

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall



Councillors present

- Mr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
- Mr Barry Willett (BW)
- Mr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)
- Mr John Grant (JG)
- Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)
- Cllr Rebecca Breese (RB) *(part)
- Cllr Anthony Bagot-Webb (ABW) *(part)

Apologies: Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH), Mr James Harrison (JH)

ITEM		ACTION
01/23/187	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr James Harrison, Cllr Wendy Hancock	
01/23/188	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	
01/23/189	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	
01/23/190	WNC Councillors Q&A Cllr Bagot-Webb (Brackley WNC Councillor and Cabinet assistant for roads and HS2) presented an update on the bypass progress with WNC. The original WNC business case BCR was estimated during Covid. This is now being revisited starting with a new traffic count it has an 18 week time plan to completion. As the A422 is identified as a 'Strategic Route, is part of the MRN and recognised as an official M40 diversion' ABW has asked officials at WNC why National Highways are not being asked for their input into any business case. ABW visited Farthinghoe for a walk round with Cllr Morris approximately 4 weeks ago, and was astounded to witness at first hand the chaos and issues with HGVs around the pinch point. Asked why the proposed expansion to surrounding areas including Brackley and Banbury warehousing wasn't forming part of the BCR calculation the answer given to ABW was that it was "too far" away for the village to benefit. Cllr Morris mentioned that the A422 through Farthinghoe was clearly not a satisfactory road to accommodate redirected motorway traffic and wondered why the A422 had not been structurally upgraded at the time it had been designated as a	

Strategic Freight Route and as Motorway diversion route. In addition to the structure and geometry of the road it is now clear that even the streetlights did not meet the standards laid down for such a carriageway.

ABW agreed to speak with National Highways to get an answer to clarify the status of the A422 as an official Motorway diversion route and that it is part of the MRN as designated by Dft.

Cllr Morris also informed ABW that WNC had advised FPC that despite the fact that they have the authority to introduce a weight restriction at the Farthinghoe Pinch Point, National Highways had made clear to them that they would oppose it because, ironically, it would mean diverting traffic onto 'less suitable roads.'

Cllr Morris also informed the meeting he had recently met with Lord Boswell, who had agreed to write to our MP and to the MP for Cherwell District requesting that Government Departments start working more closely together to find a way to progress the changes needed to solve Farthinghoe's highway issues.

ABW also updated us on the damage to the A422 adjacent to London Barns where sub-standard drain repairs have been done. This will be repaired again, a more permanent solution might be to extend the pavement over the affected area meaning that traffic lights to regulate traffic on the A422, a situation which is not acceptable to the Farthinghoe Parish Council as it would cause gridlock with the inevitable noise, pollution and frustrations.

In short it would bring Farthinghoe to a stop every day. Cllr Morris stated that during previous temporary traffic lights needed for Manhole replacements the queues were between 30-40 vehicles long in both directions whereas WNC modelling seemed to indicate approximately 17/20.

Vindication of FPC rejecting the previous suggestion of a traffic light/one way scheme as an interim measure whilst we wait for a bypass.

A wait which was already seemingly slipping into the next decade.

Slippery pavements opposite the church:
 ABW saw that vehicles are illegally using the pavement without dropped kerbs. Enforcement is now in progress.

Parking issues in Bakers Street:
 WNC stated that FPC can apply for yellow lines (a request that needs to be submitted by June). Enforcement would also be needed to support the lines.

Old Lane:
 WNC mentioned that FPC can purchase and install signs advising against use by wide vehicles.
 These signs can only be advisory as entry is still needed for

	<p>emergency services.</p> <p>We will find out more about the costs of such signs and where they could be installed</p> <p>ABW left the meeting at 19.53hrs, and appreciation was expressed to him for taking the time and trouble to attend our meeting</p>													
01/23/191	<p>Street Lighting on the A422.</p> <p>WNC had previously mentioned that they could not contribute to the cost of the running and maintenance of our streetlights located on the A422</p> <p>Cllr Morris commented that the road was identified as being of nationally strategic importance yet the lights were not up to the required standard for such a Highway.</p> <p>He felt in unfair and unreasonable for FPC to carry the costs on such a road which from time to time carries Motorway volumes of traffic</p>													
01/23/192	<p>Bypass update</p> <p>Following a traffic count survey that has recently been done by WNC highways it was resolved that FPC would not progress with our independent survey at this time. We await the results of the WNC survey.</p>													
01/23/193	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>													
01/23/194	<p>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>194/1 Hedge Cutting Hinton Airfield Road. It was resolved to roll this over until the February meeting.</p>	JH												
01/23/195	<p>To review correspondence received since 6 November 2022 requiring action.</p> <p>A response to our letter of condolence sent on behalf of the village to Buckingham Place has been received from HRH King Charles.</p>													
01/23/196	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>196/1 To receive the financial report for December 2022</p> <p>It was resolved that the financial report for December 2022 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>196/2 To approve bills for payment</p> <p>It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary & Expenses (Q3)</td> <td>£749.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (Q3)</td> <td>£168.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playscapes Design (playpark repairs)</td> <td>£2,393.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (December 2022 issue)</td> <td>£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Weston (for Namesco)</td> <td>£19.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debits due in January 2023 (Yu Energy)</td> <td>£368.51</td> </tr> </table> <p>Additionally it was resolved to transfer £1000 from the playpark fund to the precept fund to offset costs of the playpark repairs.</p>	Clerk Salary & Expenses (Q3)	£749.45	HMRC (Q3)	£168.40	Playscapes Design (playpark repairs)	£2,393.80	Texprep (December 2022 issue)	£66.30	D Weston (for Namesco)	£19.19	Direct Debits due in January 2023 (Yu Energy)	£368.51	
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	Cllr Grant also reported he had conducted the half yearly audit of the accounts and found them to be correct and in order.	
01/23/197	Budget 2023/2024 Version 0.4 was presented to the meeting. It was resolved to accept this as the final version and set the precept for 23//24 at £13K	
01/23/198	Update on Parishioners complaints against WNC No response has been received from WNC.	
01/23/199	Parking Issues Bakers Street The clerk informed the meeting that the local policing team were also involved now following complaints made. No details are available	
01/23/200	Village Maps Cllr Willett is proof reading the map. When agreed it was resolved to send information to local delivery firms telling them where the map was located along with a PDF copy.	BW
01/23/201	To determine and note responses to recent planning applications 201/1 WNS/2022/0161/OUT Seven Sisters Land. This application has now been approved by WNC; item discharged. 201/2 CDC 22/00053/NON Planning Appeal J11 M40 expansion It was noted an appeal has been lodged. FPC have previously opposed the warehousing developments.	
01/23/202	Solar Farm Update The developer is thought to be preparing and appeal against the WNC decision to reject their Planning Application. Cllr Breese at this point updated the meeting on the proposed large anaerobic digester installation at Evenley. ACORN, the owners, have bought up significant gas pipeline capacity at Banbury and are putting in an application for another plant near the M1. Cllr Grant also raised the issue with Cllr Breese that the Fox Inn appeared to be using or renting the temporary wooden structures in its car park as living quarters. Despite having no apparent Planning permission to build these structures and twice ignoring FPC letters for an explanation. Cllr Breese advised that there is a reporting portal on the WNC website for such matters. RB and HBJ then left the meeting at 2042hrs.	
01/23/203	To discuss highways matters. 203/1 Slippery Footpaths 203/2 Crumbling drain repairs A422 Both matters were discussed earlier in in the meeting under 01/23/190	
01/23/204	Childrens' Playpark Cllr Grant informed the meeting that the maintenance work had been completed after the H&S report for 2022. Cllr Grant will ask David Dashwood to look at the repairs to the perimeter	JG

	<p>fence mentioned on this report.</p> <p>For the 2024-2025 budget FPC need to consider additional funding for the playpark to repair expected wear and tear. Fundraising will need to be considered by the village as a whole.</p> <p>To date, an invoice hasn't been received for the mole removal work.</p>	DW
01/23/205	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training</p> <p>The clerk will chase a contact to inspect the defibrillator.</p>	DW
01/23/206	<p>Asset of Community Value Project</p> <p>To date, applications to consider the village hall, the Fox Inn and the Dashwood Playpark as assets of community value have been submitted. Additional applications to be made for the Alms Houses, the Allotments and the School.</p>	DW
	<p>Round the table</p> <p>It was resolved to move the meeting in March to Wednesday 15 March 2023.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 7.00pm.

2301 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 December 2022	
Bank Statements on 31 December 2022	£18,994.08
Current Account	£9,065.30
Savings Account	£9,928.78
Un-presented payments to 31 December 2022	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 December 2022	£18,994.08
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 December 2022	£1,697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 December 2022	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 December 2022	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (50% of precept)	£6,250.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 December 2022	£9,392.07
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in January 2023	
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Q3)	£749.45
HMRC (Q3)	£168.40
Playscapes Design (playpark repairs)	£2,393.80
Texprep (December 2022 issue)	£66.30
D Weston (for namesco)	£19.19
Direct Debits due in January 2023 (yu energy)	£368.51
Total Payments for January 2023	£3,765.65
Funds to be transferred from Playpark Account	£1,000.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 11 January 2023	£6,626.42
Financial Transactions for November 2022	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in October 2022	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in November 2022 (yu energy)	£68.70
Receipts during November 2022	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in October 2022 (salary/excesQ2, HMRC, chronicle, grass cutting, website)	£983.49
Playpark Fund Bills in November 2022	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in November 2022	£281.94
Financial Transactions for December 2022	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in November 2022	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in December 2022 (yu energy)	£275.28
Receipts during December 2022 (Bank Interest)	£32.08
Cheques/Internet payments out in December 2022 (chronicle, grass cutting, playpark, NCALC, sign/shelter clean,bank charges)	£458.50
Playpark Fund Bills in December 2022	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in December 2022	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2022/2023	£706.17

2212 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 6 November 2022 to 6 January 2023	Action
05-Nov	Email MM	Rebecca Breese response to Daily Mail article	MM circ to Cllrs
05-Nov			
11-Nov			
06-Dec			
09-Dec			
16-Dec			
23-Dec			
06-Jan 23	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	WNC	Rural England Prosperity Fund	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	Age Concern	Invitation to northampton AGM	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	PFCC	November Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	NCALC	Climate Change conference	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	WNC	Potential Boundary Changes	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Nov	WNC	Parish Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Nov	NCALC	Zoom meeting re: WNC changes to engagement	DW circ to Cllrs
08-Nov	Cherwell DC	Planning Application 22/01488/OUT	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Nov	WNC	Rural Fund	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Nov	Email MM	Planning Application 22/01488/OUT	MM circ to Cllrs
09-Nov	WNC	HS2 liaison meeting notes	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Nov	SNVB	Networking Lunch 30 November	DW circ to Cllrs
09-Nov	Email JG	Playpark sign	JG circ to Cllrs
10-Nov	WNC	Proposal for adult care fee	DW circ to Cllrs
10-Nov	WNC	Cllr Larrett update and apologies for meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
10-Nov	Email MM	Proposed complaint against WNC	MM circ to Cllrs
15-Nov	MM	Email for databse circulation re: bypass	MM circ to Cllrs
16-Nov	MM	Response to cherwell DC planning application	MM circ to Cllrs
17-Nov	WNC	Footpaths opposite church	MM circ to Cllrs
18-Nov	WNC	Schools admission policy	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Nov	ACRE	Networking event November 2022	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Nov	ACRE	November newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Nov	WNC	Festive period waste collection	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Nov	WNC	Cost of living support	DW circ to Cllrs
23-Nov	Email MM	Englands Economic Heartland	MM circ to Cllrs
24-Nov	Email MM	Photos of pinch point	MM circ to Cllrs
29-Nov	OFPC	Flare Poster	DW circ to Cllrs
29-Nov	WNC	Response to street light upgrades	DW circ to Cllrs
29-Nov	WNC	Traffic Flow data	MM circ to Cllrs
01-Dec	Email MM	Northampton Relief Road Chron and Echo	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Dec	NCALC	WNC Parish Engagement	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Dec	Email MM	Traffic count measures on-going	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Dec	WNC	Planning permissions granted	MM circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	NCALC	Bi-monthly update	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	Email MM	Banbury Guardian article Digester	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	ACRE	Local Area Partnerships	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	Yu energy	December bills	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	ACRE	Warm Room Grants	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	Playpark Inspections	2022 Safety inspection	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	SNVB	Volunteering Fair	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	ACRE	Rural Theamatic	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Dec	DALMP	2022 end of year update	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Dec	WNC	Traffic count measures on-going	MM circ to Cllrs
07-Dec	Email MM	Seven sisters planning appeal	MM circ to Cllrs
11-Dec	Police	TFMV Queens Street	MM circ to Cllrs
12-Dec	WNC	List of approved and determined applications	MM circ to Cllrs
12-Dec	OFPC	Councillors meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	WNC	Draft budget proposal	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	WNC	Merger Savings	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	OFPC	Budget consultation	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	OFPC	December newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	email MM	WNC draft budget comments	MM circ to Cllrs
16-Dec	WNC	December parish briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
19-Dec	Stagecoach	Fare Offer	MM circ to Cllrs
21-Dec	WNC	HS2 liaison meeting notes	DW circ to Cllrs
23-Dec	ACRE	December newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Jan	Buckingham Palace	Letter of thanks	DW circ to Cllrs