

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 7.00pm

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom platform.



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 Dashwood (DD)
 Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Apologies: None

The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 allows virtual meetings to be conducted during the Coronavirus Crisis.

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 03/21/846 | To receive and approve apologies for absence. None | |
| 03/21/847 | 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.) No declarations were made. | |
| 03/21/848 | Public participation session (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). No members of the public were present or dialled in. | |
| 03/21/849 | To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2021. It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They had been signed in advance by the Chairman and were adopted as approved. | |
| 03/21/850 | Matters arising not covered in the main agenda. 850/1 Electricity. The new provider has finally set up the DD and has taken the funds owed thus far. 850/2 Advertising: Limes Farm have acknowledged and thanked us. 850/3 Police Liaison: NCALC haven't had any approach to represent Farthinghoe. Over 50% of councils have appointed a liaison rep so far. 850/4 Dog Fouling: Item on this was published in March Chronicle. 850/5 Budget: Both Jon Hampson and the dog waste bin | |

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| | emptying company have accepted the renewal of their services. 850/6 Village Plan. Cllr Morris has written to SNC to find out if a plan similar to the document for Deanshanger, previously circulated, gives us increased protection against development over the current Local Plan. | MM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/21/851 | To receive the correspondence since 5 February 2021 requiring action. After discussion it was resolved not to book any mapping courses. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/21/852 | To consider financial matters from the RFO: 852/1 To receive the financial report for February 2021. It was resolved that the financial report for February 2021 was presented and was duly approved. 852/2 To approve bills for payment: It was resolved to pay the following bills: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Aylesbury Mains</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£95.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC (Planning for Elections course)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (Chronicle issue 792)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£52.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk salary and expenses Q4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£684.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£152.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRF Cleaning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (Chronicle issue 793)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPA Horticulture (Playpark Bark)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£704.99</td> </tr> </table> | Aylesbury Mains | £95.76 | NCALC (Planning for Elections course) | £38.00 | Texprep (Chronicle issue 792) | £52.60 | Clerk salary and expenses Q4 | £684.58 | HMRC | £152.40 | DRF Cleaning | £40.00 | Texprep (Chronicle issue 793) | £66.30 | CPA Horticulture (Playpark Bark) | £704.99 | |
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| 03/21/853 | Election 2021 DW informed the meeting that Posters highlighting the opportunity for new candidates to join the Parish Council had been circulated on the village database and website, as well as placed both noticeboards. The Chronicle will also contain these details in the April edition. The March edition carried details of how to register to vote and apply for a postal vote for the elections. The elections are due May 6 th 2021. Rules have been relaxed to allow application forms to be taken to the returning officer by a single person if desired. Cllr Grant has volunteered to do this. | DW JG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/21/854 | Annual Parish Meeting 2021 It was resolved that the meeting was set for 28 th April 2021. It will have to be via zoom or similar due to current restrictions in place. The Parish Council Annual Meeting will take place on 12 May 2021. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/21/855 | To determine responses to recent planning applications 854/1 S/2021/0283/FUL 16 Seven Sisters Close. It was unanimously resolved to approve this application. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/21/856 | To discuss traffic matters for the village. 856/1 Gully work. It is intended that Kier will return in May, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>once a road closure application is confirmed, to finish off connecting the gullies together as required.</p> <p>856/2 Blocked drains Hinton in the Hedges road. Cllr Harrison has spoken with Northants County Council (NCC) and asked them to arrange a site visit in line with the new Covid restrictions allowing further investigation.</p> <p>856/3 Slippery Footpaths. Cllr Morris informed the meeting that Cllr Breese had made a site visit and agreed the footpaths were in an extremely poor state. She has pledged to chase up NCC to respond to the issue.</p> | <p>JH</p> <p>MM</p> |
| 03/21/857 | <p>Bypass update. Cllr Grant reported there was no further news on the consultation at this time. The new West Northampton Unitary Authority will discuss it at their first Cabinet meeting after the May elections. Cllr Willett asked if we had been informed about why the traffic survey was being conducted. The council had received no notification yet but has already asked for more detail.</p> | JG |
| 03/21/858 | <p>Maintenance matters The council has met all conditions for the grant from HS2 Community Grants towards the cost of the 2 replacement shelters. The grant administrator has confirmed the grant will be released and the order has been placed with the preferred supplier. The estimated installation date for the 2 shelters is now in April, exact date TBC. The shelter at the church will be placed in the current position as we couldn't comply with NCC conditions to move it to a slightly different location. Cllr Willett will contact the gentleman who has agreed to remove the vegetation at the Almshouse shelter to allow for shelter to be moved back slightly to comply with NCC regs. Cllr Bankes-Jones will inform the Allotment Trustees that the work will start soon.</p> | BW/HBJ |
| 03/21/859 | <p>Childrens' Playpark An order has been placed for play-bark to top up existing levels. Cllr Dashwood has agreed to have it delivered and stored at his farm until the date it can be installed. It was resolved that it would be done on the morning of Saturday 3 April 2021 and we would ask for volunteers from the village to help out. A notice will be put up in the park informing users of this. An article will also be placed in the April Chronicle.</p> <p>A complaint has been received from a local resident over parking near the park and also dogs going into the park. Cllr Grant will look at a further sign regarding parking being installed. Residents will also be reminded to consider this in the Chronicle.</p> | <p>DW</p> <p>JG</p> |
| | <p>Round the table No items were raised</p> | |

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 7.00pm. At this time, it is anticipated it will be a virtual meeting.

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