

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**Councillors present:** Prof. David Mellor - Chairman  
Mr David Dashwood  
Mr Ian Hunt  
Mr John Grant  
Mr Martin Wall  
Mrs Jenny Forbes  
Dr Nigel Heywood  
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

## **Public Time**

### **1. Apologies:**

**2. Minutes of the meetings** on 11<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated. They were taken as read, adopted and signed.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

#### **3.1 Internet Speed**

Cllr Wall's article in the Chronicle had prompted one response from a business in Farthinghoe and two other personal ones. The Chairman would mention it in his report to the APM and further enquiries would be made.

#### **3.2 Grass-cutting and hedge-cutting at the Village Hall**

It was agreed that Edge2edge would cut the Village Hall grass at a cost of £50 per cut. The Village Hall committee had access to a ride on mower and would do an extra mow if required prior to an event.

The Leylandii hedge was no longer going to be cut by Tim Wright. The hedge would need trimming twice during the year and Cllr Wall had obtained a quote for £80 per cut. The Council agreed to pay for this year but the Village Hall Committee would need to do some fund-raising in the future. Cllr Grant would raise at the next Village Hall meeting. The Parish Council was reminded that the Village Hall was available to hire.

### **4. Finance.**

#### **4.1 Barclays** bank statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> March

<b>Community A/C</b>	£357.88
<b>Business Premium A/C</b>	<u>£6,761.88</u>
	£7,119.76

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

100396 Clerk's salary and expenses £407.22

100397 E-ON - lighting £131.57

100398 E-ON - maintenance £99.02

100399 CPRE membership £32.00

**4.3** The Clerk had received an interim pay award that was only back dated to September 2008. The final figure for 2008 was only agreed in March 2009 and the increase, in line with the current NJC salary point SCP25 at £11.074 per hour, will take effect as from January 2009. The Clerk's contract is for ten hours per month giving an annual salary of £1,328.88 payable in four quarterly payments of £332.22.

**4.4** End of year receipts and payments had been produced with expenditure against budget included. A financial report had been prepared for the APM.

## **5. Correspondence since 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**East Midlands Regional Assembly** East Midlands Regional Plan: Partial Review

**Northamptonshire BTCV**- volunteers available to carry out conservation work

**NACRE** "Village Viewpoint" Spring 2009

**CPRE** Countryside Voice magazine.

e-mail **Cllr. Martin Wall** re: Village Hall grass cutting and hedge trimming

**NCALC** Form to update details of contacts etc

Invoice NCALC Membership subscription £114.23 and Internal Audit service £138.92 Total: £253.15

"Update March – April 2009

Came & Company. Parish Council Insurance

Annual subscription to LCR (Local Council Review) £13.50 for four issues

**SNC** i) Summer Holiday Activity Programme. *Reply by 22<sup>nd</sup> April*  
ii) Notification of forthcoming County Council and European Parliamentary Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> June

**NCC** i) Amenity Weight Restrictions (7.5T) – Countywide Awareness Campaign – *reply required by 6<sup>th</sup> April*  
ii) Transport and Highways. Invitation to attend meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 17.30 – 21.00 at The Park Inn Hotel, Northampton

**Brochures: [online playgrounds.co.uk](http://online.playgrounds.co.uk)** – playground spares and repairs

## **6. The Fox**

The address on promotional literature was incorrect: it should be Baker Street not Baker Lane. Opening night for residents will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> April followed by a second opening night for guests, press etc. on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and then open for business on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## **7. Traffic Issues**

**7.1** A traffic count is taking place in Charlton Way and Chapel Lane but it is believed that the camera is pointing the wrong way in Charlton Way.

The village name signs still need to be cleaned.

**7.2 Rightracks** signs had been erected on the identified roads. Entrances to villages on these roads will be marked with gateways.

The Clerk informed the Council that there is now a sign on the B4525 advising lorries to use the B4525 rather than the road to Northampton via Moreton Pinkney.

The Rightracks project is also planning car craft courses for the under 16's to give them the opportunity to learn how to control a car. Older drivers may also be included.

## **8. Village Website**

The site is ready to launch along with a link to the pub site. The Limes site is still undergoing development. It has been suggested that hiring costs for the Village Hall should be included on the site.

## **9. Planning matters**

**S/2009/0264/A** for three free standing **signs advertising** The Fox. One on the north verge of A422 approx 18m north-west of entrance to Limes Farm, one on the north verge of A422 opposite junction with Queens Street and one on the south verge of A422 at junction with Charlton Way. The Council objected to the proposal to put a sign on the

village sign at the junction with Charlton Way. If there was to be a sign at that point then it needed to be on a self supporting post. There were no objections to the other two signs.

There were further amendments to the application for The Limes.

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

1. Cllr Dashwood asked if the Parish Council would pay for materials to treat the wooden play items in the play ground. The Council agreed to the request.
2. The Council agreed to re-imburse Cllr Forbes if she arranged for some flowers to be sent to District Councillor Breese now she is home and making progress.

Date of Next Meeting

**AGM on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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