

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 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)



Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Apologies: None were received

ITEM		ACTION
06/22/095	To receive and approve apologies for absence. None	
06/22/096	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.) Cllr Harrison declared an interest under item 06/22/107/1	
06/22/097	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). 1 parishioner was present.	
06/22/098	WNC Councillors Q&A No councillors were present or had tendered apologies.	
06/22/099	To co-opt onto the Council to fill one vacancy for 2022/2023 Wendy Hancock gave a short presentation explaining why she felt she would be a good parish councillor. It was unanimously resolved that Wendy would be co-opted onto the council. The clerk agreed to look at availability of any NCALC course for new councillors.	DW
06/22/100	To receive and sign the candidates declaration of acceptance of office Wendy Hancock duly signed the acceptance of office.	
06/22/101	To review the Jubilee 2022 Wendy Hancock informed the meeting that there were a few outstanding invoices to be submitted in respect of the Jubilee celebrations. It was resolved these would be presented at the next meeting for approval. It was noted that the council had previously agreed £35 for the pass the parcel prize but the organising committee had arranged more games with a total cash prize of £135. The organisers were reminded that prior authorisation should have been sought to do this. It was agreed this was a wonderful day for the village and the PC thanked all those involved in the planning and running of the day.	WH

06/22/107	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>107/1 WNS/2022/0224/FUL Hinton in the Hedges Road Cllr Morris informed Cllr Harrison at this point there was no need to excuse himself from the proceedings as there was no update to provide. WNC having cancelled their June Strategic Planning committee meeting.</p> <p>107/2 WNS/2022/0161/OUT Seven Sisters Land There was no further update due to the cancelled Strategic Planning Committee meeting.</p> <p>107/3 WNS/2021/2139/FUL The Manor, Manor Lane There was no further update as the WNC Planning Officer has not yet reported on his visit to answer questions raised by various members of the public.</p> <p>107/4 WNS/2022/0984/HPA Pheasant Lodge Cockley Road The Parish Council had outlined a previous objection to any future development of this nature at the property and will remind WNC of th. It was resolved not to support this application.</p>	MM
06/22/108	<p>Solar Farm Update</p> <p>Cllr Morris informed the meeting that there was no date set for the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss this application. Dame Andrea Leadsom MP had recently met with the Action Group in Greatworth who are opposing the development to proffer her support . There have been numerous submissions from local people opposing this Solar Farm.</p>	
06/22/109	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>109/1 Slippery footpaths Cllr Morris has emailed the CEO and the Leader of WNC complaining about lack of progress. An acknowledgment has been received promising early action but nothing further has been forthcoming yet.</p> <p>109/2 Crumbling Drain repairs A422 Cllr Willett informed the meeting that the repairs on the A422 were starting to crack. It is not sufficient to warrant a call out just yet but he will monitor the situation.</p>	MM BW
06/22/110	<p>Bypass update.</p> <p>Cllr Grant informed the meeting that Dame Andrea Leadsom MP was arranging meeting with the Transport Minister Baroness Vere to find ways to solve the deadlock by identifying possible funding for the bypass. The MP has also written to WNC asking for clarity around the three key issues they have outlined explaining why a business case should not progress at the moment. The MP also supports the introduction of a weight limit through the village as an interim measure to ease the issues. Cllr Grant has suggested that we consider arranging our own traffic count in order to counter figures modelled by WNC, which we feel may be inaccurate, outdated or lack in clarity. This will be considered at a future PCM dependent on the result of the MP meeting with the Transport Minister.</p> <p>Cllr Morris informed the meeting that HS2 lorries are again using the A422 on a regular basis, he has informed the Senior Manager of the major contractor involved and requested early action.</p> <p>Cllrs Morris and Grant are currently dissecting the recent letter from WNC to the MP and are preparing questions and suggestions to contradict the flawed and outdated data which we feel is being used. WNC haven't yet provided details of the traffic census conducted on the</p>	

	A422 at Brackley in 2021. The PC remain opposed to the interim proposals from WNC of traffic lights and to a one-way system and have made clear that a temporary weight limit is our prime objective prior to a Bypass being built	
06/22/111	Childrens' Playpark Cllr Grant is producing a schedule of work needed at the playpark and is talking to Playscapes regarding them providing 2 days of work to complete the remedial work outlined. Cllr Grant will write to David Dashwood asking for the fence to be fixed in line with recommendations on the H&S report from 2021.	JG
06/22/112	Defibrillator monitoring and training Cllr Willett stated that the parishioner who monitors the defibrillator has said the pads currently in the defibrillator cabinet are still ok for use, and that replacement pads are in transit.	
06/22/113	Cleaning the Bus Shelters The clerk informed the meeting two emails have been sent to the preferred supplier and no response received. Clerk to email again	DW
	Round the table The bridge just outside the village has been hit and that warning signs are damaged, badly placed and inadequate. Cllr Morris will report via Highways Management He will also point out that this is a dangerous situation and request a timeline for post haste rectification. The clerk has been requested to contact the allotment trustees and ask for the hedge to be trimmed near the bus shelter and to avert the dangers on the footpaths between the Almshouses and Charlton Way . Cllr Harrison stated that the grass has been trimmed neat the airfield road but requires further work as the view is still slightly obscured. Cllr Harrison will report via street doctor.	MM DW JH

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7.00pm.

Financial Report May 2022

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 May 2022		
Bank Statements on 31 May 2022		£19,881.05
Business Saver Account		£5,116.04
Community Account		£6,117.41
Unity Bank		£8,647.60
Un-presented payments to 31 May 2022 (Jubilee)		£238.79
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 May 2022		£19,642.26
Monies Held on Behalf of Village		
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 May 2022		£1,697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 May 2022		£436.48
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 May 2022		
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)		£1,500.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 May 2022		£16,008.31
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:		
Bills for Payment in June 2022		
Jon Hampson		£80.00
Texprep (issue 806)		£80.90
Texprep (issue 807)		£66.30
Jubilee		£272.88
Zurich Insurance		£675.45
Direct Debits due 9 June 2022 (yu energy)		£67.14
Urgent Payments made since meeting in May 2022		£0.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 10 June 2022		£14,765.64
Financial Transactions for May 2022		
Direct Debits presented in May 2022 (yu energy, CPRE)		£104.11
Receipts during May 2022		£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in May 2022		£537.90
Playpark Fund Bills in May 2022		£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in May 2022		£0.00
Vat to be claimed to end of May 2022 onwards		£38.84

Correspondence List

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 6 May 2022 to 5 June 2022	Action
10-May	WNC	Parish Briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
10-May	NCALC	Upcoming courses	DW circ to Cllrs
10-May	WNC	Feedback survey	DW circ to Cllrs
11-May	Police	Webinar	DW circ to Cllrs
10-May	MM	Photos and video manhole repairs	MM circ to Cllrs
10-May	CPRE	Response to Copse Lodge Solar Farm	MM circ to Cllrs
11-May	Post Office	Closure of Charlton PO	DW circ to Cllrs
16-May	NCALC	Weekly update	DW circ to Cllrs
18-May	Police	lodge	DW circ to Cllrs
23-May	WNC	Planning Application WNS/2022/0984/HPA Pheasant Lodge	MM circ to Cllrs
23-May	HS2	Planning Application latest stage	DW circ to Cllrs
31-May	Andrea Leadsom	Bypass update	DW circ to Cllrs
31-May	Tarmac	A43 Roadworks	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Jun	Andrea Leadsom	Bypass update	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Jun	WNC	Highways contract update	DW circ to Cllrs