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

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 8.00pm

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| **Min No** |  | **Action** |
| **1/19** | **Attendance**:   * John Church, Peter Mayne, Peter Stanton, Stewart Summers * Clerk: Linda Mayne * Richard Russell welcomed as new co-opted member * Councillors Jonnie Amos and Robin Brown |  |
| 2/19 | Apologies and Approval of Absence:   * Susan Castle, Jennie Miller. |  |
| **3/19** | **Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items**:   * No declarations made |  |
| **4/19** | **Minutes of the last Meeting**:   * The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 19th November 2018 were reviewed for accuracy. The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Proposed by John Church and seconded by Stewart Summers |  |
| **5/19** | **Matters Arising**   * **Blocked Drain**   LM reported that she had spoken to Mark Chester at NCC Highways on December 6th and was told that the problem had been investigated on October 22nd and sent out to Works Department on November 29th. There is a 3-month window in which action should be taken and that there is no procedure for accelerating this even though we consider it to be more urgent. Ian Cramb has informed her that Anglia Water visited on December 31st and again in January and have confirmed that, in their opinion, it is a blocked or collapsed drain. After these visits a tanker was seen in the road pumping out the drain, but it filled up almost immediately.  Councillor Robin Brown advised the Council to write to Teresa Grant, the Chief Executive, with a copy to him.   * **Citizens Advice Bureau**   PS had investigated what other Parishes do by reading minutes of their meetings but each Parish is so different it is difficult to make comparisons. LM reported that she had no response from her letter asking for more information. After some discussion it was agreed to send a donation of £50. Proposed by John Church, seconded by Peter Mayne.   * **Church Clock**   PS expressed his concern about the unreliability of the clock despite the regular serving by  The Cumbria Clock Company. He suggested that Graham Baseley be asked to keep a record of any problems so that the company can be contacted for advice. | **LM**  **LM**  **PS** |
| **6/19** | **Finance Report YTD 2018/2019**   * LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 23rd January is £7018.52; cash at bank £8723.70(current account £3763.05 and deposit £4960.65), the variance being represented by unpresented cheques to the value of £1705.18 not yet shown on the bank statement.   The budget report was approved by councillors-proposed by Peter Stanton and seconded by John Church.   * LM rep0rted that there were 2 issues regarding the balance to date:  1. She had not received the Current Account Statement for the end of December. The bank would not supply a copy as she is not a signatory on the account. This means the balance used above is from the end of November. It also raises the problem of the occasional difficulty in obtaining the necessary 2 signatories. It was agreed that Peter Stanton should become an additional signatory. 2. She had also not received bills from EON for electric charges since July. It is assumed they were sent to the wrong address. The Company have been contacted and replacements will be sent shortly. The outstanding amount is around £200. | **PS** |
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| **7/19** | **Precept 2019/2020**   * LM presented a table showing the income for 2018/19, the estimated expenditure for 2018/2019 and the projected expenditure for2019/2020.   After some discussion is was agreed to keep the submission for2019/2020 at the same level of £3250 as our reserves are healthy.  Proposed by John Church, seconded Peter Mayne.  Precept form was duly signed and will be sent to Daventry as requied. | **LM** |
| **8/19** | **Joy Mead Request**   * The roof of the Cloisters is in need of repair; an estimate in excess of £250,000 has been quoted. A donation from The Parish Council would signify our support for the project and may aid their applications for funding from other sources. It was agreed to give a donation of £500.   Proposed by John Church, seconded by Peter Mayne |  |
| **9/19** | **Correspondence**   * A letter from Chris Heaton-Harris MP was circulated. The details about the provision of local bus services were discussed, but it was felt that the cost to our Parish Council was likely to be beyond our resources and not a viable proposition, given the number of potential users. * LM had received information about increased prices for defibrillators. Although this did not affect us it prompted discussion about training in the use of the equipment. After the first session had been held a second was promised for those who had not been able to attend and for those who might want a refresher. It was agreed that this should be followed up with Mike and Chris Barnett.   Robin Brown apologised for having to leave the meeting at this point. | **LM** |
| **10/19** | **Dates**   * The village litter pick was set for April 6/7th starting at 10.00am * The cemetery tidy-up was set for April 13th starting at 10.00am   If these dates/times are difficult for individuals other arrangements can be made |  |
| **11/19** | **AOB**   * PS has arranged a talk by Romer Adams about the air accident in 1944: which will include the opportunity to see unique footage. This will be on April 5thin theVillage Hall. * PS is organising a Heritage Trail through the village on April 27th in aid of The AirAmbulance. * Jonnie Amos asked if the village had any Conservation Areas, as there are new regulations about their management, particularly in respect of trees. Farthingstone has no such areas; trees with TPOs come under a separate ruling. * Jonnie Amos reminded the Council of the new laws regarding dogs in public places and provided posters for display. * The Council was told of the plans for Open Gardens on June 16th * Jonnie Amos asked that the agenda format be amended to show which parts are open/closed. | **PS**  **PS**  **PS/LM**  **LM** |
|  | **Date of next meeting Monday March 18th**  **Meeting closed 9.20pm.** |  |

Signed as a true record:

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