

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12 March 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)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



ITEM		ACTION
25/043	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN), Cllr Herring and Breese (WNC)	
25/044	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	
25/045	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	
25/046	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2025 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
25/047	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. There were none.	
25/048	To review any correspondence received since 7 February 2025 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
25/049	To review the council vacancy This item will be discharged , elections to be held on 1 May 2025.	
25/050	WNC Councillors Updates No councillors were present nor was a report received.	
25/051	Bypass update 051/1 Review of the public event held on 10 March 2025 Cllr Morris felt it wasn't focused wide enough in its approach. There was a good turnout from the village itself. Several Cllrs held conversations with Nick Henstock (NH) from WNC. Cllr Willett had suggested to him installing a weight limit with overweight vehicles using the A43/M40 as an alternative route, with an option to temporarily remove it if the M40 or A43 was closed. NH agreed to look at this as an option. Cllr Morris has	

	<p>asked NH for a 20mph through the village, with a 30mph limit extended out beyond the Hinton airfield turn with average speed cameras installed, again NH has agreed to look into this. NH indicated to both, he could reply before the end of June 2025. It was resolved to write to him to conform the response time.</p> <p>051/2 WNC Council Meeting. Cllr Morris will attend and speak on behalf of the PC regarding the bypass and interim solution.</p> <p>051/3 Petition. The petition will be presented to WNC albeit , it was to get the bypass back on the LTP which it has been.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>								
25/052	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>052/1 To receive the financial report for February 2025 It was resolved that the financial report for February 2025 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>052/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£334.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£77.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (received after the circulation of the financial report)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>£76.50</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Confidential Expenses	£334.20	HMRC	£77.20	Texprep (received after the circulation of the financial report)		£76.50		
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25/053	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website</p> <p>All councillors are now on the .gov emails. The website is up and running. It was requested to re-circulate the new website and emails on the chronicle for the April edition.</p>	DW								
25/054	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>054/1 2025/0410 Full Steane Grounds Farm. It was resolved that all Councillors would email their views to Cllr Morris to co-ordinate the response.</p>	All/MM								
25/055	<p>Anaerobic Digester Evenley</p> <p>No update at this time, roll over to April meeting.</p>									
25/056	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>056/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 NH is speaking to Kier over their plans to remove the excess surface water. It is anticipated that it will require a 3-4 week road closure to resolve the incorrectly fitted pipe work.</p> <p>056/2 Street Light replacement. The clerk has supplied the necessary reference numbers to get the power supply switched from old to new. Clerk to chase for a completion date.</p>	DW								
25/057	<p>Childrens' Playpark</p> <p>A quote has been obtained for all repairs highlighted in the report including bark which is over £9K. A quote is required to provide an accessible ramp at the entrance. This will be discussed at a later meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Grant will arrange for David Dashwood to have a set of keys for the bollards.</p>	JG								
25/058	<p>Steane Chapel Closure</p> <p>There are on-going legal matters between the parties involved. Item DISCHARGED</p>									

25/059	Defibrillator monitoring and training The village hall is looking at purchasing their own defib and carrying out training. Cllr Morris will speak to the person who inspects the current one for the VH .	MM
25/060	Village Hall Nothing to report	
25/061	Asset of Community Value The best advice from WNC is to re-submit a new application for the school to be listed.	DW
25/062	VE Day Thursday 8 May 2025 062/1 Beacon lighting evening. The Fox will do soup and rolls. Estimated cost is £6 p.h. Circulate on FB and Chronicle to gauge numbers. To be mentioned at the APM to gauge numbers. Assistance has been offered to light the beacon. 062/2. The clerk has circulated a cost for the purchase of a flagpole for the village. It was resolved not to go ahead and purchase at this time due to a lack of suitable location and costs.	MM
25/063	Annual Parish Meeting 23 April 2025. To be advertised in the Chronicle. Advise to be sought from NCALC around Councillors speaking prior to the election.	MM/DW
25/064	Election 1 May 2025. Posters will be displayed in the village seeking people to come forward as candidates. Cllr Grant informed the meeting he will not be standing at the election. He was thanked for his years of service. He has offered and accepted to keep the playpark work at this time regarding the recent H&S work.	
	Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note Nothing	

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 7.00pm.

2503 FPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 28 February 2025	
Bank Statements on 28 February 2025	£21,401.43
Current Account	£8,165.82
Savings Account	£13,235.61
Un-presented payments from February 2025 meeting	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 28 February 2025	£21,401.43
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 28 February 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 28 February 2025	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 28 February 2025	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£6,750.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 28 February 2025	£12,533.06
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in March 2025	
Bank Charges	£6.00
Confidential Expenses (Mar)	£334.20
HMRC (Mar)	£77.20
Direct Debits due in March 2025	£123.89
Total Payments for March 2025	£541.29
Parish Council Fund Position on 12 March 2025	£11,991.77
Financial Transactions in February 2025	
Urgent Payments made since the meeting in February 2025	£0.00
All payments out in February 2025	£1,813.05
Receipts since February 2025 (Chq from insurance for damaged lamppost, VAT refund for 2023/2024)	£3,154.43
Playpark Fund Bills in February 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in February 2025	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2024/2025	£516.03

2503 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 7 February 2025-7 March 2025	Circulated by
07-Feb	MM email	Drains A422	MM
07-Feb	WNC	HS2 liaison meeting	DW
07-Feb			
23-Feb			
28-Feb			
07-Mar	NCALC	Weekly Update	DW
07-Feb	NCALC	One West Northamptonshire Plan slides	DW
07-Feb	DW Email	PC Vacancy	DW
10-Feb			
3-Mar	WNC	Weekly planning reports	MM
10-Feb	WNC	Evenly digester transport update	MM
12-Feb	Playscapes	Costings for playpark	JG
12-Feb	DW Email	Election posters	DW
15-Feb	MM email	To ABW re: Streelights	MM
15-Feb	SN	Proposed petition wording	SN
15-Feb	MM email	to Nadia Lincoln re: docs for A422 risk assessment	DW
17-Feb	MM email	banbury guardain re: solar farm tipper trucks	MM
20-Feb	ABW	700 houses at Brackley	MM
20-Feb	Highways	A43 Cosures	DW
23-Feb	OPFCC	Newsletter	DW
26-Feb	WNC	Kier Event 10 March 2025	DW
26-Feb	WNC	election 2025 papers	DW
27-Feb	SBMP	Newsletter	MM
27-Feb	WNC	amendment to papers Kier event 10 march	DW
28-Feb	DW	Circulation re: consultation day	DW
28-Feb	WNC	Town and Parish Council update	DW
03-Mar	Sarah Bool MP	update	MM
03-Mar	MM Email	Email to WNC Councillors re: Monday 10 March	MM
03-Mar	WNC	Planning application 2025/0410/FULL at Steane Grounds Farm	DW
03-Mar	MM Email	press release re: 10 March	DW
04-Mar	MM Email	response from Cllr herring	MM
04-Mar	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
04-Mar	JG	Playpark	JG
06-Mar	Zephyr	Flag pole	DW
07-Mar	ACRE	Village Halls Week	DW
07-Mar	Village Hall	Minutes and accounts	DW