

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 2023 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

Councillors present

Mr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
 Mr Barry Willett (BW)
 Mr John Grant (JG)
 Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH)
 Mr James Harrison (JH)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies: Cllr Henry Bankes-Jones, Cllr Trevor Jarvis

ITEM		ACTION
03/23/227	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllrs Bankes-Jones (HBJ) and Jarvis (TJ)	
03/23/228	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 declared	
03/23/229	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). None were present	
03/23/230	WNC Councillors Q&A None were present.	
03/23/231	To request the WNC Cabinet to put the wheels in motion to introduce a Weight Restriction on the A422 in Farthinghoe ASAP. This weight restriction would be seen as an interim measure giving more structured time to investigate the design and funding of a Farthinghoe Bypass as a complete solution It was unanimously resolved to write to WNC and ask them to begin the process of introducing a weight restriction on the A422 through Farthinghoe as an interim measure pending the completion of a bypass.	DW
03/23/232	Bypass update In addition to item 03/23/231 there was no further update to provide.	
03/23/233	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2023 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
03/23/234	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. There were no matters arising.	

03/23/235	To review any correspondence received since 2 February 2023 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
03/23/236	To consider financial matters from the RFO: 236/1 To receive the financial report for February 2023 It was resolved that the financial report for February 2023 was presented and was duly approved. 236/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: Texprep £103.08 Signs and Display £213.00 Clerk £749.25 HMRC £168.60 A DD to Yu Energy (taken 8/3/23) £288.90 236/3 It was resolved to accept the quote from Jon Hampson for grass cutting in the village 2023-2024.	
03/23/237	Update on a resident's complaints against WNC Planning There has been no contact with the complainant by WNC and their deadline has passed for an update. Cllr Morris will follow up with WNC Cllr Breese	MM
03/23/238	Parking Issues Baker Street This item will roll-on to the next meeting pending a review after the work vans have gone.	MM
03/23/239	Village Maps The map has been installed in the church bus shelter. Item Discharged	
03/23/240	To determine and note responses to recent planning applications 240/1 WNS/2023/0288/FUL Colready Farm Farthinghoe Road, Charlton. It was resolved to support this application.	MM
03/23/241	Copse Lodge Solar Farm Update The developer has appealed against the WNC decision. FPC had lodged an objection to the proposal in May 2022 and this remains valid within timescales. The Appeal date is set for 2 June 2023. WNC will be contesting this Appeal and the Greatworth Action Group have applied to attend the meeting on a Rule 6 basis enabling them to question/cross examine parties. The Action Group have also launched a GoFundMe appeal towards funding costs for the hiring of a barrister and planning advisor. CPRE are also making a presentation at the hearing.	MM
03/23/242	To discuss highways matters. 242/1 Slippery Footpaths. An enforcement notice has been enforced with a deadline of the end of May for completion of installation of drop kerbs. 242/2 Crumbling drain repairs A422 No change in the condition at present 242/3 Unsuitable for HGV signs at Old Lane Clerk has written to WNC asking for quotes for supply and installation and also for other authorised contractors.	

03/23/243	Childrens' Playpark All remedial work as advised in the 2022 H&S report has been completed. Additional bark may be required. There is a pressing need to raise funds for the on-going maintenance of the playpark. Cllr Grant will raise this at the Annual Parish Meeting.	JG
03/23/244	Defibrillator monitoring and training The battery has been replace and new pads installed. The person who did this has agreed to undertake the monthly checks.	
03/23/245	Asset of Community Value Project The clerk stated relevant parties for the School, Allotments and playpark have been advised of the request to have them listed as an ACV. The application to list the Alms Houses was declined. Due to a technical issue the application for the Village Hall and Fox PH may have to be resubmitted. Clerk will speak again to WNC.	DW
03/23/246	Coronation 6-8 Mat 2023 Cllr Grant stated that a small committee had been formed. There is to be a village lunch at the village hall on Sunday 7 May 2023. More details will follow in the Farthinghoe Chronicle. He presented a list of items which needed to be purchased . it was resolved to support these purchases in line with the budget provision for 2023-24. Cllr Grant will produce an article for the Chronicle and Village Database asking for additional volunteers and for numbers attending. Cllr Hancock agreed to do a leaflet drop.	JG/WH
03/23/247	Annual Parish Meeting 19 April 2023 The clerk stated that reports from village organisations and others had been requested with some of these already received. Reports will not be printed off for the evening but will be made available on the village website.	DW
	Round the table The clerk stated he had been contacted by Kings Sutton PC footpath Warden concerning boulders on Sandy Lane. The clerk will contact the Farthinghoe footpath warden to enable the two to speak. Cllrs Willet and Hancock tendered their apologies for the next meeting in advance. Cllr Morris requested to purchase some No Smoking signs for the two bus shelters. It was resolved to do so.	DW MM

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 7.00pm.

2303 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 28 February 2023	
Bank Statements on 28 February 2023	£14,595.36
Current Account	£4,666.58
Savings Account	£9,928.78
Un-presented payments to 28 February 2023	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 28 February 2023	£14,595.36
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 28 February 2023	£697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 28 February 2023	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 28 February 2023	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (50% of precept)	£6,250.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 28 February 2023	£5,993.35
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in March 2023	
Texprep (February & March 2023 issues, pictures for Bypass)	£103.08
Signs and Display (village maps)	£213.00
Salary and Expenses Q4	£749.25
HMRC	£168.60
Direct Debits due in March 2023 (yu energy)	£288.90
Total Payments for March 2023	£1,522.83
Parish Council Fund Position on 15 March 2023	£4,470.52
Financial Transactions for February 2023	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in February 2023	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in February 2023 (yu energy)	£356.53
Receipts during February 2023 (Vat Refund for remainder of 2021-2022)	£183.16
Cheques/Internet payments out in February 2023 (chronicle, marcus young enviromental, simon lawton)	£459.70
Playpark Fund Bills in February 2023	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in February 2023	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2022/2023	£821.48

2303 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 2 February 2023 to 11 March 2023	Action
03-Feb			
13-Feb			
03-Mar	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Feb	Email	Copy of email sent to chair of Cambs-Oxford partnership	MM circ to Cllrs
07-Feb	WNC	Budget proposal 2023/2024	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Feb	WNC	Capital investment budget	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Feb	WNC	Fees increase for some services	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Feb	CDC	Details of appeal for planning permission J11 warehousing.	MM circ to Cllrs
07-Feb	Police	J11 roadworks and scam	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Feb	Email	MM to Cllrs re: development	MM circ to Cllrs
08-Feb	WNC	Closure of Cockley Road	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Feb	ACRE	Winter Village viewpoint newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Feb	WNC	ACV update (Alms Houses)	DW circ to Cllrs
14-Feb	WNC	Election Staff Request	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Feb	Email	Theft from Van Queens Street	MM circ to Cllrs
28-Feb	WNC	Garden Waste subscriptions	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Mar	WNC	Northampton Market	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Mar	WNC	Secondary School allocation	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Mar	Jon Hampson	Mowing Quote	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Mar	Boundary Commission	Revised local boundaries	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Mar	Email	Copse Lodge Solar Farm	DW circ to Cllrs