

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 7.00pm

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: Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)

ITEM		ACTION
06/21/890	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b>            Cllr Bankes-Jones tendered his apologies.</p>	
06/21/891	<p><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.)</p> <p>None were declared</p>	
06/21/892	<p><b>To co-opt 1 person to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council</b></p> <p>Having expressed an interest in the single Parish Council vacancy two parishioners were invited to this meeting to conduct the co-optation procedure. Both were invited to make a short presentation about their interest &amp; how they felt that their experience would benefit the Council &amp; the Parish. Both parishioners had been proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Willett. Cllrs Morris thanked both candidates for their attendance &amp; for their interest in the vacancy. Cllr Harrison spoke and said he had been unsuccessful in his first attempt to join the council, but as there was only one vacancy the unsuccessful candidate should not be deterred from trying again in the future.</p> <p>In this instance this was particularly relevant as both presentations were impressive.</p> <p>There followed a show of hands which produced a clear majority; thus it was <b>resolved</b> that Pippa Clayton would be co-opted onto the council and will take up her post at the next council meeting.</p>	
06/21/893	<p><b>Public participation session</b> (members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of 5 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 1 minute. Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting).</p> <p>No members of the public were present.</p>	

06/21/894	<p><b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2021</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>							
06/21/895	<p><b>Matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising</p>							
06/21/896	<p><b>To receive the correspondence since 15 May 2021 requiring action.</b></p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>							
06/21/897	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>897/1 To receive the financial report for May 2021 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for May 2021 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>897/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Texprep (issue 795)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£195.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donation to Brackley Hospital (minute 05/21/883)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to allow the clerk to attend the NCALC GDPR course in September 2021 at a cost of £38.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Harrison and Cllr Willett will be added as signatories to the bank account.</p> <p>Cllr Morris will speak with Pippa Clayton to discuss any training course she may wish to attend to help her in her new role as a Parish Councillor.</p>	Texprep (issue 795)	£66.30	Jon Hampson	£195.00	Donation to Brackley Hospital (minute 05/21/883)	£500.00	<p>DW</p> <p>MM</p>
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06/21/898	<p><b>To determine responses to recent planning applications</b></p> <p>There were no planning applications to consider.</p>							
06/21/899	<p><b>To discuss traffic matters for the village.</b></p> <p>899/1 A422 Re-surfacing. There is a substantial need to rectify some of the recent resurfacing work recently carried out as much of the work fell well short of expected standards. KierWsp are planning to finish this on Friday (11th June). The Parish Council feels that this rectification work should not be paid for from Council Taxes and will seek clarification of this point with West Northants Council once the works have been completed. The Parish Council had been expecting to see that the traffic management for this job would demonstrate that previous lessons had been learned &amp; that substantial improvements would be seen compared to previous incidents. Unfortunately despite all of the previous experience this again became a learn as you go scenario &amp; a nightmare for the village.</p> <p>Cllr Willett also reported that following the gully work completed recently, the repairs around the drains and the kerb are breaking up. Cllr Morris reported that the new head of Highways and Cllr Breese are due to visit the village soon to see the impact of traffic and the urgency for a by-pass. They will be made aware of the points raised by Cllr Willetts. Cllr Morris will</p>	<p>MM</p>						

	<p>also attend.</p> <p>899/2 Blocked drains Hinton in the Hedges Road. The drain and pit have been cleared by Highways Dept machinery. Aggregate to be put around the drain to help prevent it blocking is still work to be done.</p> <p>Cllr Morris asked if we could request in writing when the agreed plan will be received.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that a few years ago that there was supposed to be a complete resurface carried out on the Airfield Road. Cllr Harrison agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>899/3 Slippery Footpaths. Cllrs Morris reported that Streetdoctor have passed this subject onto WNC Planning Dept to resolve, as the issue would appear to be vehicles driving across the grass verge and pavement contributing to the danger. We look forward to learning more about the reinstatement of a safe footpath soon</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>MM</p>
06/21/900	<p><b>Bypass update.</b> Cllr Grant reported that the by-pass has yet to be discussed at WNC full Cabinet Meeting. Cllr Breese has stated that she will ensure it doesn't drop off the urgent matters list for the council to resolve. Andrea Leadsom has requested a meeting with The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Highways to discuss this subject further. The next date for a WNC cabinet meeting 13/7/21.</p>	
06/21/901	<p><b>Maintenance matters.</b></p> <p><b>Bus Shelters</b></p> <p>Cllr Willett is in contact with the supplier. WNC Highways have been late issuing a permit to carry out the second installation because of a lack of communication within WNC. The plan is to install on Monday/Tuesday (14/15) next week. It seems that those responsible for these permits are unable to be contacted by telephone, a most unsatisfactory situation when early contact is needed .</p> <p>Cllr Willett will speak to Cllr Bankes-Jones to ensure the allotment hedge is cut back regularly to ensure line of sight for bus drivers. Cllr Grant asked that Stagecoach be informed when both shelters are installed in order that they can brief their drivers accordingly.</p>	<p>BW/HBJ</p>
06/21/902	<p><b>Childrens' Playpark</b> An application has been made for Double Yellow lines to be installed to control parking at the junction near the playpark.</p> <p>We hope that this more visible instruction will deter motorists from being so selfish &amp; encourage them to comply with what is already the law.</p> <p>A complaint received about the wording of an earlier notice which warns about parking infringements has been responded to by Cllr Morris.</p>	<p>MM</p>

	<p><b>Round the table</b></p> <p>Northants ACRE have circulated a survey to gauge views of Northamptonshire villagers. This is to be circulated on the village database.</p> <p>Planting a tree for the Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>In principle the PC would like to plant a tree to commemorate HM Queen Platinum Jubilee. Views over where it should be planted and what type of tree will be sought via the Chronicle.</p> <p>Cllr Morris will circulate the minutes of the ACRE meeting, which he attended, to all Councillors as soon as it is received.</p> <p>Footpath Warden. Cllr Morris has asked Kier for an update on their records for our PC warden.</p> <p>Defibrillator. Agenda item next meeting for councillor to take over responsibility for the maintenance of the village defibrillator.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>DW</p>
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The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 7.00pm. at the village hall.

## FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>BANK STATEMENTS AT 28 May 2021</b>	£17,898.85
Business Saver Account	£10,115.14
Community Account	£7,783.71

DIRECT DEBITS PRESENTED IN MONTH: Yu energy £69.64

RECEIPTS DURING MONTH: 6-month precept £6,120.00

CHEQUES PRESENTED SINCE 30 April 2021 £818.01

UN-PRESENTED CHEQUES SINCE 30 April 2021 £150.00

(Jon Hampson and ACRE)

CHEQUES/PAYMENTS DRAWN SINCE 17 May 2021 Nil

**ACTUAL FUND POSITION AT 28 May 2021** **£17,748.85**

PLAYPARK FUND POSITION AT 28 May 2021 £1,697.47

DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION AT 28 May 2021 £436.48

**PRECEPT FUND POSITION AT 28 May 2021** **£15,614.90**

### PRECEPT FUND

Bills for Payment 9 June 2021

Texprep (issue 795) £66.30

Jon Hampson £195.00

Donation to Brackley Hospital (minute 05/21/883) £500.00

Yu Energy DD 9 June £12.51

Yu Energy DD 9 June £55.56

Total Expenditure to be agreed 9 June (£829.37)

**Total Closing Precept Fund at 9 June 2021** **£14,785.53**

Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections) £1,500.00

**PRECEPT POSITION AT 9 June 2021** **£13,285.53**

**Vat to be claimed cumulative to 28 May 2021** **£8.03**

### PLAYPARK FUND

BILLS FOR PAYMENT May 2021 Nil

CLOSING PLAYPARK FUND AT 28 May 2021 **£1,697.47**

### DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

BILLS FOR PAYMENT May 2021 None

CLOSING DEFIBRILLATOR FUND 28 May 2021 **£436.48**

Date	Received From	Correspondence from 15 May to 4 June	Action
17-May 4-Jun	NCALC	Weekly Updates	DW circ to Cllrs
17-May	OPFC	Fire Safety for licenced premises	DW circ to Cllrs
15-May	WNC	Safety Road Surface	MM circ to Cllrs
15-May	Rebecca Breese	Bypass update	MM circ to Cllrs
16-May	Rebecca Breese	Bypass funding update	MM circ to Cllrs
19-May	PC	Road Closures	DW circ to Cllrs
19 May 25 May 4 Jun	Rural Services Network	Weekly Bulletin	DW circ to Cllrs
21-May	WNC	Cabinet Details	MM circ to Cllrs
25-May	OPCC	Details of future zoom meetings	MM circ to Cllrs
28-May	MM	Update re A422 resurfacing works	MM circ to Cllrs
28-May	NCALC	eupdate	MM circ to Cllrs
28-May	Kier	weekly works	MM circ to Cllrs
31-May	MM	link to Banbury Guardian article	MM circ to Cllrs
03-Jun	Kier	emails re A422 update	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	Southfields House	Queens Jubilee Tree Plantng	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	ACRE	Covid effects survey	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	Chronicle	June edition	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	Rural Services Network	Monthly Funding Bulletin	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	ACRE	Meeting 9 June 2021	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Jun	MM	email to Cllr Breese	MM circ to Cllrs