Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th March 2020 at 8.00pm

Min	Monday 10 March 2020 at 8.00pm	Action		
No				
15/20	Attendance:			
	Present: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne and Richard Russell			
	Clerk: Linda Mayne			
	Councillors: Jonnie Amos arrived 8.40pm			
16/20	Apologies and Approval of Absence:			
	John Church, Jennie Milleradvised to absent themselves due to coronavirus			
	Robin Brown	<u> </u>		
17/20	Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items			
	None declared			
18/20	Minutes of the last Meeting:			
	• The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 20 th January 2020 were			
	reviewed; Peter Mayne proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by Richard			
	Russell and signed by Peter Stanton.			
19/20	Matters arising			
	Telephone Box/ Library: No further development to report.			
	Road Signage: LM is still trying to get a response from the Highways Authority; she will continue	LM		
	to pursue this.	LIVI		
	45 L:itchborough Road: LM reported that she had identified the owners of the land, Future Hamsa Limited and bad approach them and was unified for a response. She will explain them.			
	Homes Limited, and had contacted them and was waiting for a response. She will contact them	LM		
	again.Trees on Maidford Road: This work has been completed.			
	 Old Minute Books: These are now locked in a filing cupboard in the Village Hall. 			
	The application for the Parish Precept 2020/2021 has been submitted			
	• The repair to the church wall has been completed at a cost of £1340.			
	• The church clock continues to be a problem. A quote for a New Auto Winding System has been			
	received, £3980 plus VAT with a credit for the new battery supplied earlier. The Council does not			
	have the funds for this, though it could make a contribution.			
	Suggestions made included:			
	Fund raising			
	Approach to Historic Churches			
	Obtaining advice/ quote from another company			
	Using the Village Website to gauge opinions/interest	LM/PS		
	Concern was expressed that the proposed repair should be effective if residents are asked to			
	contribute.			
20/20	Robin Brown had sent a message to confirm that the Council Elections are to be put back to next			
	year due to the coronavirus. He will therefore serve another year.			
	As a point of interest Everdon Parish Council has bought The Field Centre and will continue to run			
	it.			
_	Finance Report YTD 2019/2020			
21/20	• LM presented the budget report for the year to date-the balance on the ledger at 10/03/2020 is			
	£4285.82; cash at bank £4955.82 (current account £983.67, deposit account £3972.15), the			
	variance being represented by uncashed cheques totalling £670. Richard Russell proposed the			
	accounts be accepted, seconded by Peter Stanton: all agreed.			
	• LM explained that £1000 had been transferred from the deposit account to the current account			
	in order to pay for the repairs to the church wall. The procedure for this transfer is time			
	consuming and slow to be activated. She suggested that we investigate the possibility of online	LM		
	banking. This was agreed.	LIVI		
22/20	LM will contact John Mole about the Annual Audit. PS reported that 18 villagers had participated in the annual Litter Bigly. The amount collected was	LIVI		
22/20	PS reported that 18 villagers had participated in the annual Litter Pick. The amount collected was			
22/20	relatively small which is very encouraging.			
PS has cut the holly and trimmed the box hedge, there is still a little more to do later in the season.				

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24/20	The date for the Annual Meeting is set for May 18 th starting at 7.45 to which representatives of the various organisations will be invited to present their reports. This will be followed by The AGM of The	LM
	Parish Council. This date is subject to further developments concerning coronavirus.	
25/20	PS expressed his concern for the wellbeing of all the residents in the village in the present coronavirus	PS
	situation. He proposed putting a notice on the Village Website offering practical advice about delivery	
	services and where to get advice/support. This was agreed.	
26/20	At this point Jonnie Amos arrived. He confirmed the postponement of Council Elections to next year	
	and commented that special measures may be put in place to delay the legal requirements for AGMs	
	in the present crisis. He shared some of the arrangements other parishes are proposing to help their	
	communities and offered his support and advice should we need it.	
27/20	Date of next meeting as in point 24/20	
	Meeting closed at 9pm	

Signed as a true record:	
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Date:	