

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE
HALL

Councillors present: Prof. David Mellor - Chair
Mr Ian Hunt
Mr Neil Downing
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

Mr Bob Osbourne wanted to advise the Parish Council that the village sign was in his garden but could it be found another home?

1. Apologies from councillors: Mr. John Grant and Mr David Dashwood

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 13th July had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 The Annual Playground Inspection report will be an agenda item for October.

3.2 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE – BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION 2011 JUDGES FEEDBACK:
VILLAGE NAME: FARTHINGHOE Total Marks Awarded: 69 %

| | Feedback & Possible Actions |
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| Village Life | All activities are fully integrated into village life. There is a well-used village hall, which is large enough for many functions including films. |
| Community Facilities | A very active pub in the centre of the village provides a focal point for village activities. The village is fully aware of its future needs, such as for a planned new village notice board, which will be installed as soon as possible. |
| Business | A good number of businesses provide employment for villagers, and Limes Farm plays a major role in all village activities. |
| Young People | There are limited facilities available but these are used to their maximum. |
| Older People | There is much involvement by older people where possible in village activities, and they are supported by Farthinghoe Friends who meet monthly. |
| Environment | An outstanding environment, despite the village being divided by a trunk road. |
| IT | A good website run by the Parish Council, with the excellent Farthinghoe Chronicle section providing a great deal of information and news. |
| Your Village | The many activities of the village life says it all. The Limes Farm complex of shop, café and outdoor activities is a very good concept. |

Having considered the benefits against the time taken to show Farthinghoe and prepare a presentation for the judges, it was agreed that the village would not enter next year.

3.3 Contractors for South Northants Homes had been asked to remove the spoil left over from work in Charlton Way and Bowling Green.

The hedge had been cut to allow a tractor to dump manure for the Allotments.

4. Finance:

4.1 HMRC. VAT reclaimed from 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011. £518.08 received.

Community Consultation Ltd. Insurance claim: £100 excess deducted. £1,045.53 received.

4.2 Barclays bank statements as at as at 31st August 2011

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| Business Saver | £2,768.56 |
| Community Account | <u>£1,104.85</u> |
| | £3,873.41 |

4.3 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

| Cheque | Payee | Amount | Power |
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| 100489 | E-On (Repair to accident damaged street light) | £1,374.64 | Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 |
| 100490 | Wetdog Creative (Sign graphics) | £480.00 | Section 137 |
| 100491 | Texprep | £64.90 | Local Government Act 1972 s 142 |
| 100492 | Jon Hampson – grass cutting | £400.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9 and 10 |

4.4 External Audit. Needed to explain variance in Box 6 of Annual Return more fully and asset register needed to be updated. The Annual Return had been amended to include restatement of assets. This had been done based on a figure agreed with the external auditor and not on current insurance value.

5. Correspondence since 13th July

→ Forwarded * Printed

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper June

CPRE Northamptonshire “Outlook” Summer 2011

Northamptonshire Food Show at Holdenby House

→ e-mail **NCALC** e-Update July/August 2011

Barclays Bank Community Account Customers – changes to service

→ e-mail The Pilot Project

E-On Inspection and test certificate for column 7 on Main Road

East Midlands Councils. Introductory offer on Associate Membership

NCALC Update July/August 2011

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper July 2011

SNH News

CPRE “Fieldwork” Summer 2011

Royal Horticultural Society. Britain in Bloom campaign

e-mail **Government Gateway** Parish Council registered for PAYE

CPRE “Countryside Voice”

e-mail **Central Networks** - unmetered supply inventory is due to expire

→ e-mail **NCALC** Survey of councillors

→ e-mail **NACRE** “Village Viewpoint”

*e-mail Northamptonshire ACRE Town and Village Services survey 2011 – *open from 1st September to 31st October. Passed to Cllr Downing*

snvb news Sept/Oct 2011

Northamptonshire Police “Have Your Say” by *Wednesday 30th November. Passed to Cllr Mellor*

Stagecoach – bus timetables

SNC i) Training opportunity relating to the Council Tax setting process

ii) Year Book 2011 – 2012

iii) e-mail Alteration to electoral register

NCC i) The hedge opposite Seven Sisters Close was over hanging the path and NCC wanted to contact the owner but it was agreed that Cllr Mellor would cut back rather than contact the land owner.

Brochures: Country Gardens and Ground Care – maintenance, **Glyn Mould** - woodcarver

6. Traffic Issues

The request for a bypass is on the table and the recent fatal accident on the A422, between Farthinghoe and Brackley added weight to that argument. Cllr Grant had been contacted by a local newspaper who wanted to run a follow up article.

7. Grass area at junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road

The Parish Council resolved to take ownership of the land and Cllr Downing would follow up with Land Registry. The fee for registering is £20.

8. Information/notice board for near school

The graphics for the board have been finalised and it is now in production. Cllr Mellor will be on site when the board is installed.

The school governors had agreed that the cost of the new classroom would use up all their money so have decided to use the money for other projects, therefore the contractors will not be on site and will not affect the erecting of the board.

9. The Localism Bill: a new landscape for planning and development control – Community Right to Build

Consultation is underway but it is believed that it will be simpler for developers in particular to gain permission to build on sites that in the past would not have been given permission. This bill includes consultation on proposals at national level, district level and parish level

The Parish Council would look to encourage and support development in appropriate locations.

11. Planning Matters:

Amendment details had been received for **S/2011/0804/FUL** at **Limes Farm, Main Road** to include revised positioning and layout of proposed kitchenette and toilets. The Council supported the application although any response may be too late to be considered by SNC.

Councillors round the table.....

1. The Church had suggested that they would be happy to organise a fête for the Diamond Jubilee next year. This would be an item for October's agenda.
2. Is planning permission required for a vision mirror?

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th October at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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