

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of FPC Meeting Monday 18 May 2026

Min No		Action
10/26	<p>Attendance: Peter Stanton (PS), Richard Russell (RR), Stewart Summers (SS), John Acres (JA) Debbie Mason (DM) (Clerk)</p> <p>Members of the public: Linda Mayne, Susan Castle, Jacob Mathews, Vicki Rowland, Tony Millyard</p> <p>Apologies: Sarah Skinner (SJS), Ward Councillor David Smith</p>	
11/26	<p>Elections/Appointments:</p> <p>Chair: Peter Stanton (proposed by JA and seconded by RR)</p> <p>Vice Chair: John Acres (proposed by PS and seconded by SS); to include special responsibility for keeping abreast of planning issues.</p> <p>Planning/Cemetery: All Councillors serve on these Committees</p> <p>Finance Officer: Clerk</p> <p>Police Liaison: Stewart Summers</p> <p>Footpath Warden: Steve Sayers</p>	
12/26	<p>Minutes of meeting 16 March 2026: Agreed as a correct record and signed by PS</p>	
13/26	<p>Matters arising not listed elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Club Development: PS reported on a recent meeting with Sam Edwards. The timetable for opening has been put back a year to Spring 2028. Use of the original footpath through the middle of the site will need to wait until all the works have finished for safety reasons because construction traffic will continue to be moving around the site). The access road, as far as the gates to the site itself, is now available for people to walk in addition to the temporary footpath around the field boundary. • Newsletter: DM reported that this is still awaiting time to sort out. DM agreed to talk separately with JA about options. • Road repairs: JA summarised the current poor condition of our roads and the actions previously taken. He proposed various actions including building a record of problems experienced by Parishioners and getting together with other Parish Councils to share issues. He has drafted a stiff letter to be sent from FPC to WNC's Interim Chief Executive regarding the poor condition of the roads and the lack of action and also the poor management – or lack of management – of the contract held by Kier. 	<p>DM/JA</p> <p>JA/PS/DM</p>
14/26	<p>Public Forum: No additional comments</p>	
15/26	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM presented the payments/receipts report for the year to date. The total cash in the bank as at 30 April was £5652.03 with no payments outstanding. DM also circulated a preliminary budget spending forecast for 2026/7. It was noted that - at current forecast spending levels - reserves are likely to stay unchanged at around £3500. This is deemed an adequate level but needs to be husbanded against any unplanned expenditure. • DM thanked John Mole for his auditing of the accounts for 2025/6 and said that he had kindly agreed to carry on in 2026/7: a 'letter of engagement' has been agreed with John as required by the updated regulations covering Parish Councils. • Street lamps: a note on current issues regarding street lamps was circulated by DM. After discussion, it was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To arrange for the lamps to be turned off between midnight and 05.30 - To continue replacing sodium lamps with LED's as and when they fail (Note: the lamp outside the Village Hall has recently failed so will be reported). 	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
16/26	<p>Police Liaison: SS reported that the Police have re-launched 'Speedwatch' if any volunteers want to take part. JA suggested more 20mph signs could be considered but this was vetoed on the basis of cost.</p>	
17/26	<p>Cemetery Matters: PS reported the new compost bins are in place and that Malcolm Coulson has kindly volunteered to repair the noticeboard.</p>	

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18/26	Planning matters: JA reported latest developments regarding the planning application for the site on the Weedon Road behind 'The Nutshell'. The recent 'access' proposals which included removing hedges on both sides (including the hedge on Lilac Cottage's private property) have apparently recently been amended and now show the hedges in place with the one to the north being 'trimmed'. The date for comments has been extended to 25 May so further comments can be registered if desired. There is no further news at present on when the application is due to go to the Planning Committee (Note: if the Planning Officers recommend refusal then it won't go to Committee).	
19/26	Correspondence: None to report	
20/26	AOB: PS raised the question of extra traffic likely in the village once the golf club development is operational and the particular hazard this might generate on the blind corner of the Everdon Road (just uphill from the Chapel). He proposed investigating the feasibility of a new pavement extending down from outside Willow Cottage to the Chapel. The proposal was discussed but not agreed at this time. It was agreed to arrange for the correct 'hazard' sign to be installed for that stretch of road.	PS
	Date of next meeting: Monday 20 July 2026.	

Signed as a true record:

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