

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present: Mr John Grant chaired the meeting
Mr Ian Hunt
Mrs Jenny Forbes
Mr Neil Downing
Mr David Dashwood

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time:

A resident from Charlton Way attended to advise the Parish Council that traffic is travelling in the wrong direction along Charlton Way. *Cllr Grant reported what had been done so far: white lines re painted, police advised of what is happening, PCSO's are watching but can only advise drivers and are only watching some of the time. Cllr Grant is trying to get the Police to write to the offenders.*

Are the "One Way" signs too high? A one way sign or arrows painted on the road might be helpful.

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 19th September were circulated prior to the meeting but needed to be amended. The Clerk would amend and re-circulate before the next meeting and before publicising on the web site.

3. Matters arising: Jon Hampson will be asked to cut the Village Hall hedge for the second time this year. The last mow will be completed before 31st October.

4. Finance:

4.1 Barclays Bank statements at 28th September 2012

Business Saver	£4,270.18
Community Account	<u>£2,001.82</u>
	£6,272.00

4.2 Expenditure:

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100537	BDO LLP – External Audit	£162.00	Local Government Act 1972
100541	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100542	E.On - lighting	£138.75	Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3
100543	Parkes Office & Event Solutions - website	£358.80	Local Government Act 1972 s142

4.3 Income: Precept – second instalment £3,250.00.

5. Correspondence since 19th September

e-mail NACRE's Annual Report

e-mail **snvb** information

e-mail **CPRE** "Roadshow on Planning" 20th November at Great Houghton

e-mail **Jim Mac Arthur** Police and Crime Commissioner UKIP candidate

e-mail HS2 Where to go for information.....

BDO LLP Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

snvb Village Networks Community Minibus and drivers for hire....

e-mail Wind turbines – petition

e-mail LTP consultation - Northamptonshire Transportation Plan

e-mail **NCALC** Planning your community

e-mail **NCALC** eUpdate Sept/Oct 2012

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper July/August 2012

NCALC “Update” September - October

e-mail **Jon Hampson** mowing costs

Copy of draft budget e-mailed to councillors

SNC i)

NCC i) “You can do it online.....” poster. Marketing campaign for services that can be accessed on line, starting with Street Doctor

6. Traffic Issues

Cllr Mellor had written to County Councillor Ron Sawbridge and District Councillor Rebecca Breese regarding the issue of the Cockley Road junction. An article had also been included in the Farthinghoe Chronicle. One resident had observed that although the parked cars did make it difficult for vehicles to pass, they did have the effect of slowing down the traffic. Cllr Mellor will meet with a representative of NCC Highways before November’s meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

8. Conclusion of Audit and auditors report

Audit for the year ending 31st March 2012 is now complete and two issues arose: section 1 did not add up by £1 and it was assumed that this was a rounding error and secondly, the N/A box should have been ticked instead of NO when answering the question about Trust Funds. The Annual Return was presented to the council and will be publicised on the website.

9. Budget 2013 - 2014

Jon Hampson had provided a breakdown of the cost for each area that he mows; currently £40 for the Village Hall and £40 for the Playground and hedge cutting at the Village Hall twice a year at £60 per cut. The additional areas, the two areas at the Cockley Road junction and the area at the Charlton Way junction with Main Road would cost £20 if mown fortnightly or £30 if cut/strimmed monthly from April to October. Cllr Dashwood offered to top the area at the junction with Charlton Road and Main Road. Grass-cutting now represents approximately 25% of the budget so is an obvious area to look at to try and reduce costs.

It is anticipated that the precept will not need to be raised but further discussion on the budget will take place at the next meeting.

10. Planning Matters:

10.1 Although the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed work to the trees in the garden of Oak Cottage, **S/2012/1103/TCA**, it was evident that the work had already been completed.

10.2 The Parish Council had no objections to **S/2012/1130/FUL** for a single and two storey rear extension at **6 Charlton Way**.

10.3 Neither did they have any objections to **S/2012/1145/FUL** for a single storey front/rear extension and garage conversion at **Heritage, Charlton Way**.

Councillors round the table.....

No exchange of information

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th November at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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