Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on

Monday 18th November 2019 at 8.00pm

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| **57/19** | **Attendance**:* Present: Stewart Summers, Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne and Richard Russell.
* Clerk: Linda Mayne
* Councillors: Jonnie Amos
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| **58/19** | **Apologies and Approval of Absence:*** Jennie Miller, John Church
* Councillor Robin Brown
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| **59/19** | **Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items**:* Richard Russell declared his interest in any discussion relating to the church wall which adjoins his property.
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| **60/19** | **Minutes of the last Meeting**:* The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 25th September 2019 were reviewed; Peter Mayne proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Stewart Summers and signed by Peter Stanton.
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| **61/19** | **Matters arising*** Electricity Contracts: The new contract is in place; payments will be by monthly direct debit.
* Telephone Box/ Library: No further development to report.
* Dog Waste: The bin is being used.
* Road Signage: There has still been no response. LM will follow this up.
* Pot Holes: As there has been no action by the Highways Authority despite 2 reports on’ Fix My Street’ it was agreed that a specific notice should be put on the village website urging as many people as possible to add their concern.
* Churchyard: The work on the wall adjoining Willow Cottage has been completed. The ivy on the wall adjoining Richard Russell’s property is affecting the foundations: PS will speak to the stonemason working on another property in the village for advice.
* 45 Litchborough Road: No response to enquiry. LM to chase.
* Church Clock: The new battery has been fitted and it is now chiming but the hands are not moving. It has been agreed with the company that the situation will be monitored for a month and, if at the end of that period it is still striking, the problem affecting the hands will be looked at.
* Trees on Maidford Road: SS has spoken to James Bryce and the necessary work will be carried out.
* Old Minute Book: SS will pass this on to PM as soon as he has finished.
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| **62/19** | * Jonnie Amos reported that the decision over the future of local government may be delayed by further discussions. To keep up to date with progress the following websites are available:

<https://futurenorthantsnorth.org><https://futurenorthantswest.org>* The Community Safety Partnership runs a joint action group for road issues. Any resident or parish council reporting a problem is urged to pass on the details to the group so that it can be reviewed….email

kfagan@daventrydc.gov.uk* Daventry Night Shelter needs volunteers; contact Daventry District Council for more information.
* There is a Christmas Tea Dance at Daventry Leisure Centre Wednesday 4th December 2-4pm, call 01327 871100 for more information.
* Christmas waste and recycling: please see notice board for details.
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| **63/19** | **Finance Report YTD 2019/2020*** LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 18th November 2019 is £6613.23; cash at bank £6613.23 (current account £1644.32, deposit account £4968.91). PS proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by SS: all agreed.
* LM reported that she had submitted the claim for a refund of VAT paid (£338.79) in the financial year 2018/2019.
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| 64/19 | **Cemetery Matters:*** There are brambles to be cleared and box trees to be trimmed; it was agreed that these jobs could be left until the spring.
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| **65/19** | **Correspondence: None received**  |  |
| 66/19 | **Any Other Business:*** It was noted that there are, at times, a significant number of emails from neighbour watch which are not particularly relevant, but it is a service which occasionally produces results.
* SS reported that there are 4 drains on Maidford Road which were not cleared by the Council. It was agreed this should be reported via Fix My Street.
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|  | **Date of the Next Meeting**:* Parish Council Meeting Monday 20th January 2020 at 8.00pm in Farthingstone Village Hall.
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|  | The Meeting closed at 8.45pm |  |

Signed as a true record:

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