

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 20th January 2025 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

| Min No | | Action |
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| 01/25 | <p>Attendance: Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Alison Nelson Linda Mayne (clerk) John Acres, Susan Castle, Debbie Mason</p> <p>Apologies: Peter Mayne, Rupert Frost. David Smith</p> | |
| 02/25 | Declaration of Interests: None | |
| 03/25 | <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024</p> <p>These were reviewed, proposed by PS, seconded by RR, as a correct record; all agreed and signed by PS.</p> | |
| 04/25 | <p>Matters arising not listed elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHL Development: Information about the Appeal by DHL has been widely distributed. Save Towcester Now group has set up a GoFunding site to raise funds to pay for expert consultants to oppose the appeal. Within hours £4000 in donations were received and the current total is £16000. It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £100. The Planning Inspector is due to inspect the area during the week of half-term; this is not ideal as there will be no school traffic at this time, so it will not be an accurate reflection of normal conditions. • Golf Club: No update is available. • Farm Track: No update is available. • FVN: Alison Nelson and John Acres are currently discussing the transfer of information, particularly the data related to the individuals who are currently registered to receive the news. LM will check the Parish Council files for any details of the data base. It was also noted that there are a number of new residents who may wish to be included. Discussion followed about the Lambfold Newsletter. Due to rising costs of printing this will now be distributed electronically with an option to request a paper copy if required. Although there is an overlap of information with FVN it also enables readers to be aware of events in the other parishes. • Road Repairs: Following an enquiry from Rupert Frost about the planned repair to Farthingstone Road, LM had advised him that, although some work was done the road is still very uneven and dangerous. Rupert is taking this up with those responsible. Motorists are reporting damaged tyres and shock absorbers, leading to MOT failures. Residents are again urged to report the issues; there is evidence to suggest that action is more likely to be taken if a significant number of complaints are registered and claims for repairs are made. • Speed Signs: The advisory speed signs have just arrived. There is now a need to identify where they are best positioned. John Acres suggested that one could be placed at each entry point to the village, leaving the other 2 for points where it is particularly dangerous. LM agreed to investigate further, bearing in mind that there must be a suitable post on which to attach the notice. • Blocked Drains: These have now been cleared. | <p>PS</p> <p>LM</p> |
| 05/25 | <p>Public Forum: Susan Castle expressed her concern about the likely increase in heavy lorries through the village when the Golf Club Development is underway. There are some heavy vehicles which need access to sites in the village, but perhaps there might be a way to restrict those which do not.</p> <p>Debbie Mason expressed the hope that someone might come forward to manage the web-site Farthingstone.org which she and Tony have done for some years.</p> | |
| 06/25 | <p>Finance: LM presented the budget report for the year to date. The balance on the ledger at January 20th 2025 is £7418.08; current account £3306.54, deposit account £4419.34, the difference of £307.80, being uncashed cheques to Cumbria Clock Company, E-ON and NACRE.</p> <p>LM has reported to E-ON that the street lamp by the Baptist chapel is not working. The cost of repair has not yet been advised.</p> | LM |

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| 07/25 | Police Liaison: A dirt bike was stolen from a property in the village. Residents are asked to be vigilant about suspicious vehicles driving or parked in the village. |
| 08/25 | Cemetery Matters: Chris Tate has again cut the hedges and cleared the path and layby at the cemetery. LM will write to thank him. |
| 09/25 | Correspondence: Following a message from Alan Burns PS has ordered a bag of wood chips for use in the Joy Mead; this is a free offer. |
| 10/25 | AOB: PS reminded the Council that the payment for green waste bins will shortly be needed. The subscription cost has not yet been advised. |
| 11/25 | Dates of next meeting: March 17th 2025. This will be the last meeting of the current council and it may be an opportunity to consider the expected end of year balance on the accounts and use of funds. Meeting closed 8.54pm |

Signed as a true record:

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