

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE
HALL

Councillors present: Mr Ian Hunt - Chair
Mr John Grant
Mr David Dashwood
Mr Martin Wall
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

Mary Sharman and Mrs Campbell advised that the situation with the parked cars outside of school had not been resolved. They wanted them removed. Vehicles were also parked on the grass by the Church and vehicles delivering to the building site were only adding to the problem. This is likely to get worse as more vehicles and machinery arrive on site need to be on site. Tractors cannot get past without driving on the pavement from school to the Bowling Green. The pavement is also driven over outside of Cherry Gables. All these actions pose a threat to pedestrians. Cars parked outside of school were a problem even before the re alignment of the Cockley Road junction.

A meeting with the teachers could be arranged which may go some way towards helping to resolve the problem. A letter could be sent to the builder asking for the drivers of their vehicles to park with due consideration to other road users. It might be useful to contact PCSO as part of the Safer Communities Team and to ask if they would visit the location and give some advice. Could the Parish Council write to NCC Highways to put pressure on them to come up with a solution? Are double yellow lines an option?

The litter bin at the entrance to Bowling Green is full. SNC out source the emptying of the bins

1. Apologies: Cllrs. Prof. David Mellor and Dr Nigel Heywood

2. Minutes of the meeting on 13th October 2010 had been circulated. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 Feedback form from Best Village Competition – 74%

Village Life	This small village produces and delivers a monthly newsletter to all households. The residents are justifiably proud of their village as was evident during the tour given to the judges.
Community Life	The village is unfortunate in that there are no village charities than can support the local community.
Business	The village is to be applauded for its persistence in helping to get its pub up and running. The idyllic setting of the forthcoming farm shop and tearoom is going to be the envy of Northamptonshire.
Young People	Farthinghoe is a small village and only has little provision for young people. Nevertheless a Little Angels group meets weekly that is organised by a villager, and a

	play-bus visits during term time. There is a small playground and a small field for ball games next to the village hall.
Older People	There are two clubs for older people and a spirited 86-year-old helps the people who are unable to do things for themselves. The head teacher tries to involve elderly residents and all the villagers are invited to the pantomime dress rehearsal.
Environment	The village has two well used and productive allotment areas. The main road (A422) dissects the village, and the villagers would like to see a reduction in heavy lorries hopefully less accidents. A local farmer has given land for a new green burial ground. A villager picks up litter daily.
IT	The website is very good, well used and is updated regularly.
Your Village	Farthinghoe like many small villages has lost its post office but has made great efforts in making sure that other businesses are thriving. The monthly market in the pub car park has been very successful in attracting both local residents and visitors. The art group held in the village hall is well attended and is also used by neighbouring villagers.

A photograph of the view from the Play Area had featured in the slide show at the awards evening for the **Best Village Competition**. It would be helpful if photographs of village events could be made available if the village decides to enter next year. There are also three fêtes organised within the village. Would it not make more sense to combine resources and effort for one event? Does the village have any plans to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012? A street party had been held at the top of Baker St for the Silver Jubilee.

4. Finance.

4.1 Barclays bank statements as at as at 29th October 2010

Community A/C	£2,473.09
Business Saver A/C	<u>£7,016.56</u>
	£9,489.65

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed.

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100452	E-On – new street light	£2272.45	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100453	John Grant	£30.00	LG Act 1972 s 15(5) and 35 (5)
100457	Northamptonshire County Council (Map licence)	£16.50	Local Government Act 1972 s 226

5. Correspondence since 13th October

e-mail from **Bridget Castle** re: parking outside school

e-mail from **Noralle Traditional Country Homes** (builders) who own the plot next to the Church

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing paper September 2010

CPRE Northamptonshire News “Outlook” Autumn 2010

snvb - volunteer brokerage service and newsletter

e-mail from **NCALC** with information regarding budget setting and precept 2011- 2012

Viridor – Landfill Communities Fund

Northampton Borough Council Pre-Submission Draft Publication: Northampton Central Area Action Plan

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper October 2010

SNC i) Launch of Money Advice Service and pack

- ii) Confirmation that Parish Council Elections will take place on 5th May 2011
- iii) Forum with Parish Councillors Tuesday 7th December

NCC i) Council Service poster. Free internet access at your local library every Friday

Brochures: Record RSS – playground equipment

6. Traffic Issues – Cockley Road junction

A further e-mail had been received from Bridget Castle stating the concerns she had raised at the previous meeting but this time suggesting that she did not agree with the Parish Council's view on the matter. Her e-mail had been acknowledged by the Clerk. The Chairman had contacted Highways after the last meeting and had received the following e-mail:

"School sites are notoriously difficult to tackle when it comes to parking problems, because when you think about it for say 30mins, twice a day parked vehicles in the area can increase by 400-500%. The main headache is enforcement, because we have so many sites that suffer from these problems it would be impractical to have civil enforcement officers on hand to visit the sites during the morning and afternoon peaks, at every location.

My normal policy for parking outside schools is that restrictions won't be considered unless there is a satisfactory alternative for parking already in place or recorded accidents are happening due the problems with parking. The reasons for this are, what normally happens is the problems are displaced elsewhere (e.g. in to cul-de-sac's) and in rural/ isolated locations we have to consider the costs of enforcement so there needs to be good highway reasons for doing so.

What I normally suggest in these situations is a multi-agency approach between the school, NCC, Parish Council and Police to educate the parents or to try and find a better alternative to what's happening at the moment so perhaps contacting the Safer Communities Team on 03000 111 222 and speaking to the local PCSO would be a good first step."

Senior Traffic Engineer

7. Budget and Precept 2011 - 2012

The budget was approved (copy attached) without needing to increase the precept and it was agreed that the Council do precept upon South Northants District Council in the sum of £6,500 to be paid in two instalments in April and September.

8. License application to hold definitive map

In order for the Parish Council to hold and use extracts of the Definitive Map for Northamptonshire it needed to apply for a license. The Parish Council agreed that it should apply for the license and in turn agreed to the terms and conditions therein.

Three extra copies of the map were ordered at £5.50 each.

9. Sale of 1 Church Piece Cottages

In the absence of anybody local coming forward, the property had been offered to a couple who were very keen to live in Farthinghoe. Although the Parish Council had hoped that it might solve part of the housing need in the village, it was keen to welcome the new residents.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 Application S/2010/1020/FUL for the catering facility ancillary to the farm shop at **Limes Farm** has been approved.

10.2 Application **S/2010/1176/FUL** to replace flat roof, extended to link to main house and replacement first floor front wall at **Horse Shoe Lea**, Cockley Road has also been approved.

10.3 SNC is now recommending approval of **S/2010/1300/FUL** (resubmission of S/2010/0546) for a dwelling and garage on **land adjacent to Abbey Lodge**, Cockley Road.

The extension of the site, change from agricultural use to domestic garden, to accommodate the extension has been approved. A garden room has been added on the NE corner and the elevation has been lowered and moved away from the boundary facing Seven Sisters. The Parish Council had no objections

Cllr Wall left at 8.20pm

Councillors round the table.....

1. Cllr Grant advised that John Hampson would be willing to do the hedge-cutting at the Village Hall at the same price as the present contractor. Is the price negotiable? Could be if it is put out to tender. Would he be prepared to mow the Playground as it had not been completed to such a good standard this year? The Village Hall owns a ride on mower. Does John have Public Liability cover?

2. It was agreed that there would be no meeting in December unless there was any urgent business.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th January at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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