

# FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8 January 2025 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 Sophie Nobes (SN)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)
- Cllr Rebecca Breese WNC (RB)
- Cllr Rosie Herring WNC (RH)

Apologies: Cllr James Harrison (JH), WNC Cllr Baggott-Webb

ITEM		ACTION
25/001	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Harrison and Cllr Baggott-Webb apologies were approved	
25/002	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> (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	
25/003	<b>Public participation session</b> (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	
25/004	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2024</b> It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
25/005	<b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b> There were no matters arising	
25/006	<b>To review any correspondence received since 12 November 2024 requiring action.</b> There was nothing to review	
25/007	<b>To review the council vacancy</b> There had been no responses to the recent advert to fill the vacancy. It was resolved to put the advert out again on the village database, the Chronicle and on social media	<b>DW/SN</b>
25/008	<b>WNC Councillors Updates</b> The are on-going discussions concerning the devolution and WNC joining a conglomerate of councils under 1 mayor in the South midlands region.	

	<p>Cllr Breese had approached Anna Earnshaw CEO WNC , for an update on matters but was told she had informed the PC of the refusal of a bypass and wasn't aware of any other correspondence. MM gave several examples of emails sent to her that hadn't received a response. WNC Cllrs agreed to chase up.</p> <p>Cllr Breese is now a trustee for the Alms Houses.</p>	RB/RH																		
25/009	<p><b>Bypass update</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris explained we hadn't seen the report into a possible weight limit on the A422 that was originally promised in Spring 2024. Highways officer Nick Henstock wasn't acknowledging any recent correspondence. The PC had doubts that the work for the report hadn't been done. WNC Cllrs agreed to chase up the report. WNC Cllrs suggested we raise a formal complaint against the individual. It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> the clerk would draft a complaint.</p> <p>Cllr Morris explained that the PC still had not received any reply regarding a risk assessment on the A422 as a suitable strategic diversion route, data requested from National highways on the amount of M40 road closures resulting in the A422 being used was still not received. Additionally, correspondence with Cllr Phil Larratt WNC regarding the suitability of the lighting on the A422 was at best poor. The WNC Cllrs had been copied into several of these emails. WNC Cllrs to chase Cllr Larratt and obtain a suitable response.</p>	<p>RB/RH</p> <p>DW</p> <p>RB/RH</p>																		
25/010	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>010/1 To receive the financial report for December 2024. It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for December 2024 was presented and was duly approved. Cllr Nobes noted that within the budget there was monies for community donations and for 2024/2025 these had not been fully utilised. It was <b>resolved</b> that all should bring ideas for these donations to the next meeting.</p> <p>010/2 To approve bills for payment: It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Confidential expenses December</td> <td>£322.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC December</td> <td>£74.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses January</td> <td>£322.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC January</td> <td>£74.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TexPrep</td> <td>£80.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TexPrep</td> <td>£95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Play Inspections</td> <td>£199.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refund to Clerk (Namesco)</td> <td>£27.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electricity DD</td> <td>£135.46</td> </tr> </table> <p>010/3 V 0.3 of the 2025/2026 budget was presented. It was unanimously <b>resolved</b> to approve this budget totalling £14,207.00. Following the approval of the budget, it was unanimously <b>resolved</b> to ask WNC for a precept for 2025/2026 of £14,207.00. Cllr Morris and the clerk signed the precept request form.</p>	Confidential expenses December	£322.69	HMRC December	£74.20	Confidential Expenses January	£322.69	HMRC January	£74.20	TexPrep	£80.90	TexPrep	£95.00	Play Inspections	£199.20	Refund to Clerk (Namesco)	£27.59	Electricity DD	£135.46	<p>ALL</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
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<b>25/011</b>	<b>Communication with Parishioners and Website</b> The link for the .gov emails is still to be received, clerk to chase.	<b>DW</b>
<b>25/012</b>	<b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b> Application 2024/5736/LBC was noted, there were no objections.	<b>MM</b>
<b>25/013</b>	<b>Anaerobic Digester at Evenly</b> It was noted an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission has been lodged. FPC initially objected based on traffic increase on the A422. Cllr Morris stated that as an aside, there was a meeting on 14 January with the PC being represented to discuss a community grant from the Copse Lodge Solar Farm and the possibility of a significant sum of money coming to the PC.	<b>MM</b>
<b>25/014</b>	<b>To discuss highways matters.</b> 014/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 . There has been a fix my street lodged for the repair needed, FPC will consider a FOI to establish the cost of these on-going interim repairs. 014/2 Street Light Repair. The insurance company have been tasked with getting the repair done. Clerk to chase. 014/3 Solar Far, traffic issues. Roll-over to February meeting.	<b>DW</b>
<b>25/015</b>	<b>Childrens' Playpark</b> 015/1 Steps are being taken to remove the moles in the playpark. 015/2. The annual H&S report has been done. Cllr Grant apologised to the meeting as he didn't attend for the accompanied visit. Cllr grant has sent the report to Playscape and asked for a quote to complete the work outlined. This will include an accessible access to the park.	<b>JG</b>
<b>25/016</b>	<b>Steane Chapel Closure</b> On-going , Cllr Harrison to present an update at the next meeting.	<b>JH</b>
<b>25/017</b>	<b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b> Clerk to order replacement pads.	<b>DW</b>
<b>25/018</b>	<b>Village Hall</b> The solar panels are being installed this week, the new containers are also due to arrive soon, funded by the hall themselves.	
<b>25/019</b>	<b>Assets of Community Value</b> WNC Councillors have agreed to find out what can be done about the refusal to register the school.	<b>RB/RH</b>
	<b>Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note</b> Urgent Item: WNC have asked to place an air particle monitor in the village as part of a 2-year project to see the impact of wood fires in the county. It was <b>resolved</b> by a majority decision, to allow it to happen and us to be supplied with the findings as part of the by-pass evaluation.	

The meeting closed at 10.02 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 7.00pm.

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## 2501 FPC FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 December 2024</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 31 December 2024</b>	<b>£21,398.11</b>
Current Account	£10,947.50
Savings Account	£10,450.61
Un-presented payments from November meeting 2024	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 December 2024</b>	<b>£21,398.11</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 December 2024	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 December 2024	£154.54
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 December 2024</b>	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,750.00
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 31 December 2024</b>	<b>£12,529.74</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in January 2025	
Confidential Expenses (Dec)	£322.69
HMRC (Dec)	£74.20
TexPrep (27201)	£80.90
Texprep (27158)	£95.00
Play Inspections (playpark inspection)	£199.20
Confidential Expenses (Jan)	£322.69
HMRC (Jan)	£74.20
Refund Clerk for Namesco (farthinghoe.org name)	£27.59
Direct Debits due in January 2025	£135.46
<b>Total Payments for January 2025</b>	<b>£1,331.93</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 8 January 2025</b>	<b>£11,197.81</b>
<b>Financial Transactions in November/December 2024</b>	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in November 2024	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in November/December 2024 (yu energy)	£243.94
Receipts since November 2024 (Bank Interest)	£69.52
Cheques/Internet payments out in November/December 2024 (Excl DD)	£899.79
Playpark Fund Bills in December 2024	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in December 2024	£0.00
<b>VAT to be claimed 2024/2025</b>	<b>£336.32</b>

## 2501 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 12 November 2024-3 January 2025	Circulated to
12/11/2024			
17-Nov			
18-Nov			
22-Nov			
20-Dec			
29-Dec			
3-Jan	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
13-Nov	OPFCC	Newsletter	DW
13-Nov	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
13-Nov	MM email	Email to Daily Mail	MM
14-Nov	MM email	West Brackley development	MM
15-Nov	RWE	Copse Farm traffic	MM
17-Nov	CIr Ashraf	response to LTP	MM
<b>17-Nov</b>	<b>Banbury Guardian</b>	<b>Response re: solar farm traffic</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>18-Nov</b>	<b>HS2</b>	<b>Meetingslides</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>18-Nov</b>	<b>NCALC</b>	<b>Remote meetings survey</b>	<b>DW</b>
18-Nov	OPFCC	6 month update	DW
18-Nov	ACRE	Newsletter	DW
19-Nov	<b>WNC</b>	<b>Town and Parish Briefing</b>	<b>DW</b>
19-Nov	ACRE	November newsletter	DW
19-Nov			
27-Nov	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
19-Nov	DW Email	Kier Road Closure update	DW
<b>22-Nov</b>	<b>Nat highways</b>	<b>A43 closures</b>	<b>DW</b>
25-Nov	WNC	Weekly list of approved planning	MM
27-Nov	WNC	2025 election costs	DW
27-Nov	WNC	Polling areas review	DW
06-Dec	NCALC	Training update	DW
08-Dec	MM email	House building Brackley	MM
12-Dec	MM email	Copse Lodge traffic	MM
13-Dec	SGR	Planned A422 roadworks	DW
16-Dec	MM email	Banbury guardian Street Lights	MM
19-Dec	WNC	HS2 liaison minutes	MM
20-Dec	WNC	Planning application 2024/5736/LBC	DW
20-Dec	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
27-Dec	MM email	Thanks LL	MM
29-Dec	MM email	Tony Baggot-Webb re: CIr Adam Brown	MM
<b>29-Dec</b>	<b>JG email</b>	<b>New Years Eve</b>	<b>DW</b>
<b>29-Dec</b>	<b>MM email</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>DW</b>
30-Dec	MM email	Street Lighting from ABW	MM
30-Dec	WNC	Weekly Planning Reports	MM
02-Jan	Police	Beat Bus locations	DW