

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 7.00pm at The Village Hall



Councillors present

- Cllr Mick Morris (Chair) (MM)
- Cllr Barry Willett (BW)
- Cllr Sophie Nobes (SN)
- Cllr David Chidwick (DC)
- Cllr Tom McCullough (TM)
- Cllr Andrew Mills (AM)
- Cllr Richard Butler (RBu) WNC
- Cllr Rebecca Breese (RB) WNC
- Cllr Rosie Herring (RH)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)

Also present: Nick Henstock (NH) Assistant Director WNC Highways

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Jarvis (TJ)

ITEM		ACTION
25/127	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Trevor Jarvis offered his apologies which were accepted by the meeting.</p>	
25/128	<p>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.)</p> <p>None declared</p>	
25/129	<p>Bypass & A422 mitigation update and Cllr Richard Butler/Nick Henstock</p> <p>NH stated that following an initial review it appears there is no obvious legal reason preventing WNC implementing a weight restriction on the A422 through the village. NH stated his preferred extremes of the limit would be from the roundabout at Brackley and at the Middleton Cheney Roundabout, although this needs more detailed study. There needs to be a legal pathway formulated to be able to remove this limit in the limited instances when the M40 traffic has to be diverted. WNC legal team will look into this, and once they have satisfied NH it can be done then the weight limit plan can be progressed. Kier will now be looking at modelling the potential unintended consequences of imposing this weight limit i.e. transferring the LGV traffic onto unsuitable local roads. There is also a need for an approved alternative lorry route, M40/A43 being the most obvious, which requires negotiation with National Highways. NH is hopeful to have the legal pathway resolved by September. The next move would be to start to talk to other affected agencies such as the Police. The Govt are now withdrawing the Major Road Network (MRN) funding which could have been a source for a bypass fund.</p>	

25/131	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2025</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>									
25/132	<p>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</p> <p>The tree on Baker Lane/A422 needs trimming back to allow the streetlight to operate fully. Cllr Herring will speak with Kier. Stuart Timmins had promised Cllr Herring that a study would begin in July to improve A422 streetlighting in the village. Cllr Herring will remind him of this promise Cllr Morris has spoken to Kier regarding their poor comms on road closures and there is a need for substantial improvement.</p>	RH								
25/133	<p>To review any correspondence received since 6 June 2025 requiring action.</p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>									
25/134	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>135/1 To receive the financial report for June 2025 It was resolved that the financial report for June 2025 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>135/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="323 1010 877 1160"> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td>£6.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses (July)</td> <td>£334.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (July)</td> <td>£77.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debits due in July 2025</td> <td>£97.63</td> </tr> </table> <p>The entry on the circulated report for a payment to Texprep was entered in error.</p> <p>135/3 To receive an update on Copse Lodge Community Fund Cllr Morris confirmed that any donations from the fund to the school for new equipment was for Farthinghoe School use only and not for use in other parts of the Academy.</p>	Bank Charges	£6.00	Confidential Expenses (July)	£334.22	HMRC (July)	£77.20	Direct Debits due in July 2025	£97.63	DW
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25/135	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website</p> <p>The website has been updated.</p>									
25/136	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</p> <p>136/1 2025/2334/FULL Strathmore , Baker Street. Alterations to the 1st floor. It was unanimously resolved there were No objections.</p> <p>136/2 Tree work Abbey Lodge: no need for comment from FPC 136/3 Tree Work Strathmore: no need for comment from FPC 136/4 WNS/2021/0492/EIA Appeal over 700 houses at Brackley. The closing date for representations is 29 July. FPC have already lodged their objections. Cllr Morris expressed frustration that FPC are being ignored over our concerns by both WNC Planning and Highways and by National Highways(despite the fact that National Highways uses the A422 for Motorway Diversions .</p>	MM								
25/137	<p>Anaerobic Digester Evenley</p> <p>Cllr Morris is waiting to see the outcome of an invitation by an</p>	MM								

	Evenley resident for a site visit by WNC Highways and Planning Officers to determine if a statement made by the Developers about internal site roadways is correct or is the myth which the resident believes it is.	
25/138	To discuss highways matters. 138/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. There is no change, Cllr Willet to report it again on fix my street	BW
25/139	Childrens' Playpark The most recent H&S report on the park to be circulated by the clerk for SN to study some of the safety details. Cllr Morris will speak to the allotment trustees concerning the possibility of utilising some of the unused area as a community space.	DW SN MM
25/140	Defibrillator monitoring and training All ok	
25/141	Village Hall A hall committee meeting is scheduled for next week. Clerk to circulate minutes and reports when received	DW
25/142	Asset of Community Value An application to register the school has been submitted. Clerk to send a copy of the application to Cllr Breese wo will follow it up.	DW
25/143	Clerk Vacancy Cllr Morris and the clerk will review the job description and then send an advert to NCALC. It was resolved the pay range would be Grade Scale 18-23 This will also be advertised in the Farthinghoe Chronicle and circulated on the Parish database	
	Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note The CAN role from NCALC will be discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 7.00pm.

2507 FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 30 June 2025	
Bank Statements on 30 June 2025	£20,673.07
Current Account	£7,284.40
Savings Account	£13,388.67
Un-presented payments from June 2025 meeting (Zurich Ins)	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 30 June 2025	£20,673.07
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 30 June 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 30 June 2025	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 30 June 2025	
Precept Reserves (for Parish Elections)	£1,500.00
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£7,100.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 30 June 2025	£11,454.70
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in July 2025	
Bank Charges	£6.00
Confidential Expenses (July)	£334.22
HMRC (July)	£77.20
Texprep (inv 27472)	£66.30
Direct Debits due in July 2025	£97.63
Total Payments for July 2025	£581.35
Parish Council Fund Position on 10 July 2025	£10,873.35
Financial Transactions in June 2025	
Urgent Payments made since the meeting in June 2025	£0.00
All payments out in June 2025	£1,009.28
Receipts in June 2025 (bank interest)	£77.86
Playpark Fund Bills in June 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in June 2025	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2025/2026	£635.89

2507 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 6 June-4 July	Circulated by
11-Jun	MM	Highways funding link	MM
11-Jun	MM	Correspondence with Kier	MM
12-Jun	MM	Letter re: new Brackley homes	MM
14-Jun	WNC	Roads survey	MM
16-Jun	NN Chronicle	Reform looking into WNC	MM
22-Jun	MM	meeting Richard Butler	MM
25-Jun	MM	Anaerobic Digester	MM
27-Jun	WNC	Baynards Green	MM
01-Jul	Banbury guardian	Brackley house Development	MM
03-Jul			
04-Jul	NCALC	Weekly Updates	DW
03-Jul	WNC	planning applications Strathmore	DW
03-Jul	DW	PL insurance	DW
03-Jul	WNC	Roads Survey	DW
03-Jul	MM	Festival	DW
03-Jul	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
04-Jul	WNC	Brackley housing Development appeal	DW
04-Jul	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
04-Jul	WNC	A422 mitigation Report	DW