

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 1 November 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)
 Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies: Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 11/23/363 | To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Bankes-Jones. Cllrs Herring and Bagot-Webb (WNC) | |
| 11/23/364 | 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 | |
| 11/23/365 | 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 | |
| 11/23/366 | WNC Councillors Q&A Cllr Morris briefed the meeting about conversations with Cllr Bagot-Webb regarding the current by-pass position and the monies available from the cancelled HS2 project. It was noted that Cllr Bagot-Webb continues to offer very positive and supportive advice concerning our highway issues. | |
| 11/23/367 | Bypass update Cllr Grant has written 2 private letters to Dame Andrea Leadsom MP regarding the feasibility study WNC are promising to conduct prior to consideration of the imposition of an interim weight limit on the A422 as well as her letter sent to the majority of Farthinghoe households. It was resolved that he will allow 2 weeks to receive a response and if none is forth coming, then to send a reminder. If after a further 2 weeks no satisfactory response is received the concerns raised will be escalated. Cllr Morris reported that he and the clerk have met with a commercial company who are exploring the feasibility of installing a temporary traffic monitoring system at the pinch point which will gather data regarding traffic stoppages both for frequency and severity. It is also possible that this | |

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| | equipment can simultaneously monitor air quality. The council without exception find in incredulous that neither WNC nor NCC Highways has ever made an attempt to gather such data. Data which could be central to our cause. We are waiting for their response. | |
| 11/23/368 | To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2023 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved. | |
| 11/23/369 | To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. 369/1. The council have finally received a response from WNC about moving the waste bin to the allotments bus shelter. It has now been passed to the relevant department who will contact the council when they are in a position to act on it. The council deem the time taken to respond was unsatisfactory and have raised it with our WNC Ward Councillors. | |
| 11/23/370 | To review any correspondence received since Oct 11 2023 requiring action. There was nothing to review | |
| 11/23/371 | To consider financial matters from the RFO: 371/1 To receive the financial report for October 2023 It was resolved that the financial report for October 2023 was presented and was duly approved. 371/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: The below bill was received after the production of the financial report. Jon Hampson £80.00 371/3 It was resolved to accept the 3 year fixed deal offered by Yu energy for the supply of electricity for the streetlights. At the conclusion of the meeting Cllr Grant was taking the paperwork for the financial year 2023-2024 for the purpose of carrying out the mid-term audit. Cllr Grant will report to the next PC meeting with his findings. | DW JG |
| 11/23/372 | Budget for 2024-2025 Budget version 0.2 was discussed. It was resolved to ask CPRE for their membership costs 2024/25 and to check the position of our fixed term insurance. Cllr Hancock will supply costs for updating or replacing our website. The budget will be finalised at the January 2024 meeting. | DW WH |
| 11/23/373 | Communication with parishioners and website Cllr Hancock will lead on the updating or replacing of the website. There are parishioners who have expertise in this area, Cllr Hancock will make contact and discuss. Cllr Hancock has received 3 replies from Cllrs regarding the NCALC survey on communications. These replies will be kept and Cllr Hancock will analyse the findings to help support and | WH WH |

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| | direct the PC communications. | |
| 11/23/374 | To determine and note responses to recent planning applications The response and acknowledgement to application 22/01340/OUT with Cherwell Council was noted. | |
| 11/23/375 | Solar Farm Update No further information | |
| 11/23/376 | To discuss highways matters. 376/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 To be monitored Cllr Grant informed the meeting that a parishioner had reported to him road subsidence on the A422. Cllr Grant will inform the parishioner the correct way to report this and ask for Cllr Morris to be sent any responses received so far from WNC . | JG |
| 11/23/377 | Childrens' Playpark The annual H&S inspection is during w/c 13 November. Cllr Grant will make contact to attend with the inspector. It was noted some anti-social behaviour involving the swings being wrapped round the top of the frame. Fortunately no damage occurred this time. WNC are replacing the "no dogs sign" with the new PSPO ones following a family refusing to leave the park when present with 3 dogs. | JG MM |
| 11/23/378 | Defibrillator monitoring and training Cllr Morris reported the checklists are being completed. | MM |
| 11/23/379 | Asset of Community Value Project The clerk had previously sent WNC response to our applications. They have been asked for a detailed explanation of why the school has been rejected as an ACV. We are waiting on 2 other decisions due before the year end. | |
| 11/23/380 | No Mow May 2024 WNC are asking everyone to take part and not cut grass in May. The PC asked to understand the 2023 benefits which had been describes as considerable and the response was very underwhelming. Weather permitting the PC will continue to have its grass areas cut. | |
| 11/23/381 | Parish Council Vacancy Following the resignation of Cllr Bankes-Jones, the vacancy has been advertised. The closing date for the public to ask for an election is 2 November. If no election is requested the council will co-opt a person onto the council. There have been 3 expressions of interest at this time. | |
| | Round the table The 'Tommy' silhouette for remembrance will be placed out to view shortly. Tesco Brackley have Farthinghoe School as one of their charities beneficiaries at present. The clerk will use the village database to remind people of this. | MM/BW DW |

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| | Cllr Hancock reported the village events committee are holding a decorate the church for Christmas and asked the PC to support it with a tree for people to decorate. It was resolved that this would be supported. | WH |
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The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 7.00pm.

| Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 October 2023 | |
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| Bank Statements on 31 October 2023 | £20,501.75 |
| Current Account | £10,402.06 |
| Savings Account | £10,099.69 |
| Un-presented payments from October meeting 2023 | £0.00 |
| ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 October 2023 | £20,501.75 |
| Monies Held on Behalf of Village | |
| PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 October 2023 | £697.47 |
| DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 October 2023 | £154.54 |
| Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 October 2023 | |
| Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections) | £1,500.00 |
| CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept) | £6,250.00 |
| Parish Council Fund Position on 31 October 2023 | £11,899.74 |
| Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed: | |
| Bills for Payment in November 2023 | |
| Direct Debits due in November 2023 (yu energy) | £0.00 |
| Total Payments for November 2023 | £0.00 |
| Parish Council Fund Position on 1 November 2023 | £11,899.74 |
| Financial Transactions in September 2023 | |
| Urgent Payments made since meeting in October 2023 | £0.00 |
| Direct Debits presented in October 2023 (yu energy) | £250.60 |
| Receipts during October 2023 | £0.00 |
| Cheques/Internet payments out in October 2023 | £1,180.45 |
| Playpark Fund Bills in October 2023 | £0.00 |
| Defibrillator Bills in October 2023 | £0.00 |
| VAT to be claimed 2023/2024 | £164.30 |

2311 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

| Date circulated | Received From | Correspondence from 8 October 2023 - 27 October 2023 | Circulated by |
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| 09-Oct | Email MM | New chair of EEH | MM |
| 10-Oct | WNC | No Mow May 2024 | DW |
| 10-Oct | WNC | Consultation | DW |
| 10-Oct | NCALC | Planning Webinar | DW |
| 10-Oct | Clear utility | Energy Quote | DW |
| 11-Oct | Email MM | Response from DALMP office re: fire | MM |
| 11-Oct | Email MM | Traffic lights new road Farthinghoe | MM |
| 11-Oct | Email MM | NBC support for HS2 article | MM |
| 11-Oct | Email DW | 24/25 Draft Budget | DW |
| 13-Oct | Email MM | Funeral Service Bud Mason | DW |
| 12-Oct | Email MM | Nethercote Protection Order | MM |
| 13-Oct | Email MM | HS2 monies | DW |
| 12-Oct | WNC | Acknowledgement of planning comments WNS/2022/1741/EIA: | MM |
| 13-Oct | WNC | Rejection of School as ACV | DW |
| 13-Oct | WNC | Update on Village Hall application to register as ACV | DW |
| 13-Oct | WNC | Update on Fox PH application to register as ACV | DW |
| 13-Oct | Email MM | Nethercote Protection Order | DW |
| 13-Oct | NCALC | PLR update | DW |
| 13-Oct | | | |
| 25-Oct | | | |
| 27-Oct | NCALC | Weekly update | DW |
| 13-Oct | Email JG | Letter to DALMP | JG |
| 15-Oct | Email DW | Casual Vacancy | DW |
| 15-Oct | Cherwell DC | Banbury 2050 briefing | DW |
| 16-Oct | Email MM | WNC response to moving waste bin | MM |
| 16-Oct | WNC | Weekly Planning applications and decisions | MM |
| 17-Oct | WNC | Road closure cockley road 8 Dec | DW |
| 17-Oct | | | |
| 25-Oct | Email MM | Road Closures petition | DW |
| 17-Oct | WNC | Town and Parish Briefing | DW |
| 21-Oct | Email MM | Chase up to Cllr Breese | DW |
| 25-Oct | WNC | Carers Events | DW |
| 25-Oct | Parish Online | Newsletter | DW |
| 25-Oct | ACRE | October Newsletter | DW |
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| | | ITEMS IN BOLD WERE SENT TO CLLRS AND THE VILLAGE DATABASE | |
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