

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 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 David Weston (Clerk) (DW)
- Cllr Rebecca Breese (RB) *(part)

Apologies: Mr James Harrison (JH)

ITEM		ACTION
11/22/168	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Mr James Harrison	
11/22/169	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	
11/22/170	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). 1 parishioner was present	
11/22/171	WNC Councillors Q&A Cllr Breese had not received an update from Cllr Phil Larratt, WNC Portfolio Holder for highways prior to this meeting. Subsequent Note: Cllr Larratt had emailed the PC at 1850hrs minutes before the meeting with a written update and offering apologies, although this was not seen by DW until early the following day. Apparently WNC Highways has instructed the WSP Company to commence preparation of a revised business case for the Farthinghoe bypass and may well seek the additional advice of EEH (England Economic Heartlands) for independent advice and support prior to formal submission to WNC cabinet. It is hoped that this Business Case maybe completed by the end of January 2023. HBJ made the comment that continued development close to J11 of the M40 was causing considerably more LGV traffic through the village. RB: There is no facility to move Section 106 monies from these developments across council borders to assist with the cost of Bypass preparation. WH asked who had compiled the original 2021 business case RB: replied WNC Highways RB stated the monies made available by NCC and SNC prior to	

	<p>WNC being founded amounting to £1.25m is still ring fenced for bypass development. This money is felt to be enough for the prep work to be done on the bypass.</p> <p>RB has also asked for a document to be produced outlining agreed and probable future developments in WNC and surrounding area that could affect the A422.</p> <p>WH stated that a pollution monitor had been fitted to her property in 2017, neither she nor the PC have ever had sight of any report from this.</p> <p>RB resolved to ask for a further pollution survey at the pinch point.</p> <p>MM stated that the feedback from WNC regarding the bypass progress was poor and not timely at best.</p> <p>RB: The contact had now changed and better response could be expected moving forward.</p> <p>MM stated he had been informed that there were traffic monitoring stations operational on the A422 although these are not visible. This was pointed out but no response has been received.</p> <p>Frustration was expressed about the contact from WNC about the bypass, and failure to respond to invites was downright rude.</p> <p>RB: Suggested inviting Cllr Tony Bagot-Webb to the next PC meeting in January</p> <p>JG expressed his total frustration with WNC and will contact the national media.</p> <p>RB: Please come along to the next WNC Cabinet meeting on 26/1/23 and ask a question concerning the by-pass.</p> <p>JG Asked why WNC had readily taken out a loan to fund the Northampton North Relief Road but had not moved ahead with our Bypass in more than a year.</p> <p>RB: WNC had no choice as the £6m given by developers would have to be repaid if progress had not been made on the Relief Road.</p> <p>Item 11/22/179 was then discussed.</p> <p>RB stated the complaint had not yet been considered but it would be as quickly as possible.</p> <p>RB: Would the PC support yellow lines if it were the only solution.</p> <p>MM: Yes</p> <p>RB stated that following the boundaries review our Ward of WNC would be represented 2 councillors instead of 3.</p> <p>RB then left the meeting.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>DW</p>
<p>11/22/172</p>	<p>Bypass update</p> <p>In addition to 11/22/171 Cllr Grant informed the meeting that he had requested a quote for an independent traffic survey to be done asking for data for 5day and 7 day averages in order to help support an increase in the BCR required to progress the by-pass business case.</p>	

11/22/173	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022</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>													
11/22/174	<p>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>174/1 Civility Pledge Cllr Morris confirmed he had signed the NALC civility pledge.</p> <p>174/2 Hedge Cutting Hinton Airfield Road It was noted this has been started.</p>													
11/22/175	<p>To review any correspondence received since 3 October 2022 requiring action.</p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>													
11/22/176	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>176/1 To receive the financial report for October 2022 It was resolved that the financial report for October 2022 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>176/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary and Expenses Q2</td> <td>£801.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£181.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson</td> <td>£235.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep</td> <td>£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Weston (reimbursement Namesco)</td> <td>£65.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Weston (reimbursement WiX Invoice)</td> <td>£108.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>176/3 The clerk informed the meeting that the fixed term energy deal had now been activated for 1 year. The clerk also handed Cllr Grant all documents for the half year internal audit.</p>	Salary and Expenses Q2	£801.89	HMRC	£181.60	Jon Hampson	£235.00	Texprep	£66.30	D Weston (reimbursement Namesco)	£65.99	D Weston (reimbursement WiX Invoice)	£108.00	
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11/22/177	<p>Street Lighting Costs 2022/2023</p> <p>The clerk informed the meeting that WNC had said that in 2009/2010 the PC had upgraded the streetlights on the A422 to Main Road standard and therefore they had taken responsibility for the costs of current lighting on that stretch of road. A question has been asked if the current lights were upgraded would WNC then pay. No answer as yet received. Cllr Bankes-Jones made the comment that even if we did this, there is no guarantee that WNC would fund the costs in the future. It was resolved to discharge this item.</p>													
11/22/178	<p>Budget 2023/2024</p> <p>Version 0.3 was presented to the meeting. It was resolved to accept this and keep the precept for 23//24 at £13K</p>													
11/22/179	<p>Update on the parishioner's complaints against WNC</p> <p>An update was provided and recorded in 11/22/172</p>													
11/22/180	<p>Village Maps</p> <p>Cllr Willett stated the preparation for the maps was completed and would be sent to the supplier to produce a sample.</p>	BW												

11/22/181	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications 181/1 WNS/2022/0161/OUT Seven Sisters Land. There are no updates on this application.</p> <p>The clerk had received a letter from Cherwell District Council regarding an amendment to application 22/1488/OUT concerning a development at J11 M40. The PC had previously opposed this. It was resolved to re-submit our opposition to this proposal.</p>	MM
11/22/182	<p>Solar Farm Update The application has been rejected by WNC. The Greatworth opposition group have lodged a complaint against the WNC Planning Department and councillors concerning their handling of Strategic Planning Meeting. There may be a possibility the developer will appeal against the WNC decision of refusal.</p>	
11/22/183	<p>To discuss highways matters. 183/1 Slippery Footpaths WNC have stated they have informed the householder to take remedial action to correct the damage caused. 183/2 Crumbling drain repairs A422 No significant deterioration.</p>	
11/22/184	<p>Childrens' Playpark The remedial work has been ordered. There has been no response following the article in the Chronicle asking for suggestions on how to raise additional funds. The mole eradication is still ongoing. There has been no progress on the yellow lines being painted.</p>	
11/22/185	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training The new pads and battery are in the cabinet. The clerk will ask a contact to install them.</p>	DW
11//22/186	<p>Asset of Community Value Project The Village Hall and Fox PH have been nominated for consideration by WNC.</p>	
	<p>Round the table Nothing was raised.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 October 2022	
Bank Statements on 31 October 2022	£21,223.26
Current Account	£11,326.56
Savings Account	£9,896.70
Un-presented payments to 30 September 2022	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 October 2022	£21,223.26
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 October 2022	£1,697.47
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 October 2022	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 October 2022	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (50% of precept)	£6,250.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 October 2022	£11,621.25
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in October 2022	
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Q2)(includes back pay from April 2022)	£801.89
HMRC (Q2)	£181.60
Jon Hampson (Inv 7)	£235.00
Texprep (issue 812)	£66.30
D Weston (for namesco)	£65.99
D Weston (for WiX website hosting)	£108.00
Direct Debits due in November 2022 (yu energy)	£68.70
Total Payments for October 2022	£1,527.48
Parish Council Fund Position on 10 November 2022	£10,093.77
Financial Transactions for October 2022	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in October 2022	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in October 2022 (yu energy)	£63.24
Receipts during October 2022 (Monies transferred from Defibrillator Fund)	£281.94
Cheques/Internet payments out in October 2022 (salary/excesQ1, HMRC, chronicle, grass cutting, defib pads)	£1,355.45
Playpark Fund Bills in October 2022	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in October 2022	£281.94
Vat to be claimed to end of October 2022 onwards	£161.87

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 3 October to 5 November 2022	Action
03-Oct	WNC	Weekly planning approvals	MM circ to Cllrs
06-Oct	WNC	Planning Peer Review	DW circ to Cllrs
07-Oct			
21-Oct			
5-Nov	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW circ to Cllrs
10-Oct	WNC	Weekly Planning approvals	MM circ to Cllrs
17-Oct	WNC	Weekly planning approvals	MM circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	Ward Parish	Minutes Oct meeting	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	Police Liasion	Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	WNC	Boundary Review	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	WNC	Avain Flu Prevention Measures	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	HS2	Planning update	DW circ to Cllrs
18-Oct	CPRE	Invitation 27 Oct	DW circ to Cllrs
20-Oct	ACRE	October newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
20-Oct	Brackley TC	Remembrance day invite	DW circ to Cllrs
20-Oct	WNC	update on the footpath opposite the church	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Oct	NCALC	Training courses updates	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Oct	Nene River Trust	Training couses	DW circ to Cllrs
21-Oct	WNC	PSPO	DW circ to Cllrs
24-Oct	NCALC	Civility Pledge response	DW circ to Cllrs
24-Oct	Brackley TC	Remembrance day poster	DW circ to Cllrs
29-Oct	Email	MM re: old stratford pc planning response	DW circ to Cllrs
31-Oct	WNC	Weekly planning applications and approvals	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Nov	Email	Andrea Leadsom to MM re: WNC lack of communication	MM circ to Cllrs
02-Nov	WNC	Street Lighting	DW circ to Cllrs
03-Nov	Email	MM re: daily mail article	DW circ to Cllrs
04-Nov	Email	MM: re Oxford council A422 link road planning application	MM circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	WNC	boundary change proposal	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	Email	Chronicle deadline date	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	NCALC	Climate change conference	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	OPFCC	November Newsletter	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	Age Concern	Agm details	DW circ to Cllrs
05-Nov	WNC	Rural Services Documentation	DW circ to Cllrs