

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**Councillors present:** Mr John Grant – Chair for meeting  
Mr David Dashwood  
Mr Neil Downing  
Dr Nigel Heywood

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

## **Public Time:**

**1. Apologies:** Prof. David Mellor, Mrs Jenny Forbes and Mr Ian Hunt

**2. Minutes of meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February** had been circulated and were taken as read, signed and adopted.

## **3. Matters arising:**

**3.1 Community Enhancement Gangs.** The gang would be asked to carry out repairs to the pavement in front of Almshouses and the leaning sign Banbury side of Farthinghoe. Although the deadline had passed, a further request would be made to cut the Allotment hedge and to clear the vegetation behind the bus shelter by the Allotments.

## **4. Finance:**

**4.1 Barclays Bank** statements at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Business Saver	£200.00
Community Account	<u>£2,403.32</u>
	£2,603.32

## **4.2 Expenditure:**

The following payment was authorised and cheque signed by David Dashwood. David Mellor would be asked to sign the cheque and forward.

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100559	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s142

**4.3** Notification from HMRC that it would now operate in real time and tax due would need to be paid when employee is paid. This change would not affect how Clerk is paid.

## **5. Correspondence since 9<sup>th</sup> January**

e-mail **NACRE** Press release re: Neighbourhood Plans

e-mail **RoSPA** Reduced rate Annual Play Inspections 2013

**NCALC** Training calendar March – June 2013

e-mail **CPRE** Campaign Clearer skies for star count

**CPRE** Northamptonshire “Outlook” February 2013

**Clerks & Councils** Direct March 2013

**BDO** Audit Briefing 2013

e-mail **NCALC** Section 137 £6.98 per elector for 2013 - 14

**SNC** i) e-mail Linda Savage Assistant Sports Development Officer, Leisure Services SNC, Play Rangers and Summer activities (SPLAT)  
ii) e-mail SNC Budget plans

- iii) e-mail SNC Recycling changes – *representative will speak at APM*
- iv) e-mail SNC Changes to Electoral register
- v) e-mail SNC Press release County Council elections

- NCC**
- i) NCC HS2 Rights of Way and highway diversions. Consultation will begin sometime in Spring on the draft Environmental Statement
  - ii) e-mail NCC Availability of bags of salt for public use

**Brochures: Sovereign** – play equipment, **online playgrounds** - Commercial Playground Spares service

## **6. Traffic Issues**

The workload of those dealing with the traffic survey has been such, that it has not been completed. The Police have been checking on vehicles travelling in the wrong direction down Charlton Way.

## **7. Land Registry: Registration of grass areas at junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road and Cockley Road and Main Road.**

Cllr Mellor had not ordered the CD of map showing the location. Cllr Dashwood still needed to see if he could locate a map that may give a clue to the previous owner.

**Update:** The surveyor carried out his inspection and reported back that the Land Registry had turned down the application and the fees (£60) have been returned.

In summary there is no problem with the Farthinghoe Parish Council maintaining the two grass areas on behalf of the village, but since the land is not bounded, no one else could claim the land, unless by deed of the original land owner.

## **8. Annual Parish Meeting**

This will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall at 8.00pm after the usual monthly Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk will include in April's edition of the Chronicle.

**Update:** County Cllr Ron Sawbridge and PCSO Scott Cochrane will both attend.

## **9. Grass-cutting**

The Clerk was asked to write to Jon Hampson to explain that the contract for 2013 did not include hedge-cutting at the Village Hall. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had already been advised of this.

The contract would commence week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 with the grass in the playground being cut every two weeks. The areas at the Cockley Road junction and Charlton Road junction would be strimmed monthly.

## **10. Planning Matters:**

None to report.

## **Councillors round the table.....**

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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