

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9 April 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)



Apologies:

ITEM		ACTION
25/065	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr James Harrison (JH)	
25/066	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	
25/067	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	
25/068	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2025 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
25/069	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. There were no matters arising.	
25/070	To review any correspondence received since 7 March 2025 requiring action. There was nothing to review	
25/071	WNC Councillors Updates No councillors present or report received.	
25/072	Bypass update The weight limit scheme will in future be known to the council as the Farthinghoe Mitigation Scheme. Nick Henstock (WNC Highways) has said the report on matters raised at the public consultation will be available in June. It was resolved to ask him for the report in time for the 11 June meeting and him be invited to attend the 9 July meeting to discuss it.	DW
25/073	To consider financial matters from the RFO: 073/1 To receive the financial report for March 2025 It was resolved that the financial report for March 2025 was	

	<p>presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>073/2 To approve bills for payment</p> <p>It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses</td> <td>£334.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£77.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC</td> <td>£600.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRF cleaning Solutions</td> <td>£145.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>073/3 To receive an update on Copse Lodge community fund</p> <p>The Village Hall have submitted their claim in respect of the solar panel and battery system they have installed. This is supported by the parish council.</p> <p>073/3A It was resolved to support Farthinghoe School application for the funding of smartboards.</p>	Confidential Expenses	£334.22	HMRC	£77.20	NCALC	£600.42	DRF cleaning Solutions	£145.00	<p>DW</p> <p>MM</p>
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25/074	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website</p> <p>The website is running and the council are using the .gov emails.</p>									
25/075	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>2025/0410 Steane Grounds Farm. The council 'No objection' response was noted.</p>									
25/076	<p>Anaerobic Digester Evenley</p> <p>There is no update this month, to be rolled over to May.</p>									
25/077	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>077/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 . The latest repairs are holding. WNC have set aside two days of surveying work to look at a more permanent solution. No road closures applied for yet. Provisionally two dates in June.</p> <p>077/2 Street light Repair. All we are waiting for is a company (not the supplier) to transfer the power supply from the old standard to the new one. The supplier informs us this takes an age to do. Clerk to chase</p>	<p>DW</p>								
25/078	<p>Childrens' Playpark</p> <p>078/1 The latest quote from Playscapes has been circulated. Cllr Grant has approached David Dashwood to ask if he can store a bulk delivery of play bark. Also, the company would require a water supply to jet wash the equipment. Cllr Grant will question Playscapes over the price changes. Clerk to obtain further quote from alternative bark suppliers.</p>									
25/079	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training</p> <p>The new pads have been installed; the village hall are arranging a training evening on the use of the defib and are looking at purchasing their own.</p>									
25/080	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>No report has been received this month.</p>									
25/081	<p>Asset of Community Value</p> <p>This will be progressed once the APM and AGM are concluded.</p>									
25/082	<p>VE Day Celebration 8 May 2025</p> <p>Cllr Willett has had 11 responses to attend the pub for soup and a roll at 8.15pm. The beacon will be lit at 9.30pm, David Dashwood is arranging someone to help with the lighting.</p>									

25/083	Annual Parish Meeting 23 April 2025 7.30pm All the regular contributors have been emailed to send their reports in. All reports will be placed on the website prior to the meeting.	
25/084	Election 1 May 2025 It is an uncontested election for Farthinghoe. Cllr John Grant has stepped down from the parish council and Cllr Harrison has not submitted papers, Two new councillors Tom McCulloch and David Chidwick will therefore begin their service of office on 1 May 2025. That leaves one vacancy which can be filled by co-option.	
	Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note The clerk vacancy from November to be an agenda item.	

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7.00pm.

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 March 2025	
Bank Statements on 31 March 2025	£20,858.84
Current Account	£7,548.03
Savings Account	£13,310.81
Un-presented payments from February 2025 meeting	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 March 2025	£20,858.84
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 31 March 2025	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£7,100.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 March 2025	£11,640.47
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in April 2025	
Bank Charges	£6.00
Confidential Expenses (apr)	£334.22
HMRC (Apr)	£77.20
NCALC (membership and audit)	£600.42
DRF Cleaning Solutions	£145.00
Direct Debits due in April 2025	£122.76
Total Payments for April 2025	£1,285.60
Parish Council Fund Position on 9 April 2025	£10,354.87
Financial Transactions in March 2025	
Urgent Payments made since the meeting in March 2025	£0.00
All payments out in March 2025	£617.79
Receipts since March 2025 (Bank Interest)	£75.20
Playpark Fund Bills in March 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in March 2025	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2024/2025	£516.03

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 7 March 2025-6 April 2025	Circulated by
07-Mar			
23-Mar			
6-Apr	NCALC	weekly update	DW
11-Mar	MM	Report into weight limit	MM
11-Mar	MM	Circulation re: options to village	DW
11-Mar	WNC	election 2025 Notice	DW
11-Mar	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
11-Mar	MM	Residents views on Kier Meeting	MM
11-Mar	Dave Gaster	Email to Phil Larrat	MM
17-Mar	MM	Highways special measures	MM
18-Mar	MM	LTP plan to media	MM
19-Mar	Dave Gaster	kier procurement	MM
19-Mar	MM	Email re: water repairs and traffic lights to WNCCLrs	mm
20-Mar	MM	Street Lighting	MM
25-Mar	DW	VE Day	DW
28-Mar	NCALC	e bulletin	DW
31-Mar	MM email	Nick Henstock email	DW
06-Apr	ACRE	Newsletter	DW