

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 8 April 2022 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

Councillors present

Mr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)  
 Mr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)  
 Mr John Grant (JG)  
 Mrs Pippa Clayton (PC)  
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)  
 Mr James Harrison (JH)  
 Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)



Apologies: Mr Barry Willett (BW), Cllr Rosie Herring WNC

ITEM		ACTION
04/22/054	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> <b>Cllr Barry Willett from FPC and Unitary Cllr Herring tendered their apologies which were accepted.</b>	
04/22/055	<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.)  Cllr Harrison declared an interest in item 064/1	
04/22/056	<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). 2 members of the public were present. A parishioner requested to know who would be coming to the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting from WNC Council, as they felt a lot of questions needed answering following the announcement of a pause in the by-pass project. The clerk informed them that the MP, the 3 WNC Ward Councillors and the WNC Portfolio Holder for Highways had been invited. Reminders had also been sent. To date, only the local MP had responded and offered her apologies.	
04/22/057	<b>WNC Councillors Q&amp;A</b> No Cllrs from WNC were present.	
04/22/058	<b>Jubilee 2022</b> Wendy Hancock who is the lead for the village Jubilee Celebration Committee presented an update to the meeting. The Jubilee Committee comprises 5 members who have planned for a quiz evening at the Fox on Thursday 2 June with everyone then leaving at approx. 9.30pm to walk to the beacon lighting, returning to the Fox to hear the details of the answers to the Quiz questions. On Sunday 5 June a special service will be held at the Church in the morning along with flower festival. At 1.00pm there will be a parade of crowns from the village hall on a pre-determined route to Baker Street where there will be an open air street party with lunch. To date 117 adults and 32 children have booked to attend. People attending will be responsible for providing their own food along	

	<p>with decorating their own tables. The committee are looking at providing a commemorative gift to each child aged 14 and under who attend the Street Party.</p> <p>The Village Hall committee are planning to plant 70 bulbs in various places around the village.</p> <p>The committee will also be planting of a commemorative tree at a location soon to be decided.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to fund the gifts for the children attending the street party along with the tree purchase from already allocated Parish Council funds.</p> <p>The clerk will continue to forward all Jubilee marketing material to WH</p>	<p>WH</p> <p>DW</p>						
04/22/059	<p><b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2022</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>							
04/22/060	<p><b>Matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris understands that Trading Standards have written to the owner of the seven peacocks reminding them of their responsibilities under current DEFRA Avian Flu restrictions. These restrictions are very important and all owners of birds and poultry some be complying to avoid penalties being levied.</p>							
04/22/061	<p><b>To receive the correspondence since 27 February 2022 which require action.</b></p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>							
04/22/062	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>062/1 To receive the financial report for March 2022 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for March 2022 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>062/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Forde and McHugh</td> <td>£192.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td>£115.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep</td> <td>£80.90</td> </tr> </table> <p>062/3 To update on the bank account The Clerk informed the meeting the transfer from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank was being held up by Barclays who claim the signatures asking for the closure and transfer are incomplete. The clerk had spent 2 hours on hold without getting to speak to anyone to try to resolve the issue. He will continue to try.</p> <p>062/4 End of year accounts The end of year accounts are being finalised and will be presented at the APM. The internal auditor has been in contact and paperwork will be completed this month to start the process.</p> <p>062/5 Insurance renewal The present suppliers have provided a quote for 2022/23 of £699.74 which is a slight increase and within the budget plan. They are also offering optional fixed 3 or 5 year rate plans which are below the current estimate. It was <b>resolved</b> to check that current assets are fully insured and to discuss in May.</p>	Forde and McHugh	£192.00	Jon Hampson	£115.00	Texprep	£80.90	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
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04/22/063	<p><b>Village Maps</b></p> <p>The clerk informed the meeting that the OS helpline was slow in</p>							

	<p>being answered. He will continue to chase up.</p> <p>Cllr Morris stated he would speak with Cllr Breese to see how WNC configure their mapping system to produce the detail they do.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>MM</p>
04/22/064	<p><b>To determine responses to recent planning applications</b></p> <p>064/1WNS/2022/0224/FUL Hinton in the Hedges Road Cllr Harrison excused himself from the process. The application is going to planning committee on 10 May 2022. Cllr Harrison re-entered the process.</p> <p>064/2 WNS/2022/0161/OUT Seven Sisters Land We are waiting for further details from WNC.</p> <p>064/3 WNS/2021/2139/FUL The Manor, Manor Lane There has been no response from WNC to questions raised by local residents. MM has followed this up.</p> <p>064/4 WNS/2022/0529/FUL Pheasant Lodge It was <b>resolved</b> to accept this application for retrospective permission allowing the rendered bungalow which changed the aspect colour from brick/stone to white, but to oppose any future development allowing a 2 storey extension with similar rendering.</p> <p>064/5 WNS/2022/0540/FUL 7 Severn Sisters Close It was <b>resolved</b> to offer no objections to this application.</p> <p>064/6 WNS/2022/0658/FUL Glebe Farm Cattle Building It was <b>resolved</b> to offer no objections to this application.</p> <p>064/7 WNS/2022/0671/FUL Unit 17 Glebe Farm It was <b>resolved</b> to offer no objections to this application.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison informed the meeting that on the WNC portal was another application from glebe Farm WSN/2022/0715. This was subsequently received officially and will form part of the May Agenda</p>	<p>MM</p>
04/22/065	<p><b>To update on the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project</b></p> <p>This matter has not been progressed due to leave. This will be rolled over to May Agenda.</p>	<p>DW</p>
04/22/066	<p><b>Solar Farm Update</b></p> <p>An application was resubmitted on 27 February 2022. The applicants will not have to pay for the planning costs of this new application meaning that all costs will be borne by WNC tax payers. The size of the proposal is approx. 200 football pitches and sees only minor changes to the previous Application in 2021 which was withdrawn by the Applicants.</p>	
04/22/067	<p><b>To discuss traffic matters for the village.</b></p> <p>067/1 Slippery Footpaths Still no response from WNC. The Unitary Councillors have been asked to resolve the matter. This has been on-going for 16 months</p> <p>067/2 Crumbling drain repairs A422 A temporary repair has been made, there are concerns over the workmanship of the initial work further along the road.</p> <p>067/3 HS2 Lorries using A422 No further issues reported. Discharge</p> <p>067/4 No waiting New Road/Queens Street. The PC have responded to WNC correspondence stating that they agree with the plan to install double yellow lines. The matter will now progress to the next stage.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>

04/22/068	<b>Bypass update.</b> Cllr Grant stated that FPC had withdrawn from discussions with WNC until they begin discussing the introduction of a temporary weight restriction prior to a bypass being agreed and progressed. A meeting on 9 May 2022 will be chaired by Dame Andrea Leadsom MP with Fiona Unett from WNC and Cllrs Grant and Morris to resolve the bypass stalemate and to further explore a weight restriction. It is hoped to follow this with a meeting with Grant Shapps MP to discuss financing availability in order that WNC can move forward with plans and hopefully catch up on lost time.	JG
04/22/069	<b>Childrens' Playpark</b> Cllr Grant informed the meeting he was going to speak with the playpark installer to obtain a quotation for a days work to resolve the key aspects highlighted in the safety report. It was <b>resolved</b> to put the H&S report of the website.	JG DW
04/22/070	<b>Defibrillator</b> All in order	
04/22/071	<b>Annual Parish Meeting 20 April 2022 7.30pm</b> The clerk reported which annual reports he is waiting for. It was suggested to ask Lisa Wenmouth for the village hall report. All PC members to attend for 7pm to set up venue.	
	<b>Round the table</b> An email has been received from the NFU accepting responsibility for an RTC on the A422 that has damaged roadside furniture. The clerk to forward to WNC Highways and also to David Dashwood. NextDoor app. Several people have received a letter inviting them to join the NextDoor App for the village. The PC will not become involved in such decisions which are for the individuals themselves to make. The notice of the need for an additional Councillor following a recent resignation has been lodged with WNC and will be posted tomorrow on the web and the village noticeboards.	DW  DW/MM

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.00pm.