

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY 2014 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: Mr Neil Downing (Chair)
Mr John Grant
Mr Ian Hunt
Mrs Sally Thomas
Mr David Dashwood had sent apologies but arrived at 8.15pm
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

1. Apologies: Mr Ross van Geest and Mrs Jenny Forbes

2. Minutes of previous meetings on 11th June 2014 had been circulated and were taken as read, signed and adopted.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 Planning applications.

The Farthinghoe Chronicle would not include notification of planning applications as all applications and decisions can be viewed on SNC's website. However, a link to the site would be included. It was also agreed that as this information was readily available on SNC's website there was no need to set up an email group.

4. Finance:

4.1 Barclays Bank statements at 30th June 2014

Business Saver	£200.28
Community Account	<u>£4,862.35</u>
	£5,062.63

4.2 Expenditure:

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100614	Texprep	£66.30	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100615	E.On - maintenance	£107.70	Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3
100616	E.On - lighting	£137.25	Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3
100617	John Hicks - playground inspection	£50.76	Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9 and 10

4.3 New Financial Regulations to be emailed to councillors.

4.4 Request mandate change pack for the addition of Cllr Downing as a signatory.

5. Correspondence since 11th June

email Cllr van Geest – information request

emailed draft version of new Standing Orders

email Mick Morris Publication of April's minutes? *These were not approved until June's meeting and then there was a delay in them being uploaded to the website*

email Steve Shaw, Local Works: Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity

email CPRE Campaigns

email Cllr Downing – no truth in the rumour that the recycling centre was to become a traveller’s site
 email Cllr Grant – quotation for play area
 email Ron Sawbridge MBE
 email Siobhan Tatum interested in filling vacancy on Parish Council – *advised that vacancy had been filled but could stand for election next year*
 email Cllr van Geest – availability of minutes?
 email Stuart Lewis – who is responsible for cleaning the alleyway between Bowling Green and the Main Road? *Cllr Downing to follow up with NCC Highways*
 email John Hicks – Playground Safety Inspection
 email Northamptonshire Police Road closures for British Grand Prix
 email Jolie Clements – allotment availability?
 Clerks & Councils Direct
 email Cllr Downing - Guide for new councillors?
 email NCALC Danny Moody Rural Housing Policy Review – *response required by 25th July – Cllr Grant*
 email NCALC Danny Moody Local Council Documents and Policies – *August’s agenda*
 email PCSO Stuart Dowell Middleton Cheney and Steane Ward update – July 2014
 email Cllr Grant – copy of letter to NCC regarding the various traffic issues
 emails x 3 – newsletter including information on funding availability

SNC i) email Invitation to Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony
 ii) email Safe travel for visitors to the Grand Prix
 iii) email Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Draft Charging Schedule Consultation
 iv) SNC request for link from Farthinghoe’s website to SNC’s tourism and business support website pages - *agree if there is no cost to Farthinghoe PC*
 v) SPLAT (Holiday activities) poster
 vi) email Superfast Broadband
 vii) email Credit Union comes to South Northants – press release

NCC i) email June’s news from my County Council
 ii) email Development in Northamptonshire Newsletter 1
 iii) email NCC Flood bus
 iv) email NCC Helen Howard Community Enhancement Gang – *need to prioritise jobs. Cllr Thomas will liaise and meet with gang on 8th August*
 v) email New Adult Learning brochure

6. Traffic Issues:

Cllr Grant reminded councillors of the issues that had been raised at a meeting in October 2013 with Andrea Leadsom MP, County Councillor Ron Sawbridge and David Farquhar from NCC where it had been agreed that there would be a solution before the Grand Prix 2014.

Proposals: 20 mph past school.
 20 mph past the playground in New Road. The request for a flashing “Slow Down” sign had been refused as there is no power supply in the vicinity.
 Signage – Unsuitable for HGV’s

There had been no update.

7. Adoption of new Standing Orders

It was agreed that Farthinghoe PC adopt the new Standing Orders.

8. Farthinghoe Chronicle:

8.1 Advertising

In the last 18 months the editor had only had 3 requests to advertise in the Chronicle. The number of pages determined the amount of space available and who would be eligible to advertise in the Chronicle and who would co-ordinate and collect fees? This should not be the responsibility of the editor. There are already numerous publications distributed in Farthinghoe that include advertising for local businesses therefore, it was agreed that the Farthinghoe Chronicle should not include advertising other than from Limes Farm and The Fox. Other businesses could be offered the opportunity to add their names to a list that could be included once a year and then retained for future reference.

8.2 Infringement of Copyright

A poem called “The Dash” had been printed in the Farthinghoe Chronicle and then published on the web site and Dash Management had emailed to say this was an infringement of copyright. The poem had been removed immediately and advice was sought from NCALC and the PC’s insurers. The Chair had obtained information about the number of hits on the website and it would be explained that a Parish Council is a not for profit organisation and only has a limited amount of money at its disposal, neither is the Chronicle a profit making publication. Was there anybody in the village who may be able to advise? Ian Dorward or Siobahn Tatum?

This is certainly a lesson learned!

9. Farthinghoe’s Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Consultation

As Farthinghoe does not have a village historian Cllr Thomas agreed to look at the documentation.

10. The Local Plan: Call for sites

Cllr Thomas would contact SNC to get an update on what the PC needed to do next. Could the PC nominate sites for development or was this for the landowners themselves to come forward with suggestions?

Cllr Dashwood arrived

11. Playground Inspection Report

Items raised in the report will be dealt with by Cllr Dashwood.

12. Community Enhancement Gang

Some of the work requested was not within the remit of the gang and the PC had been asked to prioritise the work in case it could not all be completed within the one day allocated to the village. Cllr Thomas would arrange to meet with the gang on 8th August.

13. Issuing of draft minutes

According to Standing Orders as long as minutes are issued at the time of the publication of the agenda then the minutes will be taken as read. The Clerk still recommends that minutes are not published on the website until approved.

14. Planning Matters:

Application number	Address	Details	Status/ Decision
14.1 S/2014/0871/ PA	Walltree House Farm,	Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the change of use of an agricultural	

	Steane	building to a dwelling house	
14.2 S/2014/0903/ FUL	Old Rectory Stable House	Reversion of "Part of Property" from Offices and Wine Store (Personal Consent) to Residential and New Dwelling and Access to the Walled Garden served off existing access drive	<i>The PC had no objection to the reversal of "Part of property" to residential but questioned the design of the new dwelling within the Conservation Area</i>
14.3 S/2014/0592/ FUL and S/2014/0593/ LBC	The Malt House, Queens Street	Replacement roof and replacement rear dormers windows	<i>Refusal</i>

Full details of applications and decisions can be viewed on SNC's website.

Councillors round the table.....

1. Cllr Grant advised that the group planning improvements to the playground are meeting on 14th July when the availability of funds and a quote will be discussed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th August 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm
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