and asking for an extension of the consultation period, particularly as the amended application had not been sent to the Council for their comments. • Farm Track: There are rumours of work being carried out but there is no official report. • FVN: A resident has expressed an interest in taking this on. PS will investigate further. 	PS
28/24	<p>Public Forum: Ruport commented on the state of the road through Litchborough to Farthingstone. All agreed that the surface is so uneven with many potholes it is a dangerous, particularly so if there is heavy rain disguising the depth of the holes. Rupert will contact the department to make a bid for funds to repair the road before the winter.</p> <p>Christine Barrant said that The Village Hall would be open for tea and cakes on Sunday August 11th so that residents could see the recent refurbishments.</p>	
29/24	<p>Finance: LM presented the budget report for the year to date. The balance on the ledger at July 15th 2024 is £7514.20; current account £3292.46, deposit account £4387.74, the difference of £166.00 being uncashed cheques to Farthingstone PCC and E-ON</p> <p>The contract for the supply of electricity to the street lamps from SSE, arranged by LM 5years ago, expires at the end of July. This has given us an exceptional good rate. Quotes for the next 1 and 2 years will double the cost, but the company is still very competitive with other suppliers. As there is very little difference between the two quotes it was agreed to accept the 2 year one. PS signed the new contact which LM will now forward to SSE.</p> <p>The Receipts and Payments Book, which has been in use since 2004, has just one page left. A new one needs to be purchased at a cost of around £100; this was approved. LM will place the order.</p>	LM LM
30/24	Police Liaison: No report was available. The dates and times of The Beat Bus are now being published but as the visits are made during the working day there is only a very limited response.	
31/24	Cemetery Matters: Comments were made on the excellent work carried out in both the cemetery and the graveyard by R D Landscapes. LM will write to express our thanks. The hedge in the cemetery has been layered by PS, which is also much appreciated.	
32/24	Correspondence: PS had received a letter from Farthingstone PCC thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards the cost of the Lambfold newsletter.	
33/24	AOB: None	
34/24	Dates of meetings for the year: Sept 16 th Nov 18 th	

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Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed as a true record:

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