

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00pm  
in the Beasley Room at Farthinghoe Village Hall



Councillors present: Mr Ross van Geest (Chair) (RVG)  
Mr Mick Morris (Vice Chair) (MM)  
Mr John Grant (JG)  
Mrs Jenny Forbes (JF)  
Mrs Sally Thomas (ST)  
Mr David Dashwood (DD)  
Mr Henry Bankes-Jones (HBJ)  
Cllr Ron Sawbridge (RS)

Apologies: None

Guests: Mr Mike Hunt, NCC  
Mr Chris Wragg, NCC

Also in attendance: Mrs Philippa Clayton (Clerk) (PC)

ITEM		ACTION
16/02/140	To receive and approve apologies for absence It was <b>resolved</b> that there were no apologies to be accepted.	
16/02/141	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.) It was <b>resolved</b> that there were no declarations of interest to be received.	
16/02/142	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). There were two members of the public present who did not address the council but wished to hear the report from NCC on the results of bypass survey.	
16/02/143	To receive a report from Chris Wragg of NCC on the results of the bypass survey conducted in December 2015. Mr Wragg was asked how NCC considers the results. He responded that public opinion is very important but that they also consider environment where appropriate. It is recognised that there are issues with the northern route but that they can look at a way to tweak the route to avoid these issues. The Chair stated that the PC felt that 126 responses was relatively low, that the information provided was slightly misleading, with people thinking they may be voting by household and not as individuals. The reply was that some households did in fact send more than one response and that NCC actually considers this to be a good percentage response rate in their experience. The turnout to the exhibition itself was very	

	<p>good. The question was asked as to whether the negatives explained their responses. Some said they felt that the problems occurred for only short period of the day, but that the majority didn't elaborate.</p> <p>Information is available from Cherwell on new business etc. which includes a report for estimate of traffic on A422; the question was asked as to whether any of that data had been considered. Only Oxford views have been included. Another piece of work is being undertaken to look at what distribution of traffic would be; Brackley distribution is already available, but would need to add in Banbury.</p> <p>The Chair enquired as to the next steps. It is for the Cabinet to make a decision; a major road schemes review was taken at the last cabinet meeting. Providing there is strong support from the village for an affordable option, it would take further report recommendations for Farthinghoe to be added to the priority schemes. NCC will need to check if there is anything with the landscapes and any designations that haven't yet been picked up. It was stated that quite a number of schemes are in priority; it is easier to get money to actually execute a scheme, but very difficult to get money to prepare schemes to propose. It will cost over £1M to get the scheme fully developed, so the timescale is at least 3 years and probably longer. It was challenged that NCC must have all of the answers already, due to the work carried out previously. The response was that the scheme will go to public consultation, so it is essential to ensure that all information is comprehensive and up-to-date, for example ecological surveys have a limited shelf life.</p> <p>The Chair stated that a downgrade would be hugely beneficial anyway and asked at what stage there would be an opportunity to discuss aspects of options. The response was that if the road were downgraded, there would be less chance of getting funding for a bypass; funding is only given for primary routes.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that developments in Banbury have a greater effect on traffic through the village. However, Oxfordshire County Council had not consulted with NCC regarding their development plans, so NCC did have the opportunity to use those as a campaigning tool for a bypass. NCC was unable to say why they hadn't been consulted.</p> <p>The question was asked that if the A422 was downgraded to a B route, could it then have a weight restriction. The response was that this would be considered but whether it would be enforced would be a different question.</p> <p>NCC stated that they will require a considered view from the Parish council after which, alongside the consultation results, they will then put a presentation through to cabinet.</p> <p>The question was asked whether engaging views from drivers through the village would strengthen the case. The response was that it was unlikely, but that views from businesses may have some sway from an economic point of view.</p> <p>The Chair declared that standing orders be suspended to allow the public to speak.</p> <p>The question was asked as to whether HS2 will affect traffic through the village. The response was that the A422 is not proposed by HS2 as a route; construction traffic routes in their plans are being fed from A43 or</p>	
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	<p>A4525. It was acknowledged that routes may get closed on safety grounds and the question was asked if any estimates or studies had been done on that basis. This will have been considered at HS2 meetings, and we are too late to use this information for our purposes. It was however recommended that the village monitors traffic flows and as soon as a problem occurs, report it. HS2 construction vehicles will be required to be clearly labelled and there will be a reporting process to be escalated to NCC if construction traffic is repeatedly seen to be using the A422.</p> <p>The question was asked as to whether, at the same time as trying to get a bypass, we could simultaneously work towards a weight restriction. NCC reiterated that a weight restriction on an A road will not happen; it was agreed that Mr Wragge would put in writing a full explanation as to why this is not possible.</p> <p>With reference to the timescale for making the application to the Cabinet. NCC explained that they would need the response from the Parish Council and also have the other environmental work to do. It is therefore anticipated to be July to September. NCC will also begin talking to landowners whilst the Parish Council is putting its response together.</p> <p>The Parish needs to consider their views on requesting the bypass to be situated further away from the village; greater cost may reduce chance of getting a bypass and the affordability of the scheme dictated its closeness to the village.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that NCC would provide a written explanation regarding the inability to provide a weight restriction.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the Parish Council would provide a considered response from the Parish, to include the location for the bypass.</p> <p>The Chair thanked NCC for attending. NCC and the members of the public left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated.</p>	
16/02/144	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were taken as read, duly signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>	
16/02/145	<p>To note any matters arising from the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 not included on this agenda for report only.</p> <p>16/01/126 – The Clerk reported that she would request the invoice from the Fox for the buffet following the official opening of the Dashwood playpark.</p> <p>16/01/134 – The Clerk reported that an application for transparency regulations funding had been submitted.</p>	PC
16/02/146	<p>To receive the correspondence register since 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 requiring action.</p> <p>The correspondence register was duly received and the following items seen to be of note:</p> <p>Best Kept village – The Clerk will secure an application form to see what is entailed and circulate.</p> <p>Chronicle advertising – no further ads from Limes Farm to be included until the invoice has been paid.</p>	PC PC

16/02/147	To receive the financial report from the RFO: It was <b>resolved</b> that: - the financial report for February 2016 was presented by the RFO and was duly accepted.	
16/02/148	To approve bills for payment: It was <b>resolved</b> that the following accounts be approved for payment: Chq            Payee            Amount    Power 100689    TexPrep            £66.30    Local Gov't Act 1972 s142	
16/02/149	To determine responses to recent planning applications: It was <b>resolved</b> that there were no planning applications to be considered.	
16/02/150	To review the accident register and safety inspections for the playpark: It was <b>resolved</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it be minuted that site inspection records for February 2016 had been passed to the Clerk for filing.</li> <li>• it be minuted that the no parking and no dogs signs are in the process of being replaced.</li> <li>• Cllr Grant was still awaiting a response from Playscapes regarding the flooding under the swings and large round swing.</li> <li>• it be minuted that no accidents had been reported in the prior month.</li> </ul>	
16/02/151	To consider the appointment of John Hicks & Associates to perform play area inspection in 2016. It was <b>resolved</b> that John Hicks & Associates be appointed to carry out the play area inspection in 2016 and that the Clerk would complete the appointment paperwork.	PC
16/02/152	To consider a response to Proposal for the Hard Federation of the Governing Bodies of Farthinghoe and Greatworth Primary Schools It was <b>resolved</b> that all councillors would submit their views to the Chair by Thursday 18 February 2015 and the Chair would then pen an agreed response.	
16/02/153	To receive a report from Cllr Morris on the status regarding the village street lighting Cllr Morris reported that he is waiting for answer from NCC for lighting of A422 then can do a complete report. Cllr Sawbridge confirmed that he has also been chasing. It was recognised that the initial response was sympathetic but there may be some reticence regarding setting a precedent. Cllr Morris will request written response times from E.ON maintenance and will ask Balfour Beatty for a copy of their SLA for comparison, as the recent response times from E.ON have not been good. It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Morris would continue with his investigations and would report back at the March meeting.	MM
16/02/154	To receive an update on the land registry status of the Village Hall plot The Chair reported that he is still trying to trace a number of documents. , It was <b>resolved</b> to carry this item forward to the next meeting.	PC
16/02/155	To receive a report from the January Village Hall committee meeting.	

	As none of the councillors were able to attend the January Village Hall committee meeting, it was <b>resolved</b> that there was no report to be received.	
16/02/156	<p>To consider preparations for the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.</p> <p>The Clerk is to ensure a microphone is available.</p> <p>It was agreed that tea and cakes would be provided after the meeting.</p> <p>RS mentioned that some parishes circulate their reports prior and invite questions instead. It was agreed that the PC would adopt the same principle, circulating the reports with the March Chronicle, and providing a precis of each report at the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that a presentation on the playpark would be appropriate, perhaps with the use of a photo board.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had invited Cllr Sawbridge, Cllr Breese, the Police, Rev Dommett and the school to the APM.</p>	
16/02/157	<p>To consider appropriate celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2016</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the beacon would be lit on 21<sup>st</sup> April.</p> <p>It was further <b>resolved</b> that the Clerk would speak to the Fox to see if they wished to provide refreshments before or after the lighting.</p>	PC
16/02/158	<p>To consider the option of moving to holding Parish Council meetings every other month.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that this suggestion would be reconsidered in July, with the possibility of cancelling August and December's meetings.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Beasley Room at Farthinghoe Village Hall.

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT



## BANK STATEMENTS AT 29.01.2016

Business Saver Account	£200.42
Community Account	£6,221.12

## DIRECT DEBITS PRESENTED IN MONTH

None

## UNPRESENTED CHEQUES

TexPrep	100679	(£115.05)
TexPrep	100681	(£17.55)

## RECEIPTS SINCE 29.01.2016

None

ACTUAL FUND POSITION AT 7 FEBRUARY 2016 **£6,288.94**

PRECEPT FUND POSITION AT 7 FEBRUARY 2016 £4,348.08

PLAYPARK FUND POSITION AT 7 FEBRUARY 2016 £1,940.86

## PRECEPT FUND

### BILLS FOR PAYMENT 10 FEBRUARY 2016

TexPrep (€66.30) Chronicle

Total value of payments (€66.30)

CLOSING PRECEPT FUND POSITION AT 10 FEBRUARY 2016 **£4,281.78**

## PLAYPARK FUND

### BILLS FOR PAYMENT 10 FEBRUARY 2016

None

CLOSING PLAYPARK FUND POSITION AT 10 FEBRUARY 2016 **£1,940.86**

## PROJECTED PLAYPARK FUND POSITION

VAT claim to be made	£50.00
Grand opening buffet	(£200.00)
Ramp regulations	(£200.00)
PROJECTED POSITION	<b>£1,590.86</b>

PLAYPARK ACCOUNT											Opening Bal.	£11,900.00
			Invoices			Payments				Receipts	Running total	
	Date	Ref	Nett	VAT	Total	Nett	VAT	Total				
Viridor	04-Jul	Chq 100654				£2,044.36		£2,044.36		£9,855.64		
Playscapes	28-Jul	Inv 14/15-21	£15,100.00	£3,020.00	£18,120.00							
FPC	12-Aug	Chq 100662				£4,166.67	£833.33	£5,000.00		£4,855.64		
SNC New Homes Bonus	02-Sep								£7,715.00	£12,570.64		
J Grant (councillor loan)	02-Sep								£600.00	£13,170.64		
FPC	02-Sep	Chq 100663				£10,933.33	£2,186.67	£13,120.00		£50.64		
Playscapes	10-Sep	Inv 14/15-24	£5,985.00	£1,197.00	£7,182.00					£50.64		
Viridor	16-Sep	Ref. 8078				£5,985.00	£0.00	£5,985.00	£5,985.00	£50.64		
Playscapes	17-Sep	Inv 14/15-25	£14,015.00	£2,803.00	£16,818.00					£50.64		
VAT reclaim	18-Sep								£3,020.00	£3,070.64		
J Grant (councillor loan)	21-Sep								£1,200.00	£4,270.64		
FPC	22-Sep	Chq 100666				£0.00	£1,197.00	£1,197.00		£3,073.64		
Viridor	25-Sep	Ref. 8078				£14,015.00	£0.00	£14,015.00	£14,015.00	£3,073.64		
FPC	26-Sep	Chq 100667				£0.00	£2,803.00	£2,803.00		£270.64		
Playscapes	05-Oct	Inv 14/15-26	£2,650.00	£530.00	£3,180.00					£270.64		
Proceeds of cocktail night	12-Oct								£2,441.10	£2,711.74		
Playscapes	14-Oct	Chq 100675				£2,650.00	£530.00	£3,180.00		-£468.26		
J Hicks	20-Oct		£250.00	£50.00	£300.00							
September VAT claim	30-Oct								£4,000.00	£3,531.74		
J Grant (repayment)	11-Nov	Chq 100678				£1,800.00	£0.00	£1,800.00		£1,731.74		
J Hicks	11-Nov	Chq 100677				£250.00	£50.00	£300.00		£1,431.74		
October VAT claim	19-Nov								£530.00	£1,961.74		
Safety signage	05-Jan		£17.40	£3.48	£20.88							
Safety Signs 4 Less	13-Jan	Chq 100684				£17.40	£3.48	£20.88		£1,940.86		
		TOTAL COST	£38,017.40	£7,603.48	£45,620.88	£41,861.76	£7,603.48	£49,465.24	£39,506.10			
<b>PROJECTIONS:</b>												
J Hicks VAT claim									£50.00	£1,990.86		
Grand opening buffet								£200.00		£1,790.86		
Ramp regulations								£200.00		£1,590.86		

#### RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	£11,900.00
Monies received	£39,506.10
Payments made	£49,465.24
Closing balance at 7/2/2016	£1,940.86