

**FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

Councillors present

Cllr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
Cllr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)
Cllr John Grant (JG)
Cllr Wendy Hancock (WH)
Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)
Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



ITEM		ACTION
04/24/435	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr James Harrison (JH), Cllr Barry Willett (BW) sent apologies</p>	
04/24/436	<p>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.) None declared</p>	
04/24/437	<p>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). No parishioners were present</p>	
04/24/438	<p>WNC Councillors Q&A No councillors were present and no report had been sent.</p>	
04/24/439	<p>Bypass update Cllrs Morris and Grant had held a meeting with Dame Andrea Leadsom MP. At it they tried to express their frustration with WNC and the lack of communication from them and their failure to acknowledge their flawed BCR regarding the Bypass. The MP responded with comments: The problem is a local councillor one not hers and she can't help. Her office feel they are being bombarded with details from FPC and it is not needed. WNC have the right to make decisions without responding to FPC. The announcement there will not be a bypass was made by Cllr Phil Larratt on local radio, this is perfectly acceptable to do so without addressing FPC's clear misgivings. The BCR assessment is correct and properly completed. She had no comment to make about the detail of the misgivings raised FPC . She had no knowledge of the progress to assess the suitability for a weight limit in the village but was concerned that re-routing HGVs might upset others on the diversion route. She felt the compulsory purchase of some houses to straighten out the pinch point was a cheaper and quicker solution to the village traffic issues. "Some" houses was never quantified.</p>	

	When this was pointed out as not acceptable to FPC as it would merely mean more traffic travelling at greater speed through the village the response was it would resolve the pinch point issue and bring us into line with 77 other villages that feel they have traffic travelling at too high a speed in South Northants. Should FPC wish to make a complaint against any councillor or officer over the manner in which they have dealt with us we should present a case to WNC legal services.	
04/24/440	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
04/24/441	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. The parishioner who has an interest in the village sign will attend the APM to discuss. Further questions raised about the option to take on grass cutting from WNC remain unanswered. It was resolved the clerk to chase WNC again. Cllr Nobes confirmed she had not received a reply from GB News concerning the earlier emails sent to them. It was resolved to send a reply to Nigel Farage as drafted by Cllr Grant. A response to the Boundaries report circulated by WNC has been tendered.	DW DW
04/24/442	To review any correspondence received since 10 March 2024 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
04/24/443	To consider financial matters from the RFO: 443/1 To receive the financial report for March 2024 It was resolved that the financial report for March 2024 was presented and was duly approved. 443/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: Clerk Salary and Exp's £267.22 HMRC £60.40 Texprep £52.60 NCALC £574.79 ACRE £42.00 Jon Hampson £140.00 It was also resolved to pay Cllr Morris £11.35 for refreshments provided for the recently hosted Little Brook Ward meeting. 443/3 The clerk presented the end of year accounts for the APM. It was resolved to accept these. 443/4. The Council insurance renewal quote has arrived from Zurich. It was under budget. it was resolved to accept this quote.	
04/24/444	Communication with Parishioners and Website It was resolved that we would place an order with Parish on-line to build and host a new website for the council which will	

	be in line with the requirements to move to a .gov.uk domain.	DW
04/24/445	To determine and note responses to recent planning applications Planning Application 2024/1510/TCA was discussed. It was unanimously resolved to support the application.	MM
04/24/446	To discuss highways matters. 446/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. No change in the condition. 446/2 Recent A422 closure. It was resolved Cllr Morris will write to Cllr Breese to outline the chaos that ensued due to poor traffic management.	MM
04/24/447	Requests from PCC Candidates It was resolved that the clerk will write back with the following three concerns from the village, Road Safety, Anti-social behaviour and rural crime in general.	DW
04/24/448	Childrens' Playpark 448/1. It was resolved to order the new play bark at the revised price of £762+VAT delivered. The clerk to put the date on the database for volunteers to help spread it.	DW
04/24/449	Little Brook Ward Meeting 27 April 2024 This will discussed in detail at the next council meeting	
04/24/450	Village Hall Cllr Morris will obtain the minutes and accounts from the last VH committee meeting and pass them to DW. The next village hall committee meeting is on May 1st.	MM
04/24/451	Defibrillator monitoring and training All in order. It was noted that the Pad expiry dates are in April 2025	
04/24/452	Preparation for the APM 17 April 2024 The clerk will chase up outstanding report and place them on the website.	DW
	Round the table Cllr Morris said the council notice board outside the school is a mess and needs externally cleaning. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Morris asked to consider a "special" swing seat to be added to the playground to help accommodate a young child in the village who has outgrown the basic infant version. It was resolved to explore options for this.	DW DW

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 7.00pm. This will be the Council AGM.

2404 FINANCIAL REPORT FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 March 2024	
Bank Statements on 31 March 2024	£16,947.71
Current Account	£6,708.28
Savings Account	£10,239.43
Un-presented payments from February meeting 2024	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 March 2024	£16,947.71
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 March 2024	£1,225.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 March 2024	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 March 2024	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,250.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 March 2024	£7,817.34
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in April 2024	
Clerk salary and expenses	£267.22
HMRC	£60.40
TexPrep (April)	£52.60
Jon Hampson	£140.00
ACRE (annual subs)	£42.00
NCALC	£574.79
Direct Debits due in March 2024 (yu energy)	£125.02
Total Payments for April 2024	£1,262.03
Parish Council Fund Position on 12 April 2024	£6,555.31
Financial Transactions in March 2024	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in March 2024 (bank fees)	£18.00
Direct Debits presented in March 2024 (yu energy)	£121.57
Receipts during March 2024 (Bank interest)	£69.73
Cheques/Internet payments out in March 2024 (Excl DD)	£1,063.76
Playpark Fund Bills in March 2024	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in March 2024	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£304.29

2404 CORRESPONDENCE LIST FPC

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 10 March 2024-5 April 2024	Circulated by
10-Mar	MM email	Planning application Cherwell Council	MM
11-Mar	MM email	Response regarding planning application Cherwell Council	MM
12-Mar	MM email	Limes Barn planning application	MM
12-Mar	MM email	Litter pick	MM
12-Mar	Dianne Jones	Village Sign	DW
12-Mar	DWB Service	Dog Bin Emptying	DW
12-Mar	MM email	News article 20mph limit	MM
13-Mar	MM email	chase up A422 drain covers	MM
13-Mar	MM email	chase up WNC cllrs and radio oxford interview	MM
14-Mar	Rebecca Breese	CDC planning liaison	MM
14-Mar	WNC	Tree Works New Road Farthinghoe	MM
18-Mar			
5- Apr	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW
18-Mar	WNC	Grass Cutting and Sect 106 monies	DW
18-Mar	Stop Campaign	Support for rooftop solar energy	MM
18-Mar	ACRE	Village viewpoint magazine	DW
20-Mar	Rebecca Breese	Response to no response from WNC re strategic case	MM
20-Mar	Banbury Guardian	CDC/WNC liaison	MM
22-Mar	MM email	Refusal of planning application CDC	MM
22-Mar	CDC	Reply re: traffic from Huscote Farm	MM
23-Mar	ABW Email	A422 drain covers	MM
25-Mar	MM email	MP correspondence	MM
26-Apr	MM email	Email to DALMP re: council co-operation	MM
27-Mar	Nigel Farage	Reply to email re: news article	DW
27-Mar	Go travel	Brackley travel consultation	DW
27-Mar	WNC	Tree Works New Road Farthinghoe	MM
27-Mar	JG email	Isham visit	JG
29-Mar	DALMP	Update	MM
03-Apr	MM email	Pothole surveys	MM
04-Apr	MM email	Traffic situation	MM
04-Apr	DW email	PCC Candidates	DW
05-Apr	CPRE	Event invitation	DW
05-Apr	DW email	Voter ID	DW
05-Apr	WNC	Parish Briefing	DW
05-Apr	NCALC	bi monthly update	DW
		ITEMS IN BOLD CIRCULATED ON VILLAGE DATABASE	