Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council Monday 15th November 2021 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action			
72/21	Attendance:				
, _,	Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Alison Nelson, Stewart Summers				
	Ward: Rupert Frost arrived 8.28pm				
	Parishioners: Tony Millyard				
	Clerk: Linda Mayne				
73/21	Apologies and Approval of Absence:				
, 0, ==	Councillor: Richard Russell				
	Wards: Jo Gifford				
74/21	Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items				
,	None.				
75/21	Minutes of the last Meeting.				
•	 The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of Monday 20th September were 				
	reviewed; Stewart Summers proposed these be accepted as a true record, seconded by				
	Peter Mayne and signed by Peter Stanton.				
76/21	Matters arising;				
=	 Speed Signs: LM has contacted Elan City to explain that we are trying to obtain a grant 				
	towards the cost and asking for their advice.	LM			
	• Church Tower : The work has been approved and the stone mason is expected tomorrow.				
	Main Street and Anglia Water: Anglia water has now completed the repair.				
	Pot Holes on Litchborough Road: There are no current issues, but the situation will				
	continue to be monitored. Concern was expressed about blocked drains on roads into the				
	village.				
	 Incursion on the Churchyard: This matter has now been dealt with. 				
	Overgrown hedges: There has been some progress at Hinton Cottage but more work needs				
	to be done to clear the pavement for pedestrians. LM will contact the resident.	LM			
	Fire Service: Item delayed until Rupert Frost arrived				
	 Planning Application Home Barn: This has been approved. Westnorthants Planning Dept 				
	explained that the date posted on the telegraph pole is a site notice to inform anyone				
	passing the property and is separate to that given to The Parish Council. The applicant				
	apparently received another notification with a third date. LM had expressed The Council's				
	concern about the lack of clarity in the system.				
	• Planning Application Fernhill Lodge: This has been approved, with restrictions which can				
	be viewed on the Planning Portal. LM had asked why the Council had not been informed of				
	the decision and was told that 'due to Covid resources were limited'. PS also reported his				
	conversation with the authority suggested that the funds were not available to provide a				
	case for refusing the application, but that there was a different budget should it become				
	necessary to enforce the restrictions.				
	Hedge on Everdon Road: Chris Tate has cut the hedge to improve visibility for drivers but				
	leaving enough berries for the birds. It will be further trimmed at an appropriate time.				
77/21	Finance report:				
	(a)LM presented the budget report for the year-to date. The balance on the ledger at				
	15/11/2021 is £6442.88: current account £2148.17, deposit account £4294.71.				
	PS reminded the Council that at the next meeting, in January, the budget for 2022/2023 will				
	need to be considered. There is a healthy balance at present and, in the past, concern has been				
	expressed by The Authority if too much is carried over from one year to the next. It may be				
	possible to support the village in other ways.	PS/AN			
	(ii)Council's wish to apply for on-line bank: PS is still encountering problems setting this up and				
	he is planning to visit the bank to discuss the issues. AN offered to help.				
78/21	Police Liaison Report: The PCSO, Tara Cooksammy, was not able to attend. AN will be participating in a virtual meeting on December 6 th .				

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79/21	Cemetery Matters: Work in the Cemetery and Churchyard has been carried by council members							
	and volunteers from the village. 9 green bins were filled from the Churchyard!							
80/21	Correspondence: None							
81/21	 Report from Rupert Frost: A Community Fund has been established to assist voluntary groups in the light of Covid 19, AN later added that she had the documentation. 212 refugees are currently being assisted by the authority 13.8% Of crimes have been solved; this is above the national average The report from the Fire Service has been received. The delay in the arrival of the engines is still of concern. There is a 10 minute difference in that given by the service and that given by residents. It is likely that this is due to the call from the village going to a national service and then being diverted to the local emergency service. 999 Calls from mobile phones are not logged on the device and the precise time of the initial call cannot be checked. The advice is to use a landline if possible as this is directed to the local service and the time is logged. Discussion on this incident will continue. 							
82/21	AOB: PM reported on a conversation with a resident of Litchborough about the development of a site near Tiffield to provide extensive warehouse storage for DHL. There is significant concern about potential traffic issues on the A43 and A5, particularly when there are problems on the M1. Council agreed, but it is understood that the planning has already been agreed. LM provided her invoice for her work as Clerk from April-October and a cheque for £280.20 was signed by PS and SS							
83/21	Date of next meeting: Monday 17 th January 2022 Meeting closed 9.10pm							

Signed	l as a tri	ue reco	ord:		
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Date:					