

# Farthingstone Parish Council

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## Minutes of FPC Meeting Monday 19 May 2025

Village Hall 8.00pm

Min No		Action
21/25	<b>Attendance:</b> Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Sarah Skinner, Stewart Summers, John Acres Debbie Mason (Clerk) Members of the public: Christine Barrand, Allan & Judy Bell, Linda Mayne, Wayne Locker, Louisa McLeod, Susan Castle, Jenny Clark, Sue Stanton Apologies:None	
22/25	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None	
23/25	<b>Elections/Appointments:</b> <b>Councillors:</b> Elected as above. All requested to complete 'Declarations of Acceptance of Office' and return to Clerk. <b>Chair:</b> Peter Stanton (proposed by JA and seconded by SJS) <b>Vice Chair:</b> John Acres (proposed by PS and seconded by SJS); to include special responsibility for keeping abreast of planning issues. <b>Planning/Cemetery:</b> All Councillors serve on these Committees <b>Finance Officer:</b> Clerk <b>Police Liaison:</b> Stewart Summers (SS) <b>Social Media:</b> Sarah Skinner (SJS) <b>Footpath Warden:</b> Steve Sayers	All
24/25	<b>Minutes of meeting 17 March 2025:</b> Agreed as a correct record and signed by PS	
25/25	<b>Matters arising not listed elsewhere</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DHL Development:</b> PS reported that a very good campaign by objectors had unfortunately been unsuccessful at the Inquiry with the developers' Appeal being upheld.</li> <li><b>Golf Club:</b> PS reported on a recent meeting with the Golf Club which covered expected road closures and following which a progress summary had been delivered by 'Fifty Five Hospitality' to all villagers. A subsequent proposal by West Northants Council to undertake works on the Maidford Road as well would have resulted in major problems in the village but has now been deferred to September following a letter sent by PS. There was confusion regarding arrangements for follow-up on the recent application for a premises licence. Some villagers who had sent in objections had received notification about a 'Zoom' meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>, others had only received an acknowledgement. Subsequent clarification with WNC puts the Zoom meeting at 10.00 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>.  JA volunteered to follow up variations to the permission and monitor the conditions set It was agreed that PS and JA should arrange regular meetings with Sam at 'Fifty Five Hospitality'. Particular areas of concern include noise and the bridlepath.</li> <li><b>Speed Signs:</b> LM pointed out that the 20</li> <li>mph advisory signs are available for putting up once suitable locations have been agreed.</li> </ul>	JA PS/JA
26/25	<b>Public Forum:</b> Debbie Mason said she was not intending to charge for her time as Parish Clerk and would instead like to make an annual 'Clerk's Donation' for the equivalent amount to be shared equally between the Joy Mead, Village Hall and Church. DM asked the Council to note that we have been informed that we will need to change the FPC Email address to 'an authority owned domain' (for example: .gov.uk). Further investigation will be needed and reported back. JA reported that he had queried the number of supposed spoiled election papers in Farthingstone (92) and the number had been revised to '0'.	DM
27/25	<b>Finance:</b> LM presented the budget report for the year to date (April to 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025). The balance on the ledger is £7340.69; current account £3506.71, deposit account £4557.78, the difference of £723.80, being uncashed cheques to E-ON, Joy Mead and NACRE.	

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	LM reported that E-ON have repaired 2 street lamps (by the Baptist Chapel and at the far end of Litchborough Road) but not one she originally requested outside 'Nutshell'. PS reported an additional repair needed on the Maidford Road. Needs further clarification about costs and payments.	<b>LM</b>
<b>28/25</b>	<b>Police Liaison:</b> PS reported that he had asked about the cost of installing village ANPR but had been informed by the police that ANPR is not available in villages.	
<b>29/25</b>	<b>Cemetery Matters:</b> PS reported that the re-seeding of two areas had not worked due to the dry weather but he would try again.	<b>PS</b>
<b>30/25</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> A letter has been received from Kerry Palmer at WNC concerning postponing closure of the Maidford Road to September. A letter of thanks has been received from the Village Hall for the £500 donation.	
<b>31/25</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b> SS said that the volunteer emptying the dog poo bin was finding the contents excessively heavy now and felt that dog owners were using the bin to dispose of poo from their gardens rather than use their own bins. It was agreed that further discussion is needed.</p> <p>SS reported that the hedge outside 4 Main Street restricts traffic visibility down Main Street because the road is curved. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the owners asking if they could trim the hedge.</p> <p>The desirability of trimming grass next to the bench up the Maidford Road was discussed and Susan Castle kindly volunteered to take on the task.</p> <p>The importance of re-introducing a regular Email village newsletter was agreed. Further work is needed on the practicalities of taking over the previous list of recipients and sorting out a format.</p>	<p><b>PS/SS</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p> <p><b>PS/DM</b></p>
	<b>Date of next meeting: Monday 21 July 2025.</b>	

Signed as a true record:

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Date: .....