Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council

Monday 16th January 2023 in the Village Hall 8.00pm

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| **01/23** | **Attendance:**   * Parish Councillors: Peter Stanton, Peter Mayne, Richard Russell, Stewart Summers * Ward: David Smith * Resident: Andrew Bayliss * Parish clerk: Linda Mayne |  |
| **02/23** | **Apologies:**   * Jo Gilford, Rupert Frost |  |
| **03/23** | **To receive declarations of interest:**   * None received |  |
| **04/23** | **The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022**  These were reviewed, proposed by PM and seconded by RR, as a correct record; all agreed and signed by PS. |  |
| **05/23** | Matters arising from Minutes   * **Speed Signs:** LM had received a response from Blakesley Parish Council. They have 3 signs. One is understood to be the responsibility of WNC; the second was purchased a couple of years ago from Swarco and a maintenance contract of £309 is paid annually; the third is older and battery operated. It was suggested LM contact Steve Barber at Kier for possible information about funding. This will be followed up.   None of the other parishes have responded; LM will send reminders.  Although WNC has funds for community projects it is not making these available for Parish Councils; in NNC this restriction is not applied.   * **Telephone Box:** No update on the progress was available * **DHL Development:** An amended planning application was submitted on January !2th in respect of land north of The Bell Plantation. Additional comments are required by 11th February. * **Defibrillator:** A training session has now been arranged on Monday 6th February 7pm-9pm in The Village Hall. This will be refresher course for some, but it is hoped that more residents will take advantage of this opportunity, so that a significant number of people are able to help in an emergency. * **Golf Club Development:** The original plan was for golf to cease on December 31st, but there is some play taking place. No planning application has been submitted to date. | **LM**  **LM** |
| **06/23** | **Public Forum:** **David Smith** reported that the budget for WNC is out for consultation as is that for the Police/Fire. The latter includes a proposal for a £5 levy on Band D households to increase the money available for these services  He also reported that the proposal for a 4th hotel for refugees to be located at Creaton has been turned down. There is no funding for the support of those housed in such accommodation and it is difficult for small communities to give the help required, however much they might wish to do so.  He reminded the Council that information about current matters is published on the Parish Bulletin. LM will ensure this is forwarded to councillors.  **Andrew Bayliss**, resident, expressed his concern about the noise created by a motor-cyclist using the footpath and field opposite his property. He was advised by PS that if the owner of the land had no objection to this use then there was no legal issue. PS therefore suggested that Andrew approach the owner of the land, Ian Brodie, to discuss the problem. |  |
| **07/23** | **Finance report:**  LM presented the budget report for the year to date. The balance on the ledger at 16th January 2023 is £6763.40: current account £2459.26, deposit account £4304.14.  Expenditure between now and the end of the financial year is estimated at £720, leaving a healthy balance of £6063. The application for the precept for 2023/2024 has to be submitted by January 17th and it was proposed by SS and seconded by PM that this should be the same as the current year, £4500; all agreed. |  |
| **08/23** | **Police Liaison:** The police appear to be clearing the backlog of requests for firearms certificates.  No other information was available |  |
| **09/23** | **Coronation:** PS outlined a suggestion for a commemorative bench to be placed towards the end of the village on Maidford Road on the bend on the left, where there is a particularly splendid view over the fields towards the church. He is investigating the costs of both the bench and its secure installation and hopes some funding will be forthcoming with a contribution from the Parish Council. The Highways department will need details of the type of bench and its exact location. All were in favour of this proposal.  Other celebrations may be organised in the village. |  |
| **09/23** | **Cemetery/ Graveyard Matters:**  PS commented that the hedge in the cemetery needs another year of growth before it is ready to be layered. |  |
| **10/23** | **Litter Pick:** The date for this was agreed, Sunday !2th March |  |
| **11/23** | **Correspondence:** PS asked for letters to be sent to  Chris Tate, for his continuing work in keeping the cemetery tidy  Melissa Summers, for ensuring that the dog bin is regularly emptied.  LM agreed to write on behalf of the Council |  |
| **12/23** | **AOB:** Concern was expressed about the state of the roads in and around the village. Despite some positive comments from WNC about the new contractors there has been no improvement in our area. LM will follow this up. |  |
| **13/23** | **Dates of future meetings**  6th March  15th May  18th September  20th November  Meeting closed 8.55pm |  |

Signed as a true record:

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