

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 10 September 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 Tom McCulloch (TM)
 Cllr Andrew Mills (AM)
 Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)



Apologies: Cllr David Chidwick (DC), Nick Henstock (WNC)

ITEM		ACTION
25/144	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Chidwick and Nick Henstock registered their apologies.	
25/145	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	
25/146	A422 Mitigation update Nick Henstock sent his apologies, he will attend the October meeting and provide an update on the mitigation measures. The PC will discuss implementing a 20mph limit and average speed cameras at the meeting.	
25/147	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	
25/148	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2025 It was resolved that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.	
25/149	To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda. The council expressed their disappointment that no update on action 25/132 from Cllr Herring WNC. Clerk to chase The PC now have the 20mph advisory signs. It was resolved to put them on the A422 to begin.	DW SN
25/150	To review any correspondence received since July 2025 requiring action. There was nothing to review	

25/151	<p>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</p> <p>151/1 To receive the financial report for July/August 2025 It was resolved that the financial report for July/August 2025 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>151/2 To approve bills for payment It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses (September)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£334.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (September)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£77.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep (invoice 27472)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£89.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>151/3 To receive an update on Copse Lodge Community Fund There are no new applications to the fund. It was resolved that community donations would be discussed at the November meeting. It was resolved that Cllr Chidwick might undertake the scrutiny role for the half year audit.</p>	Confidential Expenses (September)	£334.22	HMRC (September)	£77.20	Texprep (invoice 27472)	£66.30	Direct Debits	£89.95	<p style="text-align: center;">DW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DC</p>
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25/152	<p>Communication with Parishioners and Website All photos taken and recent Chronicles have been uploaded.</p>									
25/153	<p>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications 153/1 2025/2972/FULL Seven Sisters Close. It was resolved that the PC were happy to allow the planning officers to make the decision.</p>	MM								
25/154	<p>Anaerobic Digester Evenley The Strategic Planning Committee has put this on hold until they can visit a working site in Winchester operated by Acorn Ltd</p>	MM								
25/155	<p>To discuss highways matters.</p> <p>155/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. The sink hole has been repaired; the drains have a temporary repair done. WNC have said they will supply a plan to include a remedy for the water draining from Baker Street. Cllr Morris had asked for a solution to water running from Baker Street onto the A422.</p> <p>155/2. The tree is on the land of the allotments and owned by the Church. They are dealing with it and have instructed a tree surgeon which will involve closure of the A422 and maybe Charlton Way.</p>	MM								
25/156	<p>Childrens' Playpark Cllr Nobes has reviewed the report, the most pressing issue is some loose fixings on the swings. It was resolved that Cllrs McCulloch and Willet will carry out these repairs. There doesn't appear to be a written agreement in place regarding any land lease on the Playpark. Cllr Mills has spoken to Mrs Dashwood and has a verbal agreement that the land can be used as a playpark in the immediate future, Cllr Mills has offered to speak to the family to get an agreement to cover for 5 years although this seems unlikely at the moment. The enquiry about possibly using some allotment land as a playpark /social area did not dovetail into the current conditions of the Allotment Trustees.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TM/BW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AM</p>								
25/157	<p>Defibrillator monitoring and training All ok</p>									
25/158	<p>Village Hall The minutes and accounts from the recent meeting were circulated</p>									

	prior to this meeting, their content was noted.	
25/159	Asset of Community Value The clerk had previously circulated a letter from WNC stating they would be listing the school as an ACV. It was resolved to discharge the item.	
25/160	Clerk Vacancy It was resolved to invite 1 candidate for a chat/interview. MM, BW and DW to attend. The unsuccessful candidate will be duly informed by Cllr Morris.	MM
25/161	NCALC Conference 4 October 2025. No councillors were interested in attending. Item discharged.	
	Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note Cllr Morris will write to John Grant regarding his letter concerning the playpark.	MM

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 7.00pm.

2509 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 4 July-8 September	Circulated by
04-Jul	MM	A422 Mitigation Report comment	MM
05-Jul	MM	Article re: Silverstone Transport Links	MM
06-Jul	MM	Rejection of Warehouses Baynards Green	MM
07-Jul	MM	A43 Warehouse approval	MM
07-Jul	WNC	Brackley Housing planning date	DW
08-Jul	WNC	Brackley housing committee Report	MM
09-Jul	Kier	A422 Closures	DW
12-Jul	MM	planning application comment	MM
14-Jul	MM	Weekly planning updates	MM
14-Jul	MM	Planning comments re:700 houses Brackley	MM
15-Jul	MM	YouTube link to planning meeting	MM
18-Jul	MM	Brackley 700 houses	MM
18-Jul			
4-Aug			
20-Aug			
27-Aug			
8-Sep	NCALC	Weekly updates	DW
18-Jul	DW	Authorise invoice before September	DW
18-Jul	DW	A422 Closures update	DW
21-Jul	MM	Parking Bakers Street	MM
22-Jul	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
22-Jul	MM	Huscote Farm Planning Appeal Rejection	MM
22-Jul	CPRE	AGM details	DW
22-Jul	NCALC	Conference details	DW
22-Jul	DW	Playpark H&S report	DW
22-Jul	JACS UK	Village gateways	DW
23-Jul	WNC	Fix my street update fallen tree	MM
24-Jul	WNC	20mph signs	MM
25-Jul	MM	email to CDC	MM
26-Jul	WNC	Fix my street updates	MM
28-Jul	WNC	Weekly planning updates	MM
28-Jul	MM	Houses at Middleton Cheney	MM
31-Jul	MM	Lorry Watch	MM
31-Jul	MM	20mph signs	MM
02-Aug	MM	A422 pinch point repairs	MM
04-Aug	WNC	2025/2972/FULL Seven Sisters Land	DW
05-Aug	MM	Banbury guardian speed cameras	MM
06-Aug	NCALC	bi-monthly update	DW
07-Aug	MM	HGV ban article	MM
11-Aug	MM	Playpark issues	MM
11-Aug	WNC	Evenley Digester	MM
12-Aug	MM	Dog in playpark	MM
13-Aug	MM	A422 overnight diversion	MM
14-Aug	MM	CEO resignation	MM
15-Aug	MM	email to WNC re: road repairs	MM
16-Aug	WNC	Letter to CDC re: warehousing J10 M40	MM
18-Aug	WNC	Weekly planning updates	MM
21-Aug	MM	Playpark	MM
27-Aug	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
27-Aug	Police	Priorities survey	DW
27-Aug	MM	320 Brackley Houses	MM
28-Aug	WNC	Fixmystreet update	MM
02-Sep	WNC	School ACV	DW
02-Sep	Kier	Overhanging tree A422	DW
02-Sep	NCALC	Training course	DW
03-Sep	MM	WNC asylum hotel update	MM
08-Sep	WNC	Queen Street Closure	DW
08-Sep	WNC	Nick Henstock update	DW
08-Sep	WNC	Planning consultation	DW
08-Sep	DW	Village Hall minutes and Accounts	DW
		Circulated on the database as well	

2509 FPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 31 August 2025	
Bank Statements on 31 August 2025	£19,970.67
Current Account	£6,582.00
Savings Account	£13,388.67
Un-presented payments from 31 July 2025 report (4x payments cleared 02/09/25)	£752.32
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 August 2025	£19,218.35
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 31 August 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 31 August 2025	£154.54
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 31 August 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 August 2025	£9,999.98
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Confidential expenses September	£334.22
HMRC September	£77.20
Texprep (inv 27472)	£66.30
Direct Debits due in September 2025	£89.95
Total Payments for September 2025	£567.67
Parish Council Fund Position on 11 September 2025	£9,432.31
Financial Transactions in August 2025	
Urgent Payments made in August 2025	£0.00
All payments out in August 2025	£858.77
Receipts in August 2025	£0.00
Playpark Fund Bills in August 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in August 2025	£0.00
VAT to be claimed 2025/2026	£644.96