

**FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 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)  
    Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH)  
    Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Apologies: Mr James Harrison (JH)

ITEM		ACTION
01/24/382	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Harrison tendered his apologies	
01/24/383	<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	
01/24/384	<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). 1 parishioner was present (SN)	
01/24/385	<b>Co-option of Councillor Process</b> Sophie Nobes gave a short presentation and after consideration it was unanimously <b>resolved</b> that Sophie be co-opted onto Farthinghoe Parish Council. She signed her declaration of office in the presence of the clerk.	
01/24/386	<b>WNC Councillors Q&amp;A</b> No councillors were present and no apologies or report had been sent.	
01/24/387	<b>Village Sign</b> The millennium sign is in disrepair. The sign is not owned by the Parish Council. It was <b>resolved</b> to contact Dianne Jones who is an interested party in the sign, and ask her what she feels should be done with it.	DW
01/24/388	<b>Budget 2024/2025</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to approve budget draft version 0.3 and ask WNC for a precept of £13,573.00 for 2024-2025.	DW
01/24/389	<b>Bypass update</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that there would be a separate meeting of the council to discuss further courses of action regarding the by-pass. It was noted that WNC had still not acknowledged or responded to our responses to the Strategic Outline Case which we had sent to them on 28	

	September 2023.	
<b>01/24/390</b>	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2023</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.	
<b>01/24/391</b>	<b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that the Tommy silhouette would remain up and that for Remembrance 2024 we would look to purchase some lamppost poppy memorials.	
<b>01/24/392</b>	<b>To review any correspondence received since 28 October 2023 requiring action.</b> There was nothing to review	
<b>01/24/393</b>	<b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b> 393/1 To receive the financial report for December 2023 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for December 2023 was presented and was duly approved. 393/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills: Clerk (Salary and Exes Q3 plus backpay) £905.48 HMRC £207.40 Clerk (reimbursement for Wix and Namesco) £130.79 NCALC £39.60 Texprep (December) £80.90 In addition payment was agreed to Cllr Hancock (reimbursement church tree display) £93.89  It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the quote from Jon Hampson for grass cutting for 2024-2025.  It was <b>resolved</b> that from the start of the financial year 2024-2025 the payroll would be monthly.	DW
<b>01/24/394</b>	<b>Communication with Parishioners and Website</b> Cllr Hancock has researched website providers. It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Grant will assist Cllr Hancock and the clerk in drawing up what is required and desired for a new website.	WH/JG/DW
<b>01/24/395</b>	<b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b> The response by Cllr Morris to the recent re-application for building work at J11 M40 was noted. 395/1 Cllr Morris informed the meeting that he had been prevented from making a presentation on behalf of FPC by the WNC Constitution at a recent planning hearing as Farthinghoe did not have common borders with the Parish in question. Had that application been granted there was a likelihood of significant impact on the village due to an increase in HGV traffic some with hazardous cargo. It was felt this technicality was unfair.	MM

	It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Morris challenge this ruling for the future as many logistics warehousing Planning Applications will replicate these circumstances and these have a fundamentally adverse effect on our traffic problems. It seems to be a very unreasonable ruling when a Parish cannot defend itself. The MP and WNC Ward Councillors will be copied in.	
<b>01/24/396</b>	<b>Solar Farm Update</b> This has been approved by the Planning Inspectorate. Item Discharged.	
<b>01/24/397</b>	<b>To discuss highways matters.</b> 397/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. WNC are aware and due to the manner in which the drains were incorrectly installed it will require a full project plan to resolve the issue. 397/2 20 mph limit in the village. This will be discussed with bypass interim measures on Monday.	
<b>01/24/398</b>	<b>To consider making proposals to WNC under the Community Governance Review.</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that councillors would make individual responses.	ALL
<b>01/24/399</b>	<b>Childrens' Playpark</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the quote for the annual H&S inspection for 2024. Cllr Grant has asked that he be told when the inspection will be as he would like to discuss the longevity of the equipment with the inspector. Cllr Grant will obtain a price for new play bark to top up existing levels. The village show has money to put towards it.	DW  JG
<b>01/24/400</b>	<b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b> Checks are being completed and recorded.	
<b>01/24/401</b>	<b>Asset of Community Value Project</b> WNC have given their final decisions. The playpark, the village hall, the allotments and the Fox PH have been accepted as Assets of Community Value and will be registered with WNC as such for 5 years. WNC have not yet responded to our question about why the application to list the school wasn't accepted.	
	<b>Round the table</b> The Stop 3000 trucks campaign is asking for financial support. The PC felt at this time we couldn't offer any but would continue to monitor the situation. The clerk informed the meeting that the website needed some pages updating but needed to speak to the helpdesk to resolve this.	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 7.00pm.

## 2312 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 December 2023</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 31 December 2023</b>	<b>£19,605.45</b>
Current Account	£9,435.75
Savings Account	£10,169.70
Un-presented payments from November meeting 2023	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 December 2023</b>	<b>£19,605.45</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 December 2023	£697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 December 2023	£154.54
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 December 2023</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 December 2023</b>	<b>£11,003.44</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in January 2024	
Clerk (salary and exes Q3 plus back pay)	£905.48
HMRC	£207.40
Clerk (reimbursement for namesco & Wix)	£130.79
NCALC	£39.60
TexPrep (December)	£80.90
Direct Debits due in January 2024 (yu energy)	£132.31
<b>Total Payments for January 2024</b>	<b>£1,496.48</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 10 January 2024</b>	<b>£9,506.96</b>
<b>Financial Transactions in December 2023</b>	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in November 2023 (texprep/clerk/DRF cleaning/playpark inspections)	£420.69
Direct Debits presented in December 2023 (yu energy)	£283.90
Receipts during December 2023 (bank interest)	£70.01
Cheques/Internet payments out in December 2023 (as above plus bank charges)	£438.69
Playpark Fund Bills in December 2023	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in December 2023	£0.00
<b>VAT to be claimed 2023/2024</b>	<b>£256.11</b>

## 2401 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 28 October 2023 to 5 January 2024	Circulated by
<b>02-Nov</b>	<b>Email DW</b>	<b>TESCO token scheme for Farthinghoe School</b>	<b>DW</b>
02-Nov	Email DW	Insurance clarification	DW
02-Nov	EEH	Newsletter	MM
02-Nov	DALMP	Letter	JG
02-Nov	WNC	Update re: rubbish bin	MM
02-Nov	Email MM	Email re: street lighting	MM
<b>03-Nov</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Drop in centre</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>28-Nov</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Radio Northampton broadcast</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>29-Nov</b>	<b>WNC</b>	<b>Christmas Refuse Collection</b>	<b>DW</b>
29-Nov	NCALC	Course details	DW
<b>04-Dec</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Beat Bus times</b>	<b>DW</b>
04-Dec	<b>ACRE</b>	<b>November Newsletter</b>	<b>DW</b>
30-Nov	Email MM	To Tony Baggott-Smith re: WNC lack of responses to street lights	MM
04-Dec	NCALC	Bi-monthly update	DW
<b>04-Dec</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Residents letter to DALMP</b>	<b>DW</b>
01-Dec	Email MM	to DALMP re: correspondence with WNC	MM
02-Dec	Email MM	Planning meeting re: Evenly Anaerobic Digester	MM
04-Dec	Clearway Solutions	Data Collection Tower	MM
05-Dec	Play Inspection Company	Annual Playpark Report	DW
<b>05-Dec</b>			
<b>23-Dec</b>	<b>WNC</b>	<b>Town and Parish Council Briefing</b>	<b>DW</b>
05-Dec	NCALC	Governance Review Registration	DW
05-Dec	Banbury 2050	Details of launch and survey	DW
05-Dec	WNC	HS2 liaison Meeting	DW
05-Dec	WNC	Planning decision Greatworth Solar Farm	DW
05-Dec	NCALC	Police Liaison Bulletin	DW
06-Dec	WNC	ACV approvals x 2	DW
06-Dec	Email DW	Financial Report and payments approvals for Dec 2023	DW
12-Dec	email DW	email sent to co-option candidates	DW
12-Dec			
17-Dec	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
12-Dec	WNC	HS2 liaison Meeting	DW
12-Dec	OPFCC	Consultation	DW
<b>17-Dec</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Planning Application M40 J11</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>17-Dec</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Anaerobic Digester Evenly</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>17-Dec</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>Unanswered correspondence to WNC</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>17-Dec</b>	<b>OPFCC</b>	<b>December Newsletter</b>	<b>DW</b>
17-Dec	NCALC	Governance Review Slides	DW
18-Dec			
26-Dec	WNC	Weekly planning updates	MM
19-Dec	WNC	street Doctor	MM
23-Dec	ACRE	December newsletter	DW
23-Dec	Stagecoach	Timetables and Fares	DW
23-Dec	Police	Beatbus times	DW
23-Dec	Play Inspection Company	Renewal Quote	DW
23-Dec	WNC	Sect 106 briefing	DW
25-Dec	WNC	Response to Sec 106 briefing	MM
02-Jan	Email MM	20mph limit	MM
03-Jan	Email MM	Pinch point road defects	MM
04-Jan	WNC	Holocaust Memorial Service	DW
04-Jan	WNC	Street Doctor Manhole cover A422	MM
05-Jan	Email MM	Pinch point road defects	MM
05-Jan	DALMP	Correspondence from the office re: Bypass update	MM
<b>05-Jan</b>	<b>WNC</b>	<b>Supporting Independence Programme newsletter</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>05-Jan</b>	<b>Email MM</b>	<b>J11 development</b>	<b>DW</b>
		<b>Items in bold sent to residents as well as councillors</b>	

