

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

Councillors present

Mr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
 Mr James Harrison (JH)
 Mr Barry Willett (BW)
 Mr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)
 Mr John Grant (JG)
 Mrs Pippa Clayton (PC)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies: Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)

ITEM		ACTION												
10/21/934	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Bankes-Jones tendered his apologies which were accepted.													
10/21/935	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													
10/21/936	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.													
10/21/937	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.													
10/21/938	Matters arising not covered in the main agenda. There were no matters arising													
10/21/939	To receive the correspondence since 2021 requiring action. There was nothing to review													
10/21/940	To consider financial matters from the RFO: 940/1 To receive the financial report for September 2021 It was resolved that the financial report for September 2021 was presented and was duly approved. 940/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>TexPrep</td> <td>£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC</td> <td>£38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary & Expenses Q2</td> <td>£683.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£152.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk (antivirus)</td> <td>£59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground Inspections</td> <td>£114.00</td> </tr> </table> 940/3. The clerk reported the recent issues with our current banking provider which had resulted in a number of issues that needed to have been resolved including failure to keep mandates up to date	TexPrep	£66.30	NCALC	£38.00	Clerk Salary & Expenses Q2	£683.89	HMRC	£152.20	Clerk (antivirus)	£59.99	Playground Inspections	£114.00	
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	and the inability to provide any meaningful on-line banking service. It was resolved that the Council should look to transfer to a new provider Unity Trust Bank which are used by many councils across the country. It was further resolved that a sum of money should be transferred into the account once opened to allow a fully functioning account to be up and running prior to arranging a full transfer from the existing banking provider.	DW
10/21/941	To Consider the Budget for 2022/2023. The clerk had prepared a draft budget for the meeting. It was decided at the meeting to increase the cost budget for electricity for street lighting due to on-going rising energy costs. It was resolved the clerk would produce an amended budget for consideration at the next meeting. It was resolved to approach the trustees of the allotments to see if there are any projects they are considering allowing the council to consider adding those into the overall budget or to seek funding.	DW DW/HBJ
10/21/942	To determine responses to recent planning applications There were no recent applications to consider.	
10/21/943	Copse Farm Solar Farm Cllr Morris stated that the application for a smaller solar farm at Greatworth is to be considered by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) planning committee next week. The Larger Copse Farm proposal will not be considered before December 2021. It was noted the smaller solar farm has received a less objections from Greatworth residents mainly because of its location & it being considerably smaller.	
10/21/944	To discuss traffic matters for the village. 944/1 Blocked Drains Hinton-in-the- Hedges Road. Cllr Harrison reported the drain had been cleaned out by WNC Highways. The surrounding verge has still not yet been altered to prevent the drain cover becoming blocked again by large vehicles driving onto the grass despite the fact that WNC Highways had promised to look at such a scheme. WNC were not responding to calls or emails. It was resolved that Cllr Harrison would continue to chase them and obtain written agreement concerning action they might take to prevent the issue occurring again. 944/2 Slippery Footpaths. Cllr Morris has still not had an update from WNC Highways. It is believed they are looking at enforcing the installation of a drop kerb. It was resolved Cllr Morris would WNC for an update. 944/3 Uneven Footpaths near the school. Cllr Morris is still waiting for an update from WNC Highways. It was resolved Cllr Morris would contact WNC for an update. 944/4 Prohibiting motor vehicles using Sandy Lane. The PC had received an objection from a parishioner regarding this proposal as it is necessary for them to access their fields using Sandy Lane . The PC was unaware of any anti-social issues involving vehicles along the lane. It was resolved to write to WNC opposing the prohibition as	JH MM MM MM

	organised for the evening of 17 November in the village hall (time TBC). Cllr Clayton will advertise this in the next Chronicle edition and also via the village social media. Details will also be placed in the noticeboards. There is no fee for the training but attendees will be asked if they would like to donate to the charity. It was resolved the council will donate for the training.	PC
10/21/948	Jubilee 2022. The Platinum Jubilee weekend is 2 June 2022 – 5 June 2022. The council have agreed that the village beacon will be lit at 9.15pm on 2 June in line with the rest of the country. The council have also agreed to plant a tree as part of the Queens Canopy initiative. Cllr Harrison will speak to David Dashwood regarding the two locations suggested by the village to see if he is willing for this to be done on his land. It was resolved to speak to the Village Hall committee to organise at arranging a Jubilee lunch on 5 June similar the village celebrations organised in 2012.	JH PC
10/21/949	Adverts in the Chronicle. Oliver Cornock has stood down as the editor of the Farthinghoe Chronicle. He is replaced by Nick Hunt. The meeting thanked Oliver for his work with the Chronicle since he took over as Editor. It was resolved to invite Nick to the next meeting.	DW
10/21/950	Peacocks in the village. It has been reported to the council that a resident has recently bred a number of peacocks. With the previous experiences of confrontation concerning peacocks within the village it was resolved to contact the resident and to make them aware of the history of previous problems and ensure that they are aware of the ensuing responsibilities of ownership.	HBJ
	Round the table. Cllr Harrison reported the illuminated road sign near the school doesn't have a cover. Cllr Morris will do a street doctor report. (Now Done) It was resolved to purchase a 'Tommy' figure from the RBLI shop at a cost f £225 for display in the village for Remembrance Day. Cllr Morris agreed to complete the WNC net zero survey on behalf of the Council Cllr Morris has asked all Councillors to study The WNC Strategic Plan and to feed back any thoughts or ideas at the November PCM in time for the completed document to be lodged with WNC prior to the cut off date of 6 December	MM DW MM

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 November 2021 at 7.00pm.