

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall



Councillors present                      Cllr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)  
    Cllr Barry Willett (BW)  
    Cllr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)  
    Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)  
    Cllr David Chidwick  
    Cllr Tom McCullough  
    Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

ITEM		ACTION
25/109	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Richard Butler WNC	
25/110	<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	
25/111	<b>Bypass and Cllr Richard Butler</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to arrange an additional separate meeting with Cllr Butler .Cllr Morris to arrange. The report from Nick Henstock was discussed, It contained details of the feedback following the public consultation. Feedback on re-routing HGV away from the village was positive. It was agreed there needs to be a push for a 20mph limit, supported by average speed cameras from the airfield turn through the village, to compliment any weight restriction. It was positive that the WNC favoured traffic light scheme seemed off the agenda. The PC want to see the report into the alternatives before the July meeting at which Nick Henstock is expected. Clerk to chase Clerk to chase Helen Howard for the 20mph advisory signs. Cllr Morris will discuss the A422 streetlighting with Cllr Butler The agenda item to be retitles Bypass and A422 Mitigation	<b>MM</b>        <b>DW</b> <b>DW</b> <b>MM</b> <b>DW</b>
25/112	<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	
25/113	<b>To discuss the Parish Council Vacancy</b> Andrew Mills was present and it was <b>resolved</b> to co-opt him onto the Council. Cllr Mills signed his acceptance of office and completed the necessary paperwork.	

<b>25/114</b>	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2025</b> It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
<b>25/115</b>	<b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b> The overhanging tree on Baker Street/Main road needs trimming as a road safety issue. Cllr Morris to speak to WNC.	<b>MM</b>
<b>25/116</b>	<b>To review any correspondence received since 6 April 2025 requiring action.</b> Following the recent A422 closure the communication with Stagecoach from Kier was poor. There appeared to be no update sent to the HGV satnav organisation. The Kier pre closure documents sent out were inaccurate.	
<b>25/117</b>	<b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b> 117/1 To receive the financial report for May 2025 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for May 2025 was presented and was duly approved. 117/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills: Bank Charges £6.00 Confidential expenses £334.22 HMRC £77.20 Parish On-line £336.00 Jon Hampson £150.00 Direct debits £105.86 117/3 To receive an update on Copse Lodge community fund There is £44,483 available with the two pledges made to the village hall and the school taken into account 117/4 To review the AGAR and audit report for 2025-2025. It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the AGAR and the Chair signed it off. It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the Internal Audit Review. Clerk to question NCALC regarding an increase in the £25K annual limit for internal audit.	<b>DW</b>           <b>DW</b>
<b>25/118</b>	<b>Communication with Parishioners and Website</b> The website will be updated with the necessary 2025 audit documents and exercise of rights. Also update some of the photos.	<b>DW/SN</b>
<b>25/119</b>	<b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b> 2025/2127/FULL Farthinghoe Lodge Farm. It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the application with 2 points of clarity. Cllr Morris will also review the environmental area for the application.	<b>MM</b>
<b>25/120</b>	<b>Anaerobic Digester Evenley</b> No current update, to be rolled over	
<b>25/121</b>	<b>To discuss highways matters.</b> 121/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422 No change, the defect has been reported via fixmystreet.	

<b>25/122</b>	<p><b>Childrens' Playpark</b></p> <p>The clerk has spoken to the safety inspectors. We could use rubber matting instead of bark, however, there is lots to consider and it would be advisable to speak with an installation professional prior to any decision to be made.</p> <p>Cllr Nobes pointed out that at the APM there was a request to consider the purchase of a separate sports field and/or adult gym equipment.</p> <p>Insurance. It was resolved the clerk will speak with the current suppliers to ensure the PL aspect is covered as concerns have been raise that the landowners insurance may not cover adequately.</p> <p>Cllr Morris will draft an article for villagers to come forward to run the park going forward.</p> <p>Cllr Morris will speak to the school re: use of the land they can use.</p>	<p><b>DW</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p>
<b>25/123</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b></p> <p>All ok, the village hall are arranging additional training as they are installing their own one.</p>	
<b>25/124</b>	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>There hasn't been a recent meeting.</p>	
<b>25/125</b>	<p><b>Asset of Community Value</b></p> <p>The clerk has written to the school and support has been received going forward with the application.</p>	
<b>25/126</b>	<p><b>Clerk Vacancy</b></p> <p>The clerk to seek advice form NCALC re: advert and remuneration.</p>	<p><b>DW</b></p>
	<p><b>Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris is compiling a list of points for Cllr Butler ahead of the meeting.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

## 2506 FPC FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 May 2025</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 31 May 2025</b>	<b>£22,597.66</b>
Current Account	£9,286.85
Savings Account	£13,310.81
Un-presented payments from May 2025 meeting (Zurich Ins)	£993.17
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 May 2025</b>	<b>£21,604.49</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 May 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 May 2025	£154.54
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 May 2025</b>	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£7,100.00
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 31 May 2025</b>	<b>£12,386.12</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in June 2025	
Bank Charges	£6.00
Confidential Expenses (May)	£334.22
HMRC (May)	£77.20
Parish Online	£336.00
Jon Hampson Inv 2025/02	£150.00
Direct Debits due in June 2025	£105.86
<b>Total Payments for June 2025</b>	<b>£1,009.28</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 30 June 2025</b>	<b>£11,376.84</b>
<b>Financial Transactions in April 2025</b>	
Urgent Payments made since the meeting in May 2025(DD CPRE, Two Boats)	£127.50
All payments out in May 2025	£5,004.75
Receipts in May 2025	£0.00
Playpark Fund Bills in May 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in May 2025	£0.00
<b>VAT to be claimed 2025/2026</b>	<b>£631.24</b>

## 2506 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 11 May-6 June	Circulated by
15-May	WNC	Clark lane Closure august	DW
20-May	WNC	election expenses	DW
20-May			
28-May			
06-Jun	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
23-May	WNC	Briefing	MM
28-May	ACRE	Monthly update	DW
28-May	Kier	A422 closure	DW
28-May	ACRE	Monthly update	DW
30-May	DW	Insurance	DW
30-May	NCALC	Bi-monthly update	DW
30-May	RRT	Offers of help	DW
02-Jun	MM	Queens Street photo	MM
03-Jun	MM	FPC response to Furtho Pits	MM
03-Jun	MM	FPC response to 700 Brackley Homes	MM
03-Jun	WNC	Fixmystreet x 2	MM
03-Jun	MM	Sat Nav question	MM
03-Jun	Stagecoach	A422 closure	MM
04-Jun	WNC	Planning Application 2025/2127/FULL	MM
04-Jun	Cherwell DC	Planning Application Baynards Green	MM
05-Jun	WNC	A422 Mitigation Report	DW
06-Jun	NCALC	IA report	DW
<b>06-Jun</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>Traffic chaos</b>	<b>DW</b>
06-Jun	OPFCC	Newsletter	DW