

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall



Councillors present

- Mr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
- Mr Barry Willett (BW)
- Mr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)
- Mr John Grant (JG)
- Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)
- Mrs Pippa Clayton (PC)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Apologies: Mr James Harrison (JH)

ITEM		ACTION
02/22/019	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Harrison submitted his apologies which were accepted	
02/22/020	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be transacted and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business.) None were declared	
02/22/021	Public participation session (members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting). No members of the public were present or dialled in.	
02/22/022	West Northants councillors Q&A Cllrs Richard Solesbury-Timms and Rosie Herring introduced themselves as two of our three local councillors. The following points were raised with them: 022/1 Bypass. There is a high degree of dissatisfaction and disillusionment amongst the Parish Council and amongst Parishioners with WNC concerning their decision to suspend the preparatory work on the Farthinghoe Bypass and to seemingly remove it from main council agendas. Cllr Morris gave a detailed input on the timeline of promises made by NCC/WNC in recent years about the bypass. There appears to be no recorded documentation indicating when and by whom the decision to suspend bypass progress had been made. The level of communication from WNC, particularly over the bypass, is totally unsatisfactory. Cllrs Grant and Morris gave examples of letters and emails not being answered or acknowledged. The interim measures provisionally proposed seem totally inadequate and poorly thought out. An alternative interim measure of a weight limit through the village has been proposed by the Parish Council but has yet to be acknowledged by WNC. Site visit meetings are urgently sought with highways.	

	<p>The village needs reassurance that any interim measures are just that, interim and in no way will they be used as a alternative to replace the progress towards a full by-pass.</p> <p>Cllr Grant sought reassurance that the monies provided by NCC and SNC totalling approx. £1.6m for the preparation and planning of the bypass are ringfenced within WNC reserves for that purpose.</p> <p>Both Cllrs have agreed to take all points raised back to WNC and will ascertain answers. Cllr Solesbury-Timms has requested copies of the communication about the bypass in order that he has a full picture of events prior to raising the issue at cabinet level. Cllr Morris will be providing copies.</p> <p>022/2. Planning Applications. Cllr Morris explained the frustrations with the planning portal adopted by WNC and the inability to see comments logged in response to each Planning Application thus hindering the Parish Council in compiling its own responses. Cllr Herring stated that this issue was being resolved and visibility would be restored.</p> <p>Cllr Morris also stated that applications were being sent to the parish council with very limited detail thus making commenting almost impossible in many instances. The time limit for making responses was too short on many occasions.</p> <p>Both Councillors have agreed to take all points raised and discuss them with the planning department.</p> <p>022/3 HS2 traffic migration. Cllr Morris stated that already there is a noticeable increase in heavy vehicles contracted to HS2 sites using the A422 through the village. The Parish Council have a letter of assurance from the HS2 Minister that HS2 traffic will not be using the A422 through Farthinghoe. We still await a meaningful HS2 traffic impact assessment, particularly concerning local traffic migrating onto the A422 as a result of planned HS2 lorry movements on the Welsh Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Herring asked that any such sightings of HS2 Vehicles on the A422 are reported to the HS2 complaints department stating time, date, registration number of vehicle, direction of travel and company name if possible. She will raise this issue directly with HS2 locally as a priority.</p> <p>The two councillors left the meeting at 7.50pm and the Parish Council were appreciative of their visit .</p>	MM
02/22/023	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2022</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>	
02/22/024	<p>Matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>024/1 Cllr Morris has spoken to ACRE regarding water supply within the allotment. They are unable to assist with anyone who could try and find such a source. Enquiries are continuing.</p> <p>024/2. Storage cabinet. It was resolved to purchase a cabinet to allow secure storage of documents from the council.</p>	MM DW

02/22/025	To receive the correspondence since 7/01/2022 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
02/22/026	To consider financial matters from the RFO: 026/1 To receive the financial report for January 2022 It was resolved that the financial report for January 2022 was presented and was duly approved. 026/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: Texprep £80.90 Texprep £80.90 Marcus Young Environmental Services £205.92 026/3. It was resolved to close the Parish Council accounts with Barclays Bank and to transfer all business to the new accounts at Unity Bank.	DW DW
02/22/027	To consider purchase of village maps and other projects for 2022/23 Cllr Willett reported he had tried in vain to purchase the detailed Ordnance Survey map needed. It was resolved to contact WNC Planning for assistance.	DW
02/22/028	To agree the Budget for 2022/2023 The clerk informed the meeting that the precept agreed at £12,500 had been requested from WNC for 2022/2023. The clerk informed the meeting that NCALC had allocated an additional £229.52 towards the extra work involved with the AMP. This will be added to the budget for 2022/2023. V0.5 of the budget will be produced to show this.	DW
02/22/029	To determine responses to recent planning applications 029/1 WNS/2022/0136/FUL Manor Lodge It was resolved to support this application. 029/2 WNS/2022/0153/FUL The Old Bakery It was resolved to support this application. 029/3 WNS/2022/0161/OUT Seven Sisters Land It was resolved to ask for an extension to the response period due to the fact the residents of Severn Sisters Close had not been properly consulted and to seek further information on this application as that issued contained insufficient detail. Application WNS/2021/2139/FUL The Manor, Manor Lane will be discussed at the March meeting.	MM MM MM
02/22/030	To update the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) The clerk and Cllr Clayton had met to begin the project. This was going to be a much larger piece of work than previously anticipated. Work required includes a physical walk round the whole parish to establish exact locations of such things as streetlights. Several additional items will need to be included other than those currently shown as parish council assets. It was resolved that the clerk needs to keep a record of additional hours spent on this project.	DW/PC
02/22/031	To discuss traffic matters for the village. 031/1 Slippery Footpaths. Cllr Morris informed the meeting that he still hadn't received a response to this issue which has been dragging on for 15 months. He	MM

	has now raised a complaint with Cllr Breese over the inaction of WNC.	
02/22/032	Bypass update. The update was covered sufficiently and is recorded in 02/22/22. Cllr Grant has had opportunity to speak with a Cllr at Isham PC in the north of the county who are also fighting for a Bypass. It was resolved that a copy of the letter sent to WNC asking for their urgent consideration of a weight restriction on the A422 as an interim measure until the bypass is complete should be published in the next edition of the chronicle.	JG
02/22/033	Childrens' Playpark Western Power had accessed the playpark to repair a telegraph pole. No damage had been caused to the park by the machinery. A recent incident was noted whereby the Police had been called to deal with a group of youths who were in the park following an incident at a nearby residence. The age limits for respective pieces of equipment will be discussed at the next meeting.	DW
02/22/034	Defibrillator The spare pads needed are still being sourced. A receipt for the donation given following the recent training will be obtained.	PC
02/22/035	Jubilee 2022 Cllr Clayton reported an initial meeting had been held for residents to come forward with ideas and help to run the village jubilee celebrations. The residents of Baker Street have been written to asking for their comments on a possible street closure for a party there. Other ideas include a quiz prior to the beacon lighting. The new committee are looking at ways of raising funds to support activities. It was resolved the parish council will ring fence the £1000 set aside in the 2022/2023 budget and use it to pay all invoices from the jubilee committee. It was resolved that the jubilee committee will take responsibility for the purchased and planting of the jubilee tree.	PC
	Round the table It was resolved that the parish meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at the village hall.	

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 7.00pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report January 2022	
Bank Statements on 31 January 2022	£15,654.00
Business Saver Account	£5,115.89
Community Account	£6,450.68
Unity Bank	£4,087.43
Un-presented cheques to end of January 2022	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 January 2022	£15,654.00
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 January 2022	£1,697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 January 2022	£436.48
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 January 2022	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 January 2022	£12,020.05
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in February 2022	
Marcus Young Enviromental Services	£205.92
Texprep (Issue 804)	£80.90
Texprep (Issue 803)	£80.90
Direct Debits paid 9 February 2022	£82.02
Parish Council Fund Position on 9 February 2022	£11,570.31
Financial Transactions for January 2022	
Direct Debits presented in January 2022 (yu energy)	£82.82
Receipts during January 2022	£0.00
Monies out in January 2022	£912.57
Cheques/payments drawn since 12 January 2022	£0.00
Playpark Fund Bills in January 2022	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in January 2022	£0.00
Vat to be claimed cumulative February 2022 onwards	£153.29

Correspondence List 7 January – 4 February 2022

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 7 January 2022 to 4 February 2022	Action
07-Jan	OPFCC	Precept Survey	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Jan			
14-Jan			
26-Jan	NCALC	Weekly update	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Jan	Email	parishioner comments queens street parking	MM circ to Cllrs
07-Jan			
26-Jan			
1-Feb	Kier	Weekly Works	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Jan	OPFCC	January newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	Jon Hampson	Response re: grass cutting	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	OPFCC	Meeting 1 February	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	WNC	HS2 update	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	ACRE	January newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	ERTA	Public Meeting details	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jan	WNC	Closure of the recycling centre	DW circ to Cllrs
14-Jan	WNC	update on planning comments not being visible	DW circ to Cllrs
14-Jan			
18-Jan			
26-Jan	Rural Services Bulletin	Weekly update	DW circ to Cllrs
14-Jan	Email	Response to planning application WNS/2021/2139/FUL	MM circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	WNC	Details of HS2 liaison meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	Western Power	Replacement of telegraph pole.	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	ACRE	Village Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	WNC	Healthy Communities weight loss funding groups	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	CPRE	50/50 draw	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jan	Email	Jubilee commemorative products	DW circ to Cllrs
19-Jan	WNC	HS2 liaison minutes	DW circ to Cllrs
19-Jan	NCALC	New payroll system	DW circ to Cllrs
19-Jan	Email	Changes to the highway code	DW circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	Email	charges for garden waste collection	MM circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	Email	WNC Budget	MM circ to Cllrs
24-Jan	Email	HS2 community scrutiny role Chronicle piece	MM circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	WNC	Brackley LCWIP	DW circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	WNC	Tree strategy meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	OPFCC	Increases in tax precept	DW circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	WNC	Avian Flu warning	DW circ to Cllrs
26-Jan	Tarmac	A43 road closures	DW circ to Cllrs
27-Jan	Email	MM re: enforcement of slippery footpaths	MM circ to Cllrs
27-Jan	WNC	Planning Application WNS/2022/0136/FUL	MM circ to Cllrs
01-Feb	NCALC	Police survey	DW circ to Cllrs
27-Jan	Email	MM to WNC re: Bypass monies	MM circ to Cllrs
01-Feb	WNC	Bus survey	DW circ to Cllrs
01-Feb	WNC	Planning Application WNS/2022/0153/FUL	MM circ to Cllrs
01-Feb	WNC	Planning application WNS/2022/0161/OUT	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Feb	Police	Burglary information	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Feb	Email	MM to Cllr Breese re: planning portal	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Feb	Rural Services Bulletin	Enquiry into rural areas healthcare provision	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Feb	NCALC	Microsoft 365 Course	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Feb	Rural Services Bulletin	Monthly funding digest	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Feb	RBL	Jubilee Plaques	DW circ to Cllrs