

**FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 13 March 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: Cllr Herring (WNC), Cllr Baggot-Webb (WNC)

ITEM		ACTION
03/24/417	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Herring (WNC), Cllr Baggot-Webb (WNC)	
03/24/418	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	
03/24/419	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	
03/24/420	WNC Councillors Q&A None present no updates received.	
03/24/421	Bypass update Cllrs Morris and Grant have a meeting with Dame Andrea Leadsom MP at her surgery on 4 April 2024. They are also meeting with Isham bypass campaigner Graham Rait to discuss their bypass progress. The clerk confirmed he had heard nothing from GB news or Nigel Farage after our enquiry and chase up for a possible news story about our treatment by WNC. It was resolved Cllr Nobes will call GB news to try and push the story. Concern from the meeting was expressed about the lack of information on the feasibility study WNC have promised this year around re-routing HGvs from the village. Also WNC lack of transparency over their planned use of HS2 monies.	MM/JG SN

03/24/422	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2024</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>	
03/24/423	<p>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>The clerk reported WNC had not responded to our request or chase up concerning their offer for monies towards the grass cutting. Clerk to follow up</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had heard from a parishioner over the village sign. The sign is in a dangerous condition as it is now leaning. Clerk to write back asking for photos etc of original design and ask for a timeline to respond.</p> <p>The reported that a company had asked to be considered for the service of emptying the dog bins. Much was dependent on others taking up their offer as to the price. It was resolved to continue with the current contract.</p>	DW DW
03/24/424	<p>To review any correspondence received since 5 January 2024 requiring action.</p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>	
03/24/425	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>425/1 To receive the financial report for February 2024 It was resolved that the financial report for February 2024 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>425/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills: Clerk (salary and exes Q4) £801.26 HMRC £181.60 TexPrep (February) £80.90</p> <p>Additional to the financial report, Texprep had sent their March invoice for £52.60.</p> <p>Cllr Grant asked it to be put on record the councils thanks to the clerk for the work done in maintaining and presenting the accounts.</p>	
03/24/426	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website</p> <p>It was resolved that following enquiries with different website planners that the new PC website will be hosted by Parish On-line at the cost of £280+VAT p.a. The PC will run a photograph competition for images to go onto the new website with a planned launch around October 2024.</p>	WH/SN/JH
03/24/427	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>427/1 2024/0647/FULL Limes Barn Main Road Farthinghoe 427/2 2024/0645/FULL Limes Barn Main Road Farthinghoe</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved to support both applications.</p>	
03/24/428	<p>West Northamptonshire Local Plan</p> <p>It was noted that the inclusion of Great Purston in the document sent to the PC was an administrative error. It was resolved that all Cllrs would complete their response to the document and send to Cllr Morris who would compile a PC response.</p>	All

03/24/429	To discuss highways matters. 429/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 This matter is ongoing and will be monitored monthly at meetings.	
03/24/430	Childrens' Playpark 430/1 It was resolved to order the 120 bags of play bark for use in topping up the safety areas. The bark will be distributed on 20 April 2024 between 10-12. It will be necessary to close the park at that time.	DW
03//24/431	Farthinghoe is hosting the meeting of the Little Brook Ward on 27 March 2024 at 7.30pm. Cllr Morris is preparing the agenda and will distribute it.	MM
03/24/432	Village Hall update. Cllr Hancock attended recent Village Hall (VH) meetings as the Parish Council (PC) representative. There was a successful social evening held recently. The committee is now 6 persons. The VH committee are reviewing their current constitution and running of the VH. Debate was had around the role of the PC representative and it was reiterated that the role is as our observer and as such has no decision making powers on that committee but to act as a scrutineer as out trustee role requires.. It was agreed there needs to be greater transparency around the PC receiving minutes and accounts from the VH committee. Cllr Hancock has said she doesn't wish to continue as the PC representative, a replacement will be appointed going forward. The Village Hall will be a bi-monthly agenda item for the PC.	
03/24/433	Defibrillator monitoring and training. Cllr Morris reported all checks are being done and recorded.	
03/24/434	Preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting 17 April 2024. The clerk has received 1 report so far. The clerk to advertise again in the Chronicle and include that Cllr Phil Larratt has agreed to attend.	DW
	Round the table Cllr Grant would like the PC to consider doing something for the village at Christmas.	JG

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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

2403 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 29 February 2024	
Bank Statements on 29 February 2024	£18,133.91
Current Account	£7,964.21
Savings Account	£10,169.70
Un-presented payments from January meeting 2024	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 29 February 2024	£18,133.91
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 29 February 2024	£1,225.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 29 February 2024	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 29 February 2024	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,250.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 29 February 2024	£9,003.54
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in March 2024	
Clerk salary and expenses Q4	£801.26
HMRC	£181.60
TexPrep (February)	£80.90
Direct Debits due in March 2024 (yu energy)	£121.57
Total Payments for March 2024	£1,185.33
Parish Council Fund Position on 13 March 2024	£7,818.21
Financial Transactions in February 2024	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in February 2024	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in February 2024 (yu energy)	£138.53
Receipts during February 2024 (playpark from village show)	£528.36
Cheques/Internet payments out in February 2024 (Excl DD)	£271.00
Playpark Fund Bills in February 2024	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in February 2024	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£304.29

2403 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 9 February 2024 - 9 March 2024	Circulated by
09-Feb	NCALC	WNC Planning office update	DW
09-Feb	WNC	HS2 liaison minutes and Agenda	MM
14-Feb	WNC	Grass cutting Sect 106 grants	DW
14-Feb	WNC	HS2 agenda	DW
14-Feb	ACRE	Anti-terrorism venue training	DW
15-Feb	WNC	Planning Application 2024/0647/FULL	MM
16-Feb	Email MM	By elections	MM
16-Feb	Email MM	Manhole covers A422/Chapel Lane	MM
16-Feb	Email MM	Grizebeck Bypass	MM
19-Feb	WNC	Brackley cycling and walking consultation.	DW
19-Feb			
26-Feb			
02-Mar			
09-Mar	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
19-Feb	ACRE	Rural needs Survey	DW
19-Feb	ACRE	monthly newsletter	DW
19-Feb	Police	Domestic CCTV guidance	DW
19-Feb	WNC	Weekly Planning Updates	MM
19-Feb	WNC	Air quality Plan	DW
19-Feb	Email MM	Fix my street drain covers A422	MM
21-Feb	ACRE	Open board meeting	DW
21-Feb	Email DW	Order of Kings Portrait	DW
21-Feb	CIlr TBW	Collapsed Drains	MM
21-Feb	CIlr TBW	Seven Sisters Hedge	MM
21-Feb	Email MM	Banbury guardian potholes article	MM
22-Feb	Kier	Tree initiative	DW
22-Feb	WNC	Local Plan feedback	DW
23-Feb	Email MM	Potholes	MM
26-Feb	WNC	HS2 liaison minutes and Agenda	DW
26-Feb	ACRE	NHS survey	DW
26-Feb	Email MM	Govt funding from HS2	MM
26-Feb	CIlr Herring	Response to BCR review	MM
27-Mar	Email MM	Street light article	MM
27-Mar	Email MM	Banbury guardian potholes article	MM
01-Mar	Email MM	Grizebeck Bypass	MM
02-Mar	WNC	Purston response	DW
02-Mar	WNC	Spring litter pick	DW
02-Mar	Email DW	Several bits for circulation	DW
02-Mar	ACRE	Networking event	DW
03-Mar	Email MM	Isham Bypass	MM
07-Mar	Police	Cadet Scheme	DW
07-Mar	Police	Beat Bus	DW
07-Mar	Radio Oxford	WNC replies	MM
07-Mar	Police	March Police Liaison Role	DW
07-Mar	Email MM	to WNC CIlrs re: Radio Oxford Interview	MM
09-Mar	ACRE	Village Hall networking event	DW
		In bold was circulated to village database as well	

