

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12 February 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 James Harrison (JH)
 Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)
 Matt Young (Grantscapes) Guest



Apologies: None

ITEM		ACTION
25/020	To receive and approve apologies for absence. None	
25/021	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	
25/022	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	
25/023	Presentation from Grantscapes Matt Young CEO Grantscapes gave a presentation on the company and their management of community funds. Grantscapes will manage the Community fund from copse Lodge Solar Farm. These funds are for community use only. Farthinghoe will be allocated a sum from it. The allocation of the Farthinghoe share will be routed through the parish council for scrutiny and approval.	
25/024	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2025 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
25/025	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. Cllr Morris indicated that he and Cllr Nobes have responded to the Kier satisfaction survey. He urged all Cllrs to do the same. It was resolved the clerk will draft the complaints against WNC officers for approval and submission. Cllr Grant has had no response to the Freedom Of Information request to National Highways emailed to contacts.	All DW

25/032	To determine and note responses to recent planning applications There were none to discuss.	
25/033	Anaerobic Digester Evenley Cllr Morris informed the meeting that he had a pledge from WNC that they will ask, should the planning permission be granted that no HGV using the site will be via the A422.	
25/034	To discuss highways matters. 034/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. Cllr Bagot-Webb (WNC) has been sent photos of the damage, it is getting in a very poor state. Cllr Morris to chase. 034/2. Street Light Repair. The new lamp standard has been installed however, it is not working, Clerk to follow up. 034/3 Solar Farm Traffic issues. Item DISCHARGED	MM DW
25/035	Childrens' Playpark 035/1. Moles. All resolved Item DISCHARGED 035/2. H&S report. The price from the contractor to resolve the issues has been circulated. It was resolved the clerk will seek alternative quotes for replacement bark. It was resolved that Cllr Grant will speak to the supplier and discuss a more permanent replacement for the safety bark.	DW JG
25/036	Steane Chapel Closure Cllr Harrison informed the meeting there was no further update.	
25/037	Defibrillator monitoring and training Replacement pads obtained and to be installed.	JH
25/038	Village Hall No update as there was no meeting last month.	
25/039	Asset of Community Value No update, waiting on WNC Councillors to complete their actions to chase up on our behalf.	
25/040	VE Day Thursday 8 May 2025. It was resolved that the village would take part in lighting the beacon at 9.30pm with the nation. Cllr Grant to ask David Dashwood if he can help with the lighting. Cllr Willet will speak to the Fox and obtain a cost for providing soup and a roll prior to the lighting. The clerk to obtain a cost for a flag and flagpole.	JG BW DW
25/041	Annual Parish Meeting. The provisional date clashed with Easter Holidays; it was resolved to hold it on 23 April 2025 at 7.30pm.	
25/042	Election 1 May 2025 Clerk to see if we can obtain posters on the NCALC website in a usable format.	DW
	Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note None raised	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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

2502 FPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 January 2025	
Bank Statements on 31 January 2025	£20,060.18
Current Account	£9,609.57
Savings Account	£10,450.61
Un-presented payments from January 2025 meeting	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 January 2025	£20,060.18
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 January 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 January 2025	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 January 2025	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,750.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 January 2025	£11,191.81
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in February 2025	
Bank Charges	£6.00
TexPrep (27287)	£66.30
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Simon Lawton T/A Vergobee	£175.00
Marcus Young Enviromental Services	£237.12
ACRE	£42.00
Reimbursement Clerk (defib pads)	£208.80
Forde & McHugh	£456.00
Confidential Expenses (Feb)	£334.22
HMRC (Feb)	£77.20
Direct Debits due in February 2025	£144.11
Total Payments for February 2025	£1,813.05
Parish Council Fund Position on 12 February 2025	£9,378.76
Financial Transactions in January 2025	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in January 2025	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in January 2025 (yu energy)	£135.46
Receipts since January 2025	£69.52
Cheques/Internet payments out in January 2025 (Excl DD)	£1,202.47
Playpark Fund Bills in January 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in January 2025	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2024/2025	£500.50

2502 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 3 January 2025-7 February 2025	Circulated by
07-Jan	Jon Hampson	Grass Cutting Quote	DW
07-Jan	MM Email	Banbury guardian Acorn Digester	MM
09-Jan	MM Email	M40 closures trail to MP	MM
09-Jan	MM Email	email to Nick Henstock	MM
10-Jan	DW Email	Street Light update	DW
10-Jan			
21-Jan			
7-Feb	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
10-Jan	DW Email	A422 Roadworks	DW
13-Jan	Cherwell DC	Planning Appeal Hearing	DW
13-Jan	VNC	Planning Reports	MM
13-Jan	MM Email	Residents complaint queens st	MM
13-Jan	VNC	Surveys One West Northamptonshire	DW
13-Jan	National highways	A43 Closures	DW
17-Jan	MM Email	Northampton Chronicle report LTP	MM
17-Jan	MM Email	Air quality monitor	MM
17-Jan	MM Email	Northants live reporter	MM
18-Jan	MM Email	To Sarah Bool MP	MM
19-Jan	ABW	Street Lights	MM
20-Jan	MM Email	A422 journalist visits	DW
20-Jan	MM Email	Banbury FM	MM
21-Jan	DW Email	VEDay 80	DW
21-Jan	Village Hall	Minutes and accounts	DW
22-Jan	Banbury Guardian	Article	DW
22-Jan	VNC	WNCParish Meeting	DW
22-Jan	Banbury FM	Article	DW
28-Jan	Fix my Street	MM reported issues x 4	MM
28-Jan	MM Email	Banbury Guardian Article	MM
29-Jan	MM Email	Kier Meeting	DW
29-Jan	VNC	Covid reflection	DW
29-Jan	NCALC	One West Northamptonshire zoom	DW
29-Jan	OPFCC	Immediate Justice Project	DW
29-Jan	BT	Drop in Brackley	DW
29-Jan	JG Email	Letter to Banbury Guardian on LTP	JG
29-Jan	MM Email	Response to above	MM
31-Jan	NCALC	e bulletin	DW
31-Jan	SBMP	Policing Survey	DW
31-Jan	Kier	Satisfaction Survey	DW
02-Feb	MM Email	Response to Sarah Bool	DW
01-Feb	Sarah Bool MP	Response to MM	MM
05-Feb	National highways	Newsletter	MM
05-Feb	NCALC	Climate and Nature Survey	DW
05-Feb	MM Email	Re: VNC lack of amendment to planning permission	MM
05-Feb	Cherwell DC	J11 Warehousing Appeal	DW
05-Feb	NCALC	PLR update	DW