

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 13 September 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)
 Mrs Wendy Hancock (WH)
 Mr James Harrison (JH)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies: None

ITEM		ACTION
09/23/329	To receive and approve apologies for absence. None were received	
09/23/330	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	
09/23/331	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	
09/23/332	WNC Councillors Q&A No WNC councillors were present	
09/23/333	Bypass update WNC have completed the revised business case for the Bypass. Cllrs Morris and Grant have attended two meetings recently. Initially in August with Jack Edwards, the recently appointed Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Dame Andrea Leadsom MP, with whom they discussed the issues and history concerning the need for the bypass, followed by a TEAMS meeting on 1st September with WNC Officers and Councillors along with Andrea Leadsom and Jack Edwards . The revised business case had been presented to MM and JG just prior this meeting with a request by WNC not to discuss with other Farthinghoe Parish Councillors until after the meeting. Cllrs Morris and Grant both made it clear that they were uncomfortable with such a request. The BCR (Benefit-Cost Ratio) which determines a threshold for developing a case to apply to Government for funding the project has risen from 0.7 up to 1.1 with the new study, but this is still insufficient for them to invest in preparation of a case for Dft funding. Farthinghoe Parish Council is unhappy	

	<p>because it seems that very important elements and data have omitted from the study and especially from the BCR calculation.</p> <p>Cllr Rebecca Breese has requested detailed information from WNC Highways concerning the Methodology used for the BCR calculation and we understand that Dame Andrea Leadsom MP will also be asking the same question of the Under Secretary of State for Transport.</p> <p>In addition to the Bypass BCR calculation it was stated by WNC Officers during the meeting that they will now begin a very detailed feasibility study into the introduction of a Weight Limit on the A422 which would prevent its use as thoroughfare by HGVs, thus eliminating the majority of the problems of the Pinch Point</p> <p>This study will take place over the Winter period culminating in the presentation of a report in April 2024.</p> <p>It was also decided that.</p> <p>It was decided that a combined response would be prepared by the Parish Council to send to WNC Highways.</p> <p>This response will include input from all Councillors and would focus in considerable detail on the reasons why we feel that the BCR calculation is very flawed.</p> <p>It will also make clear that our PC interests are twofold, these being bypass and weight restriction.</p>	ALL												
09/23/334	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of 12 July 2023 were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>													
09/23/335	<p>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>													
09/23/336	<p>To review any correspondence received since July 2023 requiring action.</p> <p>336/1 It was resolved the clerk would attend the NCALC Conference on 7 October 2023.</p>													
09/23/337	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>337/1 To receive the financial report for August 2023 It was resolved that the financial report for 2023 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>337/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>D Weston (antivirus subscription)</td> <td>£59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC (Cllr training)</td> <td>£100.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep</td> <td>£66.30</td> </tr> </table> <p>Additionally, after the report was produced 2 further invoices were received.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Signs and Display (village map reprint)</td> <td>£63.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repair to the vandalised dog bin</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was resolved to pay these bills</p>	D Weston (antivirus subscription)	£59.99	NCALC (Cllr training)	£100.80	Jon Hampson	£250.00	Texprep	£66.30	Signs and Display (village map reprint)	£63.00	Repair to the vandalised dog bin	£40.00	
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	<p>The clerk informed the meeting he has contacted our Utility broker to obtain a quote for renewing our electricity supply contract due to expire in November 2023. The October meeting will discuss the quote.</p> <p>The clerk informed the meeting, the remaining half of the precept would be credited to us later this month.</p>	DW
09/23/338	<p>Communication with Parishioners</p> <p>Cllr Hancock had circulated a questionnaire to all councillors regarding PC communications with the village. This appears to have gone back to NCALC. Cllr Hancock will speak with NCALC to retrieve the responses.</p> <p>Cllr Hancock has also reviewed the PC website. There are a number of areas that require updates or improvements. Cllr Harrison has log-in details and will review what can be done. Cllr Hancock will write an article for the Chronicle reporting on PC business.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllrs Grant and Willett will have a stall at the village show in order to promote the PC activities and obtain more residents signing up to the village database maintained by the PC in compliance with GDPR regulations.</p>	<p>WH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>WH</p> <p>JG/BW</p>
09/23/339	<p>Update on parishioner's complaints against WNC</p> <p>The parishioner has been supported by the PC; a resolution has been agreed with WNC. The parishioner has been advised as to the course of action they need to take. It was resolved to dismiss this agenda item</p>	
09/23/340	<p>Parking issues Baker Street</p> <p>The issue seems to have reduced. It was resolved to dismiss this agenda item.</p>	
09/23/341	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>There were no applications to consider.</p>	
09/23/342	<p>Solar Farm Update</p> <p>The matter still sits with the Government Planning Inspectorate for a final decision.</p>	
09/23/343	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>343/1 Slippery Footpaths. This matter has been resolved. DISMISSED</p> <p>343/2 Crumbling drain repairs A422 There is nothing further to report on this.</p> <p>343/3 Noisy Drain Covers A422 This matter has been resolved. DISMISSED</p>	
09/23/344	<p>Childrens' Playpark</p> <p>A quote has been received for the annual H&S inspection. It was resolved to accept this and the clerk to book the visit.</p>	DW
09/23/345	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
09/23/346	<p>Asset of Community Value Project</p> <p>The clerk has heard nothing from WNC for three months despite chasing them up. The clerk with wite to Cllr Breese for support in getting an update.</p>	DW

	<p>Round the table</p> <p>Cllr Morris and Grant attended a Little Brook Ward meeting. Various matters were discussed concerning Farthinghoe and surrounding wards. Farthinghoe will hold the next meeting in March 2024.</p> <p>Cllr Morris and Willett have recently cleared a large amount of rubbish from the allotment bus shelter. It was resolved to move an existing bin from the centre of the village to the close to the bus shelter.</p>	<p>MM/BW</p>
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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 7.00pm.

2309 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 August 2023	
Bank Statements on 31 August 2023	£16,169.45
Current Account	£6,137.89
Savings Account	£10,031.56
Un-presented payments to 31 August 2023	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 August 2023	£16,169.45
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 August 2023	£697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 August 2023	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 August 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 August 2023	£7,567.44
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in September 2023	
NCALC (for Cllr Hancock Training)	£100.80
D Weston (reimbursement antivirus renewal)	£59.99
Jon Hampson	£250.00
Texprep (September)	£66.30
Direct Debits due in September 2023 (yu energy)	£246.69
Total Payments for September 2023	£723.78
Parish Council Fund Position on 13 September 2023	£6,843.66
Financial Transactions for August 2023	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in July 2023 (Texprep August)	£52.60
Direct Debits presented in August 2023 (yu energy)	£50.58
Receipts during August 2023	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in August 2023	£0.00
Playpark Fund Bills in August 2023	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in August 2023	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£152.37

2308 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 July 2023	
Bank Statements on 31 July 2023	£16,272.63
Current Account	£6,241.07
Savings Account	£10,031.56
Un-presented payments to 31 July 2023	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 July 2023	£16,272.63
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 July 2023	£697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 July 2023	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 July 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 July 2023	£7,670.62
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in August 2023	
Direct Debits due in August 2023 (yu energy)	£50.58
Total Payments for August 2023	£50.58
Parish Council Fund Position on 10 August 2023	£7,620.04
Financial Transactions for July 2023	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in July 2023	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in July 2023 (yu energy)	£24.39
Receipts during July 2023	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in July 2023 (grass cutting, chronicle, salary and expenses, HMRC, I.T. subscriptions)	£1,207.54
Playpark Fund Bills in July 2023	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in July 2023	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£123.80

2309 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 8 July 2023 to 6 September 2023	Action
07-Jul	WNC	Manhole covers A422	MM circ to Cllrs
11-Jul	WNC	Enforcement re: slippery footpaths	MM circ to Cllrs
11-Jul	ACRE	Friendship Project	DW circ to Cllrs
11-Jul	NCALC	PLR update	DW circ to Cllrs
12-Jul	WNC	Funding Fair links	MM circ to Cllrs
14-Jul	School	Skip info	DW circ to Cllrs
14-Jul			
25-Jul			
11-Aug			
21-Aug			
25-Aug			
4-Sep	NCALC	Weekly update	DW circ to Cllrs
17-Jul	WNC	Noisy Manholes	MM circ to Cllrs
25-Jul	WNC	SNVB Asset Mapping	DW circ to Cllrs
25-Jul	NCALC	Conference Details	DW circ to Cllrs
25-Jul	WNC	2 x consultations	DW circ to Cllrs
31-Jul	WNC	Letter to DALMP re: HS2 masts	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	WNC	July Town and Parish Briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	NCALC	Bi-monthly e-briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	WNC	July HS2 liaison meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	WNC	Boundary Commission Final Recommendations	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	NCALC	Parish Councils Boundary review	DW circ to Cllrs
02-Aug	ACRE	Advert for new CEO	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Aug	Email	MM re: Chronicle advert	MM circ to Cllrs
07-Aug			
14-Aug			
21-Aug			
28-Aug	WNC	Weekly planning update	MM circ to Cllrs
08-Aug	Email	Mmre: Dangerous wall Manor Lane	MM circ to Cllrs
09-Aug	Email	MM re: A422 drains and road issues	MM circ to Cllrs
09-Aug	Email	MM re: meeting with Jack Edwards	MM circ to Cllrs
11-Aug	Texprep	Monthly bill	DW circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	ACRE	August Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	CPRE	Summer newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	Email	Pippa Clayton funeral arrangements	DW circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	WNC	Fix my street update queens street	MM circ to Cllrs
15-Aug	ACRE	AGM details	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Aug	Email	A422 Planning Application, FPC comments	MM circ to Cllrs
18-Aug	Email	MM Pinch Point traffic collection data	MM circ to Cllrs
21-Aug	WNC	HS2 A43 sub group meeting details	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Aug	National Highways	A43 closures September 2023	DW circ to Cllrs
22-Aug	WNC	August Town and Parish briefing	DW circ to Cllrs
24-Aug	WNC	Update on BCR	MM circ to Cllrs
25-Aug	Stagecoach	New bus timetable	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Sep	ACRE	Sustainability workshop	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Sep	ERTA	Railway re-opening papers	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Sep	WNC	Active consultations	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Sep	WNC	PSPO	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Sep	Delightful Trees	Tree and wild flower planting project	DW circ to Cllrs
06-Sep	NCALC	September Training Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
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		THOSE IN BOLD ALSO CIRCULATED ON VILLAGE DATABASE	

