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

Monday 22nd July 2019 at 8.00pm

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| **37/19** | **Attendance**:* Present: Jennie Miller, John Church, Stewart Summers, Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne and Richard Russell.
* Clerk: Linda Mayne
* Councillors: Robin Brown (left at 8.30), Jonnie Amos ( arrived at 8.35)
* Village residents: John Acres, Laura Davies, Paul Egerton, Amanda Payne, Melissa Summers
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| **38/19** | **Apologies and Approval of Absence:*** None
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| **39/19** | **Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items**:* No declarations made
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| **40/19** | **Minutes of the last Meeting**:* The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 20th May 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. John Church proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Peter Mayne and signed by Peter Stanton.
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| **41/19** | **Matters arising*** Defibrillator Training: We are still waiting for possible dates; LM to follow up.
* Electricity Contracts: LM produced the figures supplied by Great Annual Savings. A fixed price contract for 5 years would result in an annual saving of £110 over the present price offered by E-ON. Servicing of the street lighting by E-ON would not be affected. Great Annual Savings would arrange the switch. Jennie Miller proposed that we should accept a contract with the new supplier, seconded by Stewart Summers; all agreed. LM will proceed with the arrangements.
* Green Bins: Both the Church and Cemetery bins now have new stickers, provided free of charge by Daventry District Council.
* Telephone Box/ Library: There has been no development to date.
* Footpath: LM has received a response from Nick Wedgbrow to the effect that the new deer park fence is 200-300m from the footpath and that there is no public access to the area. No permanent barrier has been erected restricting the rights of way. Our concern has been logged with the Highways Authority, but we should monitor the developments.
* Policy Updates: LM reported that the necessary amendments to policies have been made, most of these were due to the change of clerk and contact details.PS signed the up-dated policies as required. LM confirmed that the village web-site has been revised.
* On the completion of the annual audit of accounts LM has submitted the relevant form to AGAR and published the Notification of Public Rights on the village notice board and web-site; this runs from 26th June to 6th August. To date no-one has contacted her.
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| **42/19** | * Robin Brown gave an update on Council matters. There is no money for Adult Social Care and it seems likely that a trust will be set up similar to that of the Children’s Trust. In the mean-time criteria for assistance may tighten. Public discussion is scheduled for May 2020
* Melissa Summers introduced the concern of villagers over the increasing amount of dog fouling and black bags on the streets. She estimated that there are around 40 dogs in the village plus a significant number of walkers and visitors with dogs. Paul Egerton added that at weekends there are often 12-15 dogs in the pub garden. Melissa had done some research on the purchase of bins and expressed her willingness to empty these on a regular basis; the waste can be placed in the black bins as it is all landfill disposal; the Joy Mead bin could be used. This would a cheaper option than a contract with Daventry DC. John Acres read out a copy of the letter he had written to Peter Stanton about the problem and Laura Davies added her concern. After much discussion it was agreed to purchase one metal bin which Paul offered to site at the corner of the pub car park. A

notice to this effect will be placed on the notice board, explaining the concern of many residents and urging all dog walkers to keep our village clean and safe. Peter Mayne commented that polite requests to use the bin are likely to be more effective than confrontation. The situation will be reviewed and, in due course, additional bins may be purchased.Stewart Summers proposed the motion, seconded by Jennie Miller; all agreed. LM will arrange the purchase of a bin and discuss with PS its installation. Paul Egerton offered to host an evening at the pub in support of this initiative, with the possibility of raising some funding.* Amanda Payne expressed her concern about the roads around the village which have no footpaths and the danger these present to walkers and riders. LM agreed to contact the Highways authorities for possible signage.
* John Acres commented on the state of the roads, particularly the number of potholes on the roads out of the village. PS agreed to contact the Chair of Litchborough Parish Council to find out if their council has taken any action. Anyone can report their concern to ‘Fix my Street’, giving details with a grid reference and/or photograph, though as Peter Mayne pointed out there is almost no money available and the hole has to be of a certain depth before it is repaired.
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| **LLLPPP43/19** | **Finance Report YTD 2019/2020*** LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 22/07/19 is £6883.97; cash at bank £6775.38 (current account £1809.87, deposit account £4965.51), the variance being represented by unpresented cheques to the value of £171.41 and an uncleared cheque for £280.00 not yet shown on the bank statement.
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| **44/19** | **Cemetery Matters:*** Rachel Frost was buried in the cemetery on Tuesday 25th June.
* An adjacent plot has been reserved.
* The Cemetery plan now needs to be updated..
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| **32/19** | **Correspondence:**A letter from NATWest has been received, addressed to John Church, relating to banking on-line. JC confirmed that this facility is not used by the Council.  |  |
| **33/19** | **Any Other Business:*** Jonnie Amos brought to the Council’s attention details of services offered by Daventry Citizen’ s Advice Bureau and also proposals for A good Neighbourhood Scheme. PS was able to report that the leaflets have been displayed on the village notice board by LM.
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|  | **Date of the Next Meeting**:* Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th September 2019 at 8.00pm Farthingstone Village Hall.
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|  | The Meeting closed at 9.07 pm |  |

Signed as a true record:

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