

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**Councillors present:** Mr John Grant chaired the meeting  
Mr Ian Hunt  
David Dashwood  
Mrs Jenny Forbes  
Mrs Sally Thomas  
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

## **Public Time:**

Cllr Grant welcomed **County Councillor Ron Sawbridge** who was pleased to be back after a hard fought election and now representing the much larger division of Middleton Cheney, made up of eleven Parish Councils and one Parish Meeting. Cllr Sawbridge gave a brief outline of the issues facing NCC at the present time and although savings have been made a three tier system of local government is not sustainable and services will have to be cut probably after this year. Cllr Sawbridge stayed for the rest of the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs. Mr Neil Downing and Prof. David Mellor

**2. Minutes of previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October** had been circulated and were taken as read, signed and adopted.

## **3. Matters arising:**

### **3.1 The Local Plan**

Cllr Sally Thomas had attended the briefing for the Local Plan - Issues Paper Consultation at SNC on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

How do we want development to happen in Farthinghoe? At this stage SNC is consulting on the issues common to many villages such as a vision for the village up until 2026, including housing need, should the village confines be extended to accommodate any need, employment, transport, infrastructure, preferred sites for any development etc? South Northants needs to provide 35,000 extra homes which will increase levels of traffic within the district. This will impact on Farthinghoe, as will any development in North Oxfordshire. The proposal for Farthinghoe is that 17 houses may need to be provided.

Individuals will have the opportunity to respond to either the Parish Council or directly to SNC. Information on how to comment will be included in December's Chronicle and information and a map of the village confines, as they are at present, will be available to view at the Village Hall, The Fox and Limes Farm.

This item will be on December's agenda to enable the Parish Council to discuss the issues and to make a formal response before 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## **4. Finance:**

### **4.1 Barclays Bank** statements at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013

Business Saver	£200.22
Community Account	<u>£5,623.15</u>
	£5,823.37

### **4.2 Expenditure:**

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100585	Texprep	£66.30	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100586	Parkes' Office Supplies - website	£358.80	Local Government Act 1972 s142

**4.3** Invoices had been sent Limes Farm and The Fox to each cover the cost (£66.30) of one edition of the Chronicle.

### **5. Correspondence since 9<sup>th</sup> October**

email CPRE Campaigns update

email NCALC Danny Moody New Model Standing Orders – *existing Standing Orders reviewed in June: will replace next year*

email SNH takes over running more homes for older people

email NCALC Danny Moody – launch of Highway Warden Scheme - *include in article for the Chronicle*

email NCALC “Off to a Flying Start” training 2<sup>nd</sup> November

CPRE Northamptonshire “Outlook” October 2013

Northamptonshire Highways querying ownership of land. *Hedge around Allotments belongs to the PCC and it is believed that the hedge in question has been cut*

Clerks & Councils Direct November 2013

email NACRE Twitter training – early November and broader social media training 27<sup>th</sup> November

email NCALC Police and Crime commission survey

email CPRE Northamptonshire “An evening of Christmas Carols” 11<sup>th</sup> December

emails x 3 snvb including funding for heritage projects, training and news.....

email snvb Newsletter November 2013

Northants 50+ Network News

NCALC The History of Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils and its predecessors between 1947 and 2012

email NCALC Training opportunities, new website...

CPRE Countryside Voice and Field Work Winter 2013

email NCALC County flag competition

email NCALC Finance update – Legislative Reform Order, budget process and Council Tax Grant....

email Green Energy UK wanting to meet with the PC regarding pre application for a Solar Project. A screening proposal has already been submitted

**SNC** i) Need to formally request copy of Full Electoral Register – *sent 29<sup>th</sup> October*

ii) email Press release – SNVB’s Brackley volunteer car service has been awarded £7,500 grant from New Homes Bonus – *opportunity for organisations to bid for funding*

iii) email alterations to electoral register

iv) email Notice of South Northamptonshire Settlements and Development Management Policies Local Plan – Issues Consultation

v) email Notification of Northamptonshire Highways consultation

vi) email Fireworks for all to enjoy - *safety advice*

vii) email Press release: “Roman Wall in Towcester to be protected and preserved.....”

viii) email Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014 – 2015 Proposal to keep the same CTRS for 2014 -2015 as for 2013 – 2014 – consultation ends on 8<sup>th</sup> November

*Update: NCALC advising that this may now not be the case*

ix) email Press release “Chance to help shape the future of South Northamptonshire” Consultation on South Northants Local Plan until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- NCC** i) Consultation Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Strategic Update and Review for 2014  
 ii) email NCC Northamptonshire Highways - Asset Management Strategy Consultation – Changes to the future policy in relation to Highway maintenance – *copy of document.*

## 6. Traffic Issues:

Cllr Mellor, Cllr Grant, David Farquhar and Andrea Leadsom MP met and walked to Limes Farm. One proposal was a chicane before Limes Farm and another near the garage but could the Parish Council fund? There was opposition to this as it would lead to traffic build up. NCC needs to come up with a suggestion to cut noise, congestion and pollution. How to get traffic off the A422: “Unsuitable for heavy vehicles” sign? Advise Ordinance Survey and Sat Nav manufacturers that the road is not suitable for heavy vehicles? It was suggested that there was no need to extend 30mph restriction on Hinton Road because of road signs (clutter) on a road in a very rural setting.

## 7. Minutes - content

The Parish Council agreed that the request from those who had asked for their names to be removed from September’s minutes would be granted. In future those attending Public Time will be asked if they wish their names to be included..

## 8. Sources of funding for improvements to playground

Cllr Sawbridge will be able to honour his pledge of £2,000 for 2014 -15 under the County Council Empowering Scheme. District Councillor Rebecca Breese will need to be asked to reaffirm her support in writing. Fund raising continues at a steady pace and the plan is for the group to decide what they would like to see in the playground. One quote has already been received.

## 9. Planning Matters:

Application number	Address	Details	Status/ Decision
S/2013/1272/ FUL	Limes Farm, Main Road	Amendment to S/2013/1272/FUL (Yurt campsite comprising of 4 yurts, detached ablutions and toilet facilities, car parking area and associated pathways) to allow for the relocation of yurt 4 and an additional ablution block and to regularise the existing ablutions and kitchen blocks for yurts 1, 2 and 3 (part retrospective) <i>The Parish Council had already commented on the original application and was unsure about what it was being asked to comment on and therefore felt it was not in a position to comment.</i>	

S/2013/1097/ FUL	Manor Farm, Steane	Change of use of stable building to dwelling. The Parish Council supported the first application and supported this on the basis that the objections placed by SNC against the original application had been addressed.	<i>Approved</i>
S/2013/1100/ FUL	Shenna House, 1 Cockley Rd	Proposed single storey porch extension. <i>The Parish Council supported the application.</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>
S/2013/1145/ FUL	Manor Farm, Steane	Change of use of agricultural barn for the keeping of horses including exterior and interior alterations	<i>Approved</i>

**Councillors round the table.....**

1. The hedge in Old Lane needs to be trimmed back even more.
2. Had there been an update from E.On regarding LED lighting? *Nothing reported.*
3. Would need to check to see if the village sign would be covered by the Parish Council's insurance. *The Clerk had left a message as usual contact was not available.*

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm  
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