

Farthingstone Parish Council

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AGM Minutes Monday 19 May 2025

Village Hall 8pm

Min No		Action
12/25	<p>Attendance: Peter Stanton, Richard Russell, Sarah Skinner, Stewart Summers, John Acres Linda Mayne (clerk) Members of the public: Christine Barrant, Allan & Judy Bell, Debbie Mason, Wayne Locker, Louisa McLeod, Susan Castle, Jenny Clark, Sue Stanton</p> <p>Apologies:None</p> <p>Peter Stanton paid respects on behalf of the Council to the memory of Peter Mayne for his valuable service to the community.</p> <p>Clerk to the Council: Resignation of Linda Mayne and appointment of Debbie Mason</p>	
13/25	Declaration of Interests: None	
14/25	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024: Agreed by all and signed by PS.	
15/25	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheppard Trust: Following on from the Minutes of last year’s AGM, PS reported that the Trust has now been wound up and the funds passed to the Church. • Knightley Trust: It was proposed at last year’s AGM that this Trust should also be wound up but no agreement has yet been reached amongst the Trustees. 	
16/25	<p>Chair’s Report: PS summarised the 2024/25 year as having been mainly dominated by the re-development of the old golf course by ‘Fifty Five Hospitality’ which has turned into a bigger project than many realised with major disruption to local roads and temporary closure of the bridlepath. PS noted the lack of support for the annual litter pick but expressed his thanks to Steve Sayers for keeping the verges tidy. Generally PS felt that more support was needed in the village for fund-raising activities and the Council had agreed to make a payment from the precept to help with maintenance of the Joy Mead, the Village Hall and the Church.</p> <p>PS thanked Linda Mayne for her excellent support over many years as Parish Clerk – and welcomed Debbie Mason who has agreed to take over the role.</p> <p>PS thanked Alison Nelson, who is retiring from the Council, for her help in particular as police liaison representative and welcomed back Richard and Stewart as well as new Councillors John and Sarah.</p>	
17/25	<p>Finance: LM presented the annual accounts for 2024/25 which have been audited by John Mole. Council approved the accounts and PS, as Chair, and LM, as outgoing Finance Officer, signed the documents required by AGAR. The Certificate of Exemption for small authorities will now be submitted.</p> <p>The accounts will be available for public view in due course. The date will be published on the Parish noticeboard. PS thanked LM for preparing the annual accounts and asked her to write to John Mole to thank him for his continued support as auditor.</p>	LM/DM
18/25	<p>Annual reports:</p> <p>Village Hall: JA gave an update of the many one-off events put on in the Village Hall over the last year. These are all essential to keeping the Hall financially viable in the absence of many regular users. He said the future now looks much more optimistic. He also reported on the recent upgrades to the fabric of the Hall, including a major re-vamp of the kitchen and re-sanding of the hall floor. JA concluded by saying how important it is for village charities to work together and also how much we need new (and especially younger) people to help run things.</p> <p>Joy Mead: SS summarised the 2024 activities in the Joy Mead and said there were not so many bookings this year. The big event is the Abba Tribute band and the Committee are also planning to run ‘Christmas in the Cloisters’ again. The greatest challenge remains the repair of the Cloister roof and Louisa McLeod has taken on the task of applying for grants. SS also noted that the Tidy-ups had been successful with a good turnout.</p>	

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	Church: RR reported that the PCC AGM had been held on May 6 th . The members were re-elected and were joined by David Cosby as a new member. The Church currently has funds of £21,000. The accounts have previously been prepared by Roy Batchelor and John Church – the latter is standing down and Adam Trail is kindly taking on the task. RR thanked the FPC for the donation of £500.	
19/25	Public Forum: No further business was added.	
20/25	Date of next AGM: Monday 18 May 2026	

Signed as a true record:

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