

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 20th May 2024 in the Village Hall

Min No		Action
31/24	<p>Attendance: Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Peter Mayne Linda Mayne (clerk) John and Jennie Acres (residents)</p> <p>Apologies: Councillor: Alison Nelson Wards: Rupert Frost, David Smith</p>	
32/24	Declaration of Interests: None	
33/24	<p>Elections/ Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors: All current councillors agreed to serve another term. • Chairman: RR, seconded by PM, proposed that PS should be reappointed. PS agreed to continue for another year. LM will provide the acceptance form. • Vice Chairman: PM agreed to continue in this role. • Planning/Cemetery: All members of council serve on these committees. • Finance Officer: LM agreed to continue for another year. • Police Liaison: AN had indicated she was prepared to continue. • Footpath Warden: Steve Sayers is happy to continue in this role. 	
34/24	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March</p> <p>These were reviewed, proposed by PM, seconded by RR, as a correct record; all agreed and signed by PS.</p>	
35/24	<p>Matters arising not listed elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Signs: LM has been in contact with the golf club developers and will be arranging a meeting to discuss progress. • DHL Development: AN had provided an update from the Save Towcester Now action group. National Highways have dropped their hold on the application. MP Andrea Leadsom, in support of the strong feelings of residents in opposing the application, has requested an urgent review by the regional manager. She has also expressed her strongest concerns to the leader of WNC. A summary of National Highways stance has been published on the Save Towcester Now Facebook page. • Farm Track: There is no formal update, but there are rumours of work being carried out. • Elections: There was an election of the Police Commissioner for WNC, though there was very little information provided. • Royal Portrait: This had recently been delivered to LM and was unwrapped at the meeting. It was well received: the Village Hall Committee will now decide where to hang it • FVN: This needs a new volunteer to manage the site. It is an excellent way of communicating activities in the village. 	LM
36/24	Finance: LM reported that there has been little activity since the annual audit, with just a couple of regular annual subscriptions due and the first deposit of the precept.	
37/24	<p>Police Liaison: Danielle Stone, the new Police Commissioner, will be meeting with local councils in the next few months. AN will attend the annual PLR online conference in June and report back in the next PC meeting.</p> <p>The Beat Bus will visit Farthingstone on Thursday 13th June 2.30-3.30. It will park near the Kings Arms.</p> <p>Northamptonshire Talking aims to provide an easy, free messaging service on policing matters. Residents can sign up to the service on www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk</p> <p>Get Safe Online has launched a new 'Self Help Tool Centre' to give advice about using the internet. The link is www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre.</p>	
38/24	Cemetery Matters: PL expressed concern about the amount of moss on the church path from Everdon Road which makes it very slippery. It needs cleaning.	
39/24	Correspondence: None.	
40/24	AOB: LM raised the issue of the cost of the Lambfold News Letter, which has been running at a loss	

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for some time. The churches in the benefice are sharing the cost of the debt and ensuring that by the end of the year the account will be paid. At a recent meeting it was agreed that the news letter provides an essential service to the village, particularly for those who do not want to or feel unhappy about using WhatsApp. The booklet provides information about both church matters and secular events and for this reason it was suggested that Parish Councils might be approached for a donation. Farthingstone gave £100 some years ago and Council agreed to make a similar donation.

LM reminded Council that the present electricity contract ends 31st July. She has approached the company for a renewal quote and will compare with other suppliers.

23/24 Dates of meetings for the year:

July 15th

Sept 16th

Nov 18

Meeting closed 9.17pm

Signed as a true record:

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Date: