

**FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall



Councillors present                      Cllr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)  
    Cllr Barry Willett (BW)  
    Cllr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)  
    Cllr John Grant (JG)  
    Cllr Wendy Hancock (WH)  
    Cllr James Harrison (JH)  
    Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)  
    Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Apologies: Cllr Rosie Herring and Cllr Tony Bagot-Webb both WNC

ITEM		ACTION
02/24/402	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were received from the 2 Councillors as above	
02/24/402	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> (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 declared	
02/24/404	<b>Public participation session</b> (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 parishioners were present	
02/24/405	<b>WNC Councillors Q&amp;A</b> No WNC Councillors were present and no reports had been submitted. The clerk confirmed that all have been sent details of our meetings up to May 2024.	
02/24/406	<b>Bypass update</b> No response has been received from our submission to WNC following their Strategic Business Case. No response has been received from GB News following the letter sent to Nigel Farage. It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllrs Morris and Grant will meet with Dame Andrea Leadsom MP to discuss the Bypass and next steps. It was <b>resolved</b> the clerk will email both Anna Earnshaw CEO WNC and Nick Henstock WNC to chase a response from our email.	MM/JG  DW
02/24/407	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	

02/24/408	<p><b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> the clerk would email again the parishioner who is thought to have a vested interest in the village sign.</p>	
02/24/409	<p><b>To review any correspondence received since 5 January 2024 requiring action.</b></p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>	
02/24/410	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>410/1 To receive the financial report for January 2024 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for January 2024 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>410/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills: Marcus Young Environmental Services £218.40 Texprep (January) £52.60 WNC have asked if the council would consider taking over the grass cutting WNC currently do in the village in exchange for money paid back towards the additional cost. It was <b>resolved</b> the clerk will clarify from WNC what cuts they currently do and the longevity of the money towards taking on new work.</p>	DW  DW
02/24/411	<p><b>Communication with Parishioners and Website</b></p> <p>It was resolve the council will engage with Parish On-Line over a new website. Cllr Hancock has met with Cllr Grant and the Clerk and there is a clear idea as to what needs to go forward.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Hancock will contact our preferred supplier and clarify a number of points raised. It was further resolved that a small subgroup of Cllrs Hancock, Nobes and Harrison will take this project forward reporting to the meeting monthly. The initial intention is that everything on the current website will move across and then be edited on the new site before going live.</p>	WH  WH/SN/JH
02/24/412	<p><b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b></p> <p>There were no applications to review.</p>	
02/24/413	<p><b>To discuss highways matters.</b></p> <p>413/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. This is an on-going matter, WNC are aware via fix-my-street. The lack of action will be discussed with Cllr Bagot-Webb at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>413/2 the application for a 20 mph limit through the village will be paused until the outcome of the WNC report into introducing a weight limit in the village is revealed.</p>	
02/24/414	<p><b>Childrens' Playpark</b></p> <p>414/1 We have monies for the playpark held in our behalf by the Village Hall following the village show. The figure at 30 November 2023 was £522.35. It was <b>resolved</b> to ask the monies to be transferred across and Cllr Grant will order bark at a cost of £840 incl. It is</p>	DW/JG

	<p>intended to use it in the playpark around April time weather permitting.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Grant apply to the Tesco blue token scheme as a fundraiser for the park.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> we would book an 'escorted visit' for the next H&amp;S inspection due November 2024. The additional cost was agreed.</p>	<p>JG DW</p>
<b>02/24/415</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b></p> <p>All ok at present</p>	
<b>02/24/416</b>	<p><b>Preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting 17 April 2024</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the draft agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk will contact all stakeholders including our MP and ask for a report. Details of the meeting will be circulated in the Chronicle and on the village database.</p>	
	<p><b>Round the table</b></p> <p>Farthinghoe are hosting the Little Brooke Ward meeting on 27 March 2023.</p> <p>The clerk presented a draft of future meeting dates for 2024/2025. It was <b>resolved</b> to approve these.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 7.00pm.

## 2402 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 January 2024</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 31 January 2024</b>	<b>£18,015.08</b>
Current Account	£7,845.38
Savings Account	£10,169.70
Un-presented payments from Janaury meeting 2024	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 January 2024</b>	<b>£18,015.08</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 January 2024	£697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 January 2024	£154.54
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 January 2024</b>	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,250.00
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 31 January 2024</b>	<b>£9,413.07</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in February 2024	
Marcus Young Enviromental Services	£218.40
TexPrep (January)	£52.60
Direct Debits due in February 2024 (yu energy)	£138.28
<b>Total Payments for February 2024</b>	<b>£409.28</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 14 February 2024</b>	<b>£9,003.79</b>
<b>Financial Transactions in January 2024</b>	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in January 2024	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in January 2024 (yu energy)	£132.31
Receipts during January 2024	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in January 2024 (Excl DD)	£1,458.06
Playpark Fund Bills in January 2024	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in January 2024	£0.00
<b>VAT to be claimed 2023/2024</b>	<b>£298.50</b>

## 2402 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 5 January 2024-9 February 2024	Circulated by
10-Jan	NCALC	Training newsletter	DW
10-Jan	Email MM	DALMP response	MM
<b>10-Jan</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Fix my street A422 manhole</b>	<b>MM</b>
10-Jan	Brackley hospital	donations update	DW
11-Jan	NCALC	Police liaison newsletter	DW
12-Jan	WNC	Response to the BCR for a bypass	DW
12-Jan			
22-Jan			
28-Jan			
9-Feb	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
22-Jan	WNC	Additional Docs asked for re:: Bypass letter	DW
22-Jan	Email DW	Letter to Nick Henstock	DW
22-Jan	WNC	HS2 liaison meeting	DW
23-Jan	DALMP	Response to WNC letter	MM
<b>28-Jan</b>	<b>WNC</b>	<b>town and parish briefing</b>	<b>DW</b>
29-Jan	Email MM	WNC Governance	MM
30-Jan	Email MM	Little Brook Ward meeting date	MM
03-Feb	NCALC	E-bulletin	DW
03-Feb	ACRE	Friendship/warm packs	DW
03-Feb	WNC	Tree strategy	DW
03-Feb	WNC	LAP officer	DW
03-Feb	Email MM	Chase up to repairs	MM
03-Feb	Email MM	Chase up to Cllr Larratt Street Lights	MM
06-Feb	Email MM	WNC Constitution with RB	MM
<b>07-Feb</b>	<b>NCALC</b>	<b>Police Liaison Newsletter</b>	<b>DW</b>
07-Feb	NCALC	Planning workshop	DW
07-Feb	Email MM	A422 Drainage	MM
09-Feb	HS2	Amendment to current planning Lower Boddington	DW
09-Feb	NCALC	Training Courses	DW
		<b>Items in bold circulated on the village database as well.</b>	