

## Farthingstone Parish Council

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### AGM Minutes Monday 18 May 2026

| Min No |   | Action    |
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| 1/26   | <p><b>Attendance:</b> Peter Stanton (PS), Richard Russell (RR), Stewart Summers (SS), John Acres (JA) Debbie Mason (DM) (clerk)<br/>Members of the public: Susan Castle, Linda Mayne, Tony Millyard, Vicki Rowland, Jacob Mathews</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Sarah Skinner (SJS), Ward Councillor David Smith</p>   |           |
| 2/26   | <b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None   |           |
| 3/26   | <b>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025:</b> Agreed by all and signed by PS.   |           |
| 4/26   | <b>Matters arising:</b> None  |           |
| 5/26   | <b>Chair's Report:</b> PS summarised the key events of the year, starting with the elections last May and continuing with the golf course development, the wearing out of the old sodium street lamps (with replacement by new LED's) and the poor condition of our roads. He thanked Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their support, as well as all the other village volunteers who all contribute to keeping our parish precept low and our village a good place to live in.   |           |
| 6/26   | <p><b>Finance:</b> DM presented the annual accounts for 2025/26 which have been audited by John Mole. Council approved the accounts and PS, as Chair, and DM, as Finance Officer, signed the documents required by AGAR ('Annual Governance &amp; Accountability Return'). The Certificate of Exemption for small authorities will now be submitted.</p> <p>The accounts will be available for public view in due course. The date will be published on the Parish noticeboard. John Mole was thanked for his continued and very valued support as auditor.</p>   | <b>DM</b> |
| 7/26   | <p><b>Annual reports:</b></p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> JA gave an update of the many one-off events put on in the Village Hall over the last year. These are all essential to keeping the Hall financially viable in the absence of many regular users. He said the result of all the efforts had been an operating profit of £1000 which was very welcome although he noted that no major repairs or improvements had been required during the year. JA said one of the main challenges is attracting enough people – especially villagers – to come to events. He was pleased to report two new Committee members.</p> <p><b>Joy Mead:</b> SS talked about the two main very successful events in the Joy Mead during 2025 – the Abba tribute band and 'Christmas in the Cloisters'. Maintenance had gone well with lots of support from volunteers with mowing, tidy-ups, undertaking repairs etc. He expressed his grateful thanks to everyone who helps and donates and supports the Joy Mead.</p> <p><b>Church:</b> RR reported that the PCC AGM had been held recently. He said that current finances are not too bad but low attendance continues to be a worry. It was noted that the quinquennial (5 yearly) inspection is due this year. It was noted that an inspection of the condition of the trees might be needed and, if so, any resulting work needed would be the responsibility of FPC.</p> <p><b>Knightley Trust:</b> PS noted that discussions are ongoing regarding winding up the Trust.</p> |           |
| 8/26   | <b>Public Forum:</b> No further business was added.   |           |
| 9/26   | <b>Date of next AGM:</b> Monday 17 May 2027   |           |

Signed as a true record:

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