

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**Councillors present:** Prof. David Mellor - Chair  
Mr Ian Hunt  
Mr David Dashwood  
Mr John Grant  
Dr Nigel Heywood  
Mrs Jenny Forbes  
Mr Neil Downing

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

## **No Public Time**

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Minutes of previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March** had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were then taken as read, adopted and signed.

## **3. Matters arising:**

**3.1** The Chairman had received a quote from **Nicholson's** for tree planting. The tree on the triangle in front of school had been removed when the road was realigned and the intention is to plant a replacement. A quote had been received but was incomplete. The final quote would be £209.35 for two trees, one in front of school and one for the grass area at the junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road. If we demonstrate that we are taking care of an area then that is positive and by planting the tree that will help to determine ownership.

## **4. Finance:**

**4.1 Barclays Bank** statements at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Business Saver	£1,169.60
Community Account	<u>£1,540.69</u>
	£2,710.29

**4.2** The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100509	Marcus Young Landscapes	£71.76	Litter Act 1983 S's 5 and 6
100510	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100511	E.On	£137.35	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100512	NCALC Subscription £123.48. Internal Audit £145.00	£268.48	Local Government Act 1972 s143
100513	Clerk's salary and expenses	£425.00	Local Government Act 1972 s112 and s111

## **5. Correspondence since 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Anglian Water** – hosepipe ban to take effect from 5<sup>th</sup> April

e-mail John Grant - correspondence from **David Grindley** re HGV's and GPS

**South Northants Homes** Major Works briefing paper February 2012

The Chairman, David Mellor had written to Mr Trevor Dixon at **SNC** requesting a noise and vibration survey be carried out in Farthinghoe with a view to introducing a weight restriction on this stretch of the A422. The survey should be carried out at peak times.

*Copies to: Andrea Leadsom MP, County Councillor Ron Sawbridge and District*

*Councillor Rebecca Breese*

e-mail **CPRE** “Stop the Drop” litter campaign

e-mail **Northants Police** Farthinghoe Crime Report

**BDO** External Audit date 27<sup>th</sup> July

**NACRE** South Northamptonshire HGV Study

e-mail **NCALC** eUpdate March - April

e-mail **Andrea Leadsom** – annual report 2012

e-mail **Andrea Leadsom** – HS2 Public Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April

e-mail **mgswp** Community Enhancement Groups – requests by 4<sup>th</sup> May. *Cllr Forbes advised of large pot-holes along the Hinton Road. It had been suggested that the group could deal with isolated pot-holes.*

**CPRE** “Countryside Voice” Spring 2012

**NCALC** “Update” March – April

Nene Commissioning

**Community Consultation Ltd** – Insurance renewal invitation

**SNC** i) e-mail - Press release re: changes to recycling scheme

ii) e-mail - Farthinghoe Recycling centre celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**NCC** i) e-mail TTRO (11/12) PS077 Brackley Road, Hinton-in-the-Hedges – incorrect diversion? *NCC had been advised that the designated diversion was a gated road. There is an alternative route*

**Brochures: plantscape** – planters and street furniture (DVD)

## **6. Registration with the Land Registry of grass area at junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road**

Ian Dorward had agreed to do the legal work and the Chair would follow up.

See Matters Arising for tree planting proposal. Jon will be asked to mow when ownership is established. The Chairman’s meeting with Helen Howard had been helpful. It was noted that the trees would need watering.

## **7. Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012**

Plans are coming together and part of the celebration will be to give a spoon to all village children and children attending Farthinghoe School. The spoons are £1.99 each +VAT with postage and packing at £15. The Parish Council will be invoiced direct.

**Update:** After a thorough count of children, in Farthinghoe Village and School, 85 spoons have been ordered. However, numbers are still awaited from Steane area which will necessitate a further order being placed for a small quantity. Great interest is being shown in the event and currently it is estimated that 150 people are expected to attend. Food, events, races and magic are all being organised and some hand waving flags will also be purchased. Mums are involved in doing food for the party. Extras like tablecloths, cups and bunting are being organised by the Village Hall.

The Parish Council agreed to contribute £200 to the fund which already stood at £351 giving a total of £551. The next meeting for the Jubilee will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

## **8. Traffic Issues**

The focus has now moved away from trying to get a bypass and a village action group will be looking at GPS, pollution – noise and emissions and the damage to property caused by heavy vehicles. The first of two meetings will take place at Towcester on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with the lead transport officer from SNC and NACRE, who are co-ordinating the collection of the data. Training will be given in the use of the equipment to do a traffic count and two volunteers required over a 24hr period. The second meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April at The Limes. The site for doing the traffic count will need to consider Health and Safety issues and will need to be approved by SNC.

There had been a meeting about GPS in London and a representative from NCC had attended and it had been agreed that the bad bend in Farthinghoe did not allow two large vehicles to pass.

## **9. Planning Matters: Effective communication**

**9.1** There were no applications.

**9.2** The recent application for yurts at Limes Farm had prompted a strong reaction. Although the Parish Council is made aware of most planning applications submitted to South Northants Council it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to advise all parishioners of such applications. Planning applications are notified to those who South Northants believe may be affected and submissions can be seen on SNC's website. The Parish Council has never received a request for the village to be notified about planning applications but if the Parish Council feels that it is something the village needs to know, then the Parish Council will advise. The Parish Council will determine whether it is a simple straight forward application and something that might be contentious.

For some villagers the prospect of change can be difficult.

The applicants had been advised to withdraw the application because of issues over disabled access. There had been no intention to upset the village.

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

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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