

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY 2011 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE
HALL

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

Public Time

Mary Sharman was present to tell the Parish Council that a large van had damaged the door of another vehicle parked outside of school. Also, a vehicle had parked facing in the wrong direction. Did this vehicle belong to a resident of Farthinghoe? Vehicles were still driving over the grass but now the building work had finished at Greatworth it was thought that the situation might improve.

1. Apologies: Cllr. Dr Nigel Heywood

2. Minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2010 had been circulated. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 It was suggested that the Almhouses and the Allotments should be included in this year's entry for the Best Village Competition.

4. Finance.

4.1 Barclays bank statements as at as at 31st December 2010

Business Saver	£5517.34
Community Account	<u>£202.09</u>
	£5,719.43

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed.

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100458	NACRE (Support for organisation)	£34.00	Local Government Act 1972 s111
100459	E-On: maintenance	£101.24	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100460	E-On: lighting	£131.57	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100461	Clerks salary and expenses	£410.55	Local Government Act 1972 s112 and s111
100462	Edge2Edge: grass-cutting	£320.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9and 10

5. Correspondence since 10th November

Banbury CAB Vacancies for Volunteer Trustees

CPRE "Natural Collection" catalogue

“Fieldwork” December 2010
South Northants Homes – calendar 2011
NCALC Parish Partnerships Charter
 “Update” Nov – Dec 2010
Victim Support – appeal for funds?
 e-mail **NCALC** Section 137 limit is £6.44 per elector for 2011 – 2012
snvb Training Diary 2011
Northants 50+ Network Newsletter
Alzheimer’s Society “Singing for the Brain” scheme

Correspondence since 8th December 2010
 e-mail **NCALC** Localism Bill – first reactions
Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report 2009 - 2010
NACRE “Village Viewpoint” Winter 2010
NCC/MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire
 e-mail **NCALC** Training opportunities for January 2011
 e-mail - information from **snvb**
South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper November and December 2010
Royal British Legion “Great Poppy Party Weekend” 10 – 12th June 2011
E-On/Central Networks Parish Council pack – useful items in the event of a power cut
 e-mail from **Chairman** Lamp 7 damaged due to accident on Main Road
 Telephoned **Community Consultation Ltd.** Claim form to be completed and returned.
 e-mailed **Central Networks** regarding removal of wooden posts on Main Road

SNC

- i) e-mail Use of candidacy statements in the forthcoming elections? *No*
- ii) e-mail 2011 Parish elections – *information for web site?*
- iii) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – *no changes to the existing arrangements in Farthinghoe*
- iv) A number of e-mails regarding bin collections during the snowy weather
- v) The Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee – *special weekend from 2nd – 5th June 2012*
- vi) e-mail Compost give away event at Farthinghoe from 10.00am – 3.00pm on 26th February
- vii) e-mail Notification of Precept requirement – *return by end of January*

NCC

- i) Safer Winter Driving in Northamptonshire leaflets
- ii) Council Service posters
- iii) e-mail Dean Brookes NCC Libraries and Information Service – offer to help with compilation of Welcome Packs

Brochures: Image Playgrounds, Glasdon – litter bins etc. **SMP** – playgrounds, **Countryside Gardens** – landscape maintenance

6. Traffic Issues

Nothing to report.

7. Ordinary Elections for Parish Councils – How to encourage candidacy and community engagement?

Much information had been received regarding the forthcoming elections and the Clerk would compile an article for the Chronicle to try and encourage more participation.

8. A Welcome Pack for new residents?

The Parish Council agreed that information that might be included in a Welcome Pack could be available on the website via a number of links to other organisations.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Permission has been granted for **S/2010/1300/FUL** (resubmission of S/2010/0546) for a dwelling and garage on **land adjacent to Abbey Lodge**, Cockley Road.

9.2 Permission had also been granted for **S/2010/1232/FUL** for a rear dormer extension (Retrospective) at **Corner Cottage**, Chapel Lane.

9.3 An application, **S2010/1519/TCA** to reduce upper eastern crown of Pine tree by 1.5 – 2.0m and crown raise to 5.2 over carriageway at **The Old Rectory**, Old Lane had been submitted to SNC

9.4 The application **S/2010/0435/FUL** for a base camp complex for recreational paint ball games (Retrospective) at Walltree House Farm Steane (Farthinghoe parish) has been given permission.

9.5 The appeal against SNC's decision to refuse the application to rebuild part of Cockley Barn to create agricultural office and workshop and for a barn conversion to residential use at **Cockley Barn Farm** has failed.

9.6 The Parish Council had not commented on **S/2010/1386/FUL** for a portal frame building for storage of hay and straw at **Gooseholm Fields Farm**, Banbury Road Brackley because it was not important to Farthinghoe. It has since been given permission.

9.7 Villages within 5kms of Spring Farm, Welsh Lane, Helmdon have been consulted regarding the proposed wind farm at that location. Action groups have held meetings in Marston St Lawrence

Councillors round the table.....

1. The editor of the Farthinghoe Chronicle, Marjorie Tolchard, who recently passed away, was a member of the PCC. Did the PCC wish to keep control of the publication? The future of the Farthinghoe Chronicle would be an agenda item at the next meeting.
2. Were the wires on the BT post in Charlton Way causing the post to lean? The Chairman would make enquiries.
3. The litter bin outside Far View House still needed to be replaced. The Clerk will follow up.
4. According to an EU directive all mercury vapour street lights will need to be replaced. **Update:** There are no street lights of this type in Farthinghoe.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th February at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm