

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2025 at 8 October 2025 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 (DC)
- Cllr Andrew Mills (AM)
- Mr David Weston (Clerk) (DW)
- Cllr Richard Butler (WNC Highways Lead) (RBu)
- Nick Henstock (WNC Assistant Director for Highways and Transport) NH
- Andrew Sierant (Incoming Clerk) AS



Apologies: Cllr Tom McCullough (TMC)

ITEM		ACTION
25/162	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Tom McCullough</p>	
25/163	<p><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.)</p> <p>None declared</p>	
25/164	<p><b>A422 Mitigation</b> NH explained that WNC were considering two options for the proposed weight limit, both with appropriate signage:</p> <p>Option 1: the weight limit at the place of the 30mph speed limit signs at each end of the village.</p> <p>Option 2: the weight limit at the roundabout A422/Banbury Road Brackley running through to A422/B4525 roundabout at Middleton Cheney.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that FPC supports option 2, although It was acknowledged that the longer distance of this limit may prove more difficult to enforce.</p> <p>Cllr Morris mentioned Wiltshire County Council have long experience of circumstances similar to our own and promised to send NH the contact details within that council.</p> <p>NH: WNC will consider cameras to support enforcement.</p> <p>There is also a large amount of work to be done to ensure that signage is correct on all surrounding routes and also to ensure traffic won’t be displaced from the A422 to smaller roads causing problems elsewhere. The preferred re-route strategy being via A43/M40. WNC have not yet formally engaged with</p>	<p><b>MM</b></p>

	<p>National Highways needing the plan fully formulated first before they do so. National Highways seems to have a concern over increased rush hour traffic at M40 J10 albeit they have not raised any such concerns at recent planning applications on J10 &amp; J11 M40 regarding this issue.</p> <p>Timescale: NH stated that he expects to have a WNC plan formulated, consultation to have taken place with other statutory agencies and a public on-line consultation completed within 4-6 months. A report would be sent to FPC in March 2026. If there are no unexpected issues, it is therefore feasible that a Weight Limit could be in place by the Summer 2026.</p> <p>30mph Speed Limit extension previously requested by FPC</p> <p>The speed limit review panel have apparently rejected our application to extend the 30mph limit although FPC have never been informed of this. They have suggested a review as part of the above mentioned mitigation work. They were sympathetic to the limit being extended but 40mph at the extension points then 20mph through the village (this being the current 30mph limit).</p> <p>MM pointed out that FPC would like to see the full detail of this Panel rejection</p> <p>NH promised to send a copy to FPC along with the reasoning behind it.</p> <p>Average Speed Cameras:</p> <p>The previous WNC regime turned off ALL speed cameras across the county. The new WNC regime will be making a decision on whether to reinstate them. The existing system is so depleted that a complete upgrade will be necessary.</p> <p>MM pointed out that Oxford CC had requested that as Government receives all of the fines then it, not Local Councils, should pay for camera installations (MM has now sent NH a copy of that OCC request)</p> <p>Streetlighting: FPC are still waiting for an update from Cllr Herring who has been chasing WNC Director Stuart Timmiss for months for answers regarding A422 lighting upgrade (our Nov 2023 request remains unanswered)</p> <p>NH will also follow this subject on our behalf</p> <p>A422 Drains from Baker Street to Limes Farm:</p> <p>NH said the plans of how to re-route the drains at the pinch point are in an advanced stage. The timescale is that the designs will be signed off and the work will begin early next financial year, there being no funding budget in this financial year. It will require a full road closure (up to 4 weeks intimated). With this, the water cascading from Baker Street across the A422 will also be addressed.</p> <p>Crumbling drain repair A422 pinch-point: A temporary repair</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
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	<p>done two weeks ago has failed already, just like it has every 2 weeks for the last 3 years. NH will ask for a different type of repair to be tried rather than Tarmac. He asked that it is reported on fixmystreet and will follow it up himself. (NH was true to his word and the repair is complete using new technology)</p> <p>2001hrs NH left the meeting.</p>	<b>NH/BW</b>										
<b>25/165</b>	<p><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).</p> <p>1 parishioner was present</p>											
<b>25/166</b>	<p><b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2025</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of were taken as read. They were signed by the Chairman and were adopted as approved.</p>											
<b>25/167</b>	<p><b>To Consider any matters arising not covered in the main agenda.</b></p> <p>Cllr Chadwick agreed to take responsibility for the mid-year financial scrutiny role. Clerk to arrange a meeting with DW, DC and AS.</p> <p>The clerk has chased Cllr herring for an update on her outstanding actions, nothing heard. Clerk to email asking for an urgent update.</p>	<b>DW</b>  <b>DW</b>										
<b>25/168</b>	<p><b>To review correspondence received since September 2025 requiring action.</b></p> <p>There was nothing to review</p>											
<b>25/169</b>	<p><b>To consider financial matters from the RFO:</b></p> <p>169/1 To receive the financial report for September 2025 It was <b>resolved</b> that the financial report for September 2025 was presented and was duly approved.</p> <p>169/2 To approve bills for payment It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses</td> <td>£334.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£77.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Texprep inv 27585</td> <td>£95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jon Hampson inv 4</td> <td>£245.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Reimbursement (anti-virus)</td> <td>£59.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was noted there has been no notification of the DD for electricity this month. Additionally, there will be a salary payment to the incoming clerk.</p> <p>169/3 To receive an update on Copse Lodge community fund. 169/4 V 0.1 of the budget for 2026/2027 had been circulated. Comments to the clerk before the next meeting. Cllr Morris agreed to obtain a quote from Jon Hampson for tidying the hedge around the bus stops.</p>	Confidential Expenses	£334.22	HMRC	£77.20	Texprep inv 27585	£95.00	Jon Hampson inv 4	£245.00	Clerk Reimbursement (anti-virus)	£59.99	<b>DW</b>         <b>ALL</b> <b>MM</b>
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<b>25/170</b>	<p><b>Communication with Parishioners and Website</b></p> <p>Cllr Nobes will publish the existence of the Copse Lodge Community Fund on FB, the website and in the Chronicle. She</p>											

	will also appeal for ideas for the community donations to be discussed at the next meeting. This standing item to be DISCHARGED	SN
25/171	<p><b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b></p> <p>WNS/2021/0492/EIA. It was noted that the National Planning Inspectorate will be holding a 4 day hearing at the Forum in Towcester starting 28 October @ 1000. Cllr Butler will let Cllr Morris know the official position from Brackley Town Council and Cllr Morris will send Cllr Butler his previously recorded objections to this 700 house site intended to be located adjacent to the A422 Brackley West roundabout 2.3 miles from Farthinghoe .</p>	RBu/MM
25/172	<p><b>Anaerobic Digester Evenley</b></p> <p>This has been approved by the planning inspectorate. An appeal is being considered.</p>	
25/173	<p><b>To discuss highways matters.</b></p> <p>173/1 Crumbling drain repairs A422. This is covered in item 25/164</p> <p>173/2 Overhanging precarious tree A422/Charlton Way. The allotment trustees are dealing with this. The overhanging tree Bakers Street/A422 (obstructing the streetlight). WNC are aware and Cllr Butler will get the matter resolved.</p> <p>173/3 Queen Street Repairs. Completed but other potholes in area remain. Cllr Butler will do a site visit with Cllr Morris.</p>	RBu  RBu/MM
25/174	<p><b>Childrens' Playpark</b></p> <p>Cllrs Willet and McCullough have tightened the loose nuts and bolts on the equipment. The annual inspection is scheduled for January 2026. Clerk to advise Cllrs of date so they can attend and re-distribute the bark. It was confirmed that the Dashwood family have given a verbal agreement for the park to remain in situ for the foreseeable future although a specific date is not possible to assess.</p> <p>We are very appreciative of the 10 years free use already experienced.</p>	AS
25/175	<p><b>Defibrillator monitoring and training</b></p> <p>Defib monitoring is up to date.</p> <p>175/1 It was <b>resolved</b> to buy a bleed kit for the village and house it within the defib cabinet.</p>	DW
25/176	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
25/177	<p><b>Clerk Vacancy</b></p> <p>The council welcomed Andrew Sierant who will be our new clerk. There is handover period with DW, who will leave his role at the end of November 2025.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the PC laptop needs to be replaced, AS to research a replacement and a budget of up to £1000 agreed.</p>	AS

	<p><b>Discussion for agenda items next month and items to note</b></p> <p>To note: MM reported there was a party in the playpark at approximately 0030 hrs on Tuesday. Minor damage was caused by up to 6 people to some of the equipment. Cllr Morris will make a FB entry informing the village of the incident.</p> <p>A complaint has been received about a possible HMO in the village, details of property to be supplied to clerk who will liaise with WNC.</p>	<p><b>MM</b></p> <p><b>DW</b></p>
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The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 7.00pm.

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## 2510 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Farthinghoe Parish Council Financial Report to 30 September 2025</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 30 September 2025</b>	<b>£25,824.11</b>
Current Account	£12,359.51
Savings Account	£13,464.60
Un-presented payments from 31 August 2025	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 30 September 2025</b>	<b>£25,824.11</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
PLAYPARK FUND POSITION on 30 September 2025	£463.83
DEFIBRILLATOR FUND POSITION on 30 September 2025	£154.54
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves on 30 September 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 30 September 2025</b>	<b>£16,605.74</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Confidential expenses October	£334.22
HMRC October	£77.20
Texprep (inv 27585)	£95.00
Jon Hampson inv 4	£245.00
Clerk (reimbursement anti-virus)	£59.99
Direct Debits due in October	£0.00
Bank Charges due in October	£6.00
<b>Total Payments for October 2025</b>	<b>£817.41</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 8 October 2025</b>	<b>£15,788.33</b>
<b>Financial Transactions in September 2025</b>	
Urgent Payments made in September 2025	£0.00
All payments out in September 2025	£1,325.99
Receipts in September 2025 (precept and bank interest)	£7,179.43
Playpark Fund Bills in September 2025	£0.00
Defibrillator Bills in September 2025	£0.00
<b>VAT to be claimed 2025/2026</b>	<b>£644.96</b>

2510 FPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Date circulated	Received From	Correspondence from 8 September- 4 October 2025	Circulated by		
10-Sep	WNC	A422 repairs	MM		
10-Sep					
01-Oct	NCALC	Training newsletter	DW		
15-Sep	WNC	Weekly Planning Decisions	MM		
15-Sep					
26-Sep					
04-Oct	NCALC	Weekly updates	DW		
17-Sep	MM	planning article	MM		
18-Sep	HS2	Papers for September meeting	MM		
19-Sep	BBC	Battlefield site /HS2	MM		
20-Sep	WNC	Fix my street A422 pothole	MM		
22-Sep	WNC	Weekly Planning Decisions	MM		
23-Sep	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW		
<b>23-Sep</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>McMillan coffee Morning</b>	<b>DW</b>		
24-Sep	MM	Email to WNC re: Noisy Fault Repair	MM		
25-Sep	MM	Evenly Digester Final Result	MM		
26-Sep	Sevenside Defibs	Public bleed Kits	DW		
01-Oct	NCALC	e-bulletin	DW		
01-Oct	Brackley Council	Remembrance Service	DW		
01-Oct	ACRE	Village Viewpoint newsletter	DW		
		<b>Circulated on Database as well</b>			