

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Monday 26 September 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 Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)
- Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

ITEM		ACTION
09/22/133	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Breese, Cllr Larratt (WNC)	
09/22/134	<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.)  None	
09/22/135	<b>Public participation session</b> (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. Cllr Harrison informed the meeting that item 143/1 was withdrawn and a full application for permanent storage will be reviewed in October.	
09/22/136	<b>WNC Councillors Q&amp;A</b> No WNC Councillors were present. Cllrs present expressed their disappointment and frustration over lack of attendance. Four invitations were sent out to the September meetings and no responses had been received, a fifth invite resulted in apologies. The clerk confirmed that invitations have already been sent for the October meeting. Cllr Morris is attending a meeting of local parishes and will raise the issue with them to gauge attendance at their meetings.	MM
09/22/137	<b>Bypass update.</b> There have been no updates from either WNC or from Dame Andrea Leadsom MP concerning the bypass. WNC are apparently reviewing the BCR which is a key figure they used as a reason for not progressing the by-pass. Some of the data used was historic not current and some very important elements were not even included, a prime example being the effects caused by our pinch-point which ironically most regard as the major reason for the need for a bypass. Cllr Hancock asked if we could see the BCR questions and influence the answers in any way, Cllr Morris replied that we had already	

	<p>done so and challenged them where we could. We have not had any meaningful feed-back since those challenges were made late in 2021.</p> <p>Cllr Grant would like the PC to fund our own traffic count. It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Grant will obtain costings for a 5 day average traffic count.</p>	JG										
09/22/138	<p><b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022</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>											
09/22/139	<p><b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b></p> <p>139/1 The clerk explained the process for listing properties and land as assets of community value. It was <b>resolved</b> that the PC should apply for The Fox PH, Village Hall, School, Playpark, Allotments and Almshouses to be so listed.</p> <p>139/2 Cllr Harrison stated he had trimmed the grass verge at the airfield/A422 junction. He will speak to David Dashwood to see if he can cut the hedge back further on the village side of the junction.</p> <p>139/3 Cllr Grant felt the recent request to comment on the number of WNC councillors lacked information to make meaningful comment.</p>	DW JH										
09/22/140	<p><b>To review any correspondence received since 11 July 2022 which require action.</b></p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>											
09/22/141	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>141/1 To receive the financial report for August 2022 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for August 2022 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>141/2 To approve bills for payment. Due to the postponement of the original date of the September meeting, permission to pay the bills listed on the financial report was given via email. It was <b>resolved</b> to confirm the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>NCALC</td> <td>£52.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (issue 809)</td> <td>£80.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td>£115.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (issue 810)</td> <td>£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Weston (antivirus/Microsoft 365 renewal/book of condolence)</td> <td>£144.97</td> </tr> </table> <p>141/3. It was <b>resolved</b> to remain in the National External Auditor Scheme.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the ending of our fixed term electricity contract for Streetlighting. The clerk had obtained quotes for 1,2 and 3year plans. It was <b>resolved</b> that we would take out a 1year fixed term deal via our energy broker. It has to be noted that the best possible new deal on offer actually quadrupled the supply cost.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding possible savings including reducing the number of streetlights we use. Cllr Willet asked for WNC to be asked to contribute towards the lights on the A422.</p>	NCALC	£52.80	Texprep (issue 809)	£80.90	Jon Hampson	£115.00	Texprep (issue 810)	£66.30	Dave Weston (antivirus/Microsoft 365 renewal/book of condolence)	£144.97	DW DW
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	146/1. A contractor is currently working to eradicate the mole problem in the park. 146/2. The signs that need replacing after damage will be reviewed and incorporated into the costs for maintenance.	JG
09/22/147	<b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b> The pads in the defibrillator are still usable. Sourcing replacement pads through the group that recently supplied training is proving very difficult. It was resolved the clerk will look at alternative suppliers (accepting there is a worldwide shortage at present) and simultaneously look into a maintenance contract supply of a new defibrillator.	DW
09/22/148	<b>Allotment Hedges</b> The hedges have been trimmed back but visibility is still difficult for both people in the bus stop and also drivers. A parishioner has offered to cut back further and lay and lay the hedge for £120. Cllr Bankes-Jones as a trustee of the allotments gave his permission for this to happen. It was <b>resolved</b> to go ahead with this.	MM
09/22/149	<b>Civility and Respect Pledge NCALC</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Morris will sign this on behalf of the PC.	MM
09/22/150	<b>Council representative on Village Hall Committee</b> It was <b>resolved</b> Cllr Hancock will be the PC representative on the village hall committee.	WH
	<b>Round the table</b> Cllr Harrison informed the meeting that he will be unable to attend the next three PC meetings. He offered to stand down from the PC. It was requested he remain as a Cllr. He will still be able to participate in Cllr business via email.  Cllr Grant asked what was happening regarding the Fox PH and potential planning infringements. Cllr Morris confirmed that following email discussions between all Councillors a letter has been sent to the Fox Inn requesting confirmation that all appropriate planning procedures had been followed and that all requisite permissions or exemptions had been confirmed.	

The meeting closed at 9.59pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7.00pm.

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 August 2022</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 31 August 2022</b>	<b>£16,907.12</b>
Current Account	£7,023.17
Savings Account	£9,883.95
Un-presented payments to 31 August 2022	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 August 2022</b>	<b>£16,907.12</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 August 2022	£1,697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 August 2022	£436.48
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 August 2022</b>	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (50% of precept)	£6,250.00
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 31 August 2022</b>	<b>£7,023.17</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in September 2022	
NCALC (Wendys Training)	£52.80
Texprep (issue 809)	£80.90
Jon Hampson (inv 5)	£115.00
Texprep (issue 810)	£66.30
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Q1)	
HMRC (Q1)	
Dave Weston (antivirus/microsoft 365 renewal/book of condolence)	£144.97
Direct Debits due in September 2022 (yu energy)	£61.95
Total Payments for September 2022	£521.92
<b>(Money received from Chron Advert 6/9/2022)</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 14 September 2022</b>	<b>£6,513.25</b>
<b>Financial Transactions for August 2022</b>	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in July 2022	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in August 2022 (yu energy)	£62.46
Receipts during August 2022	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in August 2022 (jubilee flowers)	£35.00
Playpark Fund Bills in August 2022	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in August 2022	£0.00
<b>Vat to be claimed to end of August 2022 onwards</b>	<b>£85.94</b>

## 2209 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 11 July 2022 to 21 September 2022	Action
18 Jul			
8 Aug			
23-Aug			
2-Sept			
20-Sep	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jul	Kier	Weekly Works Update	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jul	ACRE	Village of the year awards	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jul	WNC	Year one financial report	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Jul	WNC	Weekly Planning Summary	MM circ to Cllrs
18-Jul	WNC	Hunsbury School Special Needs improvements	DW circ to Cllrs
28-Jul	WNC	Off Peak Closure A422	DW circ to Cllrs
28-Jul	NCALC	Annual conference October 2022	DW circ to Cllrs
08-Aug	WNC	Double yellow lines plans	DW circ to Cllrs
08-Aug	NCALC	Bi-monthly update	DW circ to Cllrs
08-Aug	CPRE	Monthly planning updates	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Aug	MM	email re: banbury guardian link re: solar farms	MM circ to Cllrs
08-Aug	police	PLR update	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Aug	WNC	A422 closure 8/9 Aug	MM circ to Cllrs
10-Aug	ACRE	Farm visit	DW circ to Cllrs
10-Aug	WNC	Planning decisions residents surveys in SN	DW circ to Cllrs
10-Aug	NCALC	Conference reminder	DW circ to Cllrs
11-Aug	MM	Email to Cllr RB re: solar Farm construction routes	MM circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	WNC Highways	Allotment Hedges	MM circ to Cllrs
23-Aug	StageCoach	Bus Timetable	DW circ to Cllrs
23-Aug	Brackley Hospital	X-Ray machine update	DW circ to Cllrs
23-Aug	WNC	electoral Services Boundary Briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
30-Aug	JBM Solar Farm	Community Grant offer	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Sep	PKF	Receipt of Certificate for Exemption for 2021/2022	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Sep	Kier	Over 60s driving roadshow	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Sep	WNC	Public consultation on New boundaries	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Sep	CPRE	Awards Reception October 2022	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Sep	WNC	Leveling up grants report	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Sep	ACRE	Monthly magazine	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Sep	Clear Utilities	Renewal Price Quote	DW circ to Cllrs
11-Sep	email	book of condolence	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Sep	WNC	Copse Lodge Solar Farm	MM circ to Cllrs
12-Sep	NCALC	Letter of condolence template	MM circ to Cllrs
12-Sep	WNC	Planning delays response	MM circ to Cllrs
13-Sep	email	financial report and bills to be paid	DW circ to Cllrs
20-Sep	WNC	Parish Briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
20-Sep	WNC	Bus Service update	MM circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	WNC	Kier visit to area	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	WNC	6 month financial position due this week	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	WNC	WNS/2022/1814/FUL Hinton In The Hedges Airfield	MM circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	WNC	Bus 500 update	MM circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	NCALC	AMP Conference	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Sep	OFPC	Teams call	DW circ to Cllrs