

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

Councillors present

Cllr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
 Cllr Barry Willett (BW)
 Cllr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)
 Cllr John Grant (JG)
 Cllr Wendy Hancock (WH)
 Cllr James Harrison (JH)
 Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies:

ITEM		ACTION
06/24/474	To receive and approve apologies for absence. No apologies received	
06/24/475	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	
06/24/476	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	
06/24/477	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2024 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
06/24/478	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. None	
06/24/479	To review any correspondence received since 3 May 2024 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
06/24/480	WNC Councillors Updates None present or report sent in for the meeting.	
06/24/481	Bypass update Nothing to update at this time. It was resolved to send a follow up email to WNC to see when the result of the Weight Restriction review would be published. The comments on the HS2 liaison paper were noted around the same topic.	DW

	The Labour candidate for South Northants had asked to meet the PC to get a greater understanding of the bypass situation. It was resolved to arrange a meeting. Cllr Hancock to arrange.	WH												
06/24/482	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>482/1 To receive the financial report for May 2024 It was resolved that the financial report for May 2024 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>482/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses (June)</td> <td>£267.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£60.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (May)</td> <td>£52.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td>£18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish On-Line</td> <td>£216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td>£140.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>482/3 To approve the amended Financial Regulations as created by NALC. Councillors felt they needed longer to consider and study any changes. It was resolved to roll this over to next month.</p> <p>482/4. To review the pay scales. (The clerk left the meeting during the discussion, returning at the end of it). It was resolved unanimously to move the clerk to PayScale 24. It was resolved by a majority to do so with immediate effect.</p>	Confidential Expenses (June)	£267.22	HMRC	£60.40	Texprep (May)	£52.60	Bank Charges	£18.00	Parish On-Line	£216.00	Jon Hampson	£140.00	
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06/24/483	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website</p> <p>A working model website has been created. The background colour will be green. A parishioner has given some old photos for the site, drone footage will be taken of the village, Cllr Hancock to arrange, Cllr Harrison will take a photo of the chapel at Steane. Cllrs Harrison, Hancock and Nobes will meet to discuss the content for the new website.</p>	WH/JH/SN												
06/24/484	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>2024/2769/RM Land West of Seven Sisters Close. After discussion, Cllrs would email their views to the chair for the final council decision to be made. Cllr Morris agreed to print off the front sheet of the application and letter drop Seven Sisters Close and bordering houses on Cockley Road</p>	ALL/MM												
06/24/485	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>485/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. It was noted a temporary repair has been done to the area near the pinch point, a full repair including re-siting the pipework is needed, but there is no indication yet of when this will happen.</p> <p>485/2 One road closure has taken place with a further one due for drain inspection.(Late news-The second road closure did not take place)</p> <p>It was noted an RTC had occurred on Monday 10 June in which a lamppost was damaged by a vehicle junction Baker</p>	MM												

	Street/A422. Cllr Morris is going to talk with the driver and will obtain insurance details.	
06/24/486	<p>Childrens' Playpark</p> <p>The purchase of an accessible swing seat is being explored. It was noted that it will probably involve the purchase of a new frame to stand alongside the existing swing frames. Cllr Morris is aware of a swing similar to that we would like which is located at Stratford on Avon. It was resolved that Cllr Morris contact with the Stratford Council.</p> <p>It was resolved to purchase replacement bollards at the entrance to the playpark. The preferred ones are Workplace folding parking post @ £47.99 each. Cllr Willett will obtain a quote to remove the old posts and fit the new ones.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>BW/DW</p>
06/24/487	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training</p> <p>All ok</p>	
06/24/488	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>The recent minutes and accounts were presented. The next meeting is 3 July 2024. Cllr Harrison to attend.</p>	JH
06/24/489	<p>Village Millenium sign</p> <p>The email exchange between the PC and the interested parishioner was discussed. There is no record of the PC having taken on ownership of the sign or of it appearing in their asset register. The sign sits on WNC land. It was resolved to write to WNC for their advice regarding removal if it is in a dangerous condition. The PC do not have funding to restore the sign.</p>	DW
06/24/490	<p>Assets of Community Value.</p> <p>The response from WNC regarding their decision not to include the school as an asset of community value was noted and felt by the meeting to be totally insufficient. It was resolved to contact the Ward Councillors to press for a reconsideration.</p>	DW
	<p>Items to note and agenda items for the next meeting</p> <p>Cllr Morris is concerned over speeding lorries through the pinch point. He will supply the clerk with details of the main companies involved.</p> <p>It was noted that the beacon in the field owned by David Dashwood is not an asset owned by the parish council.</p>	MM

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

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

2406 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 May 2024	
Bank Statements on 31 May 2024	£19,959.53
Current Account	£9,720.10
Savings Account	£10,239.43
Un-presented payments from May meeting 2024	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 May 2024	£19,959.53
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 May 2024	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 May 2024	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 May 2024	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,750.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 May 2024	£11,091.16
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in June 2024	
Confidential Expenses (June)	£267.22
HMRC	£60.40
Texprep (May)	£52.60
Bank Charges	£18.00
Parish Online	£216.00
Jon Hampson	£140.00
Direct Debits due in June 2024 (yu energy)	£105.97
Total Payments for June 2024	£860.19
Parish Council Fund Position on 12 June 2024	£10,230.97
Financial Transactions in May 2024	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in May 2024	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in May 2024 (yu energy) (CPRE)	£172.81
Receipts during May 2024 (trs from playpark fund)	£762.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in May 2024 (Excl DD)	£2,338.49
Playpark Fund Bills in May 2024 (Trs to General Account for play bark)	£762.00
Defibrillator Bills in May 2024	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2024/2025	£212.77

2406 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 3 May-6 June	Circulated by
07-May	WNC	Road closure Aynho	MM
07-May	Police	Yellow line enforcement	MM
08-May	WNC	Cabinet Changes	MM
13-May	WNC	MRN funding	MM
13-May	JG Email	Bollard replacement	JG
20-May	ACRE	Networking Event	DW
20-May			
20-May			
29-May	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
20-May	ACRE	e bulletin	DW
20-May	WNC	Consultation list	DW
20-May	NCALC	Lunchtime lowdown	DW
22-May	OPFCC	introductory letter	DW
22-May	Email DW	Photography request	DW
22-May	WNC	Health Watch Group	DW
22-May	Email DW	Little Brook minutes	DW
25-May	MM Email	Ian McCord	MM
28-May	MM Email	QIrs correspondence re: Bypass	MM
29-May	WNC	Fix to drain cover A422`	MM
29-May	ACRE	Big Helpout	DW
29-May	WNC	Town and Parish Newsletter	DW
29-May	DW Email	D-Day Commemoration	DW
29-May	WNC	HS2 update	DW
30-May	WNC	Road closures A422	MM
03-Jun	WNC	Planning updates	MM
04-Jun	Ian McCord	Response to letter	MM
04-Jun	MM Email	Banbury Guardian	MM
06-Jun	MM Email	Letter to prospective MPs	DW
06-Jun	MM Email	Road closures	DW
06-Jun	WNC	HS2 meeting	DW
06-Jun	WNC	ACV letter	DW
06-Jun	NCALC	E-bulletin	DW