

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL 2011 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Public Time

1. Apologies: Cllrs. Jenny Forbes and Dr Nigel Heywood

2. Minutes of the meeting on 9th March 2011 had been circulated. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 All those validly nominated in the recent Parish Council election are automatically elected. Cllr Dashwood and Cllr Heywood have expressed an interest in being co-opted. They can be co-opted at the May meeting but will not be councillors until the June meeting. **Update:** Mr Neil Downing has also expressed an interest in filling the vacancy created by Mr Martin Wall's decision not to stand for re-election. Neil will be invited to the May meeting.

3.2 The Parish Council has received the copies of the parish centred definitive map.

3.3 Jon Hampson has submitted a copy of his Public Liability Insurance

3.4 The proposed information map including notice board for outside of school would cost £1250 + VAT and the graphics would be £350 + VAT. There is no central location in the village but outside school would appear an appropriate location because of a high footfall in that area. The proposal would be put on hold for this month.

4. Finance.

4.1 Barclays bank statements as at as at **31st March 2011**

Business Saver	£4,517.97
Community Account	£188.23
	£4,706.20

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100465	Farthinghoe PCC	£129.80	Local Government Act 1972 s 142
100466	Clerk's salary and expenses	£410.55	Local Government Act 1972 s112 and s111
100467	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s 142
100468	NCALC Membership £119.63 and Internal Audit Service £140.31	£259.94	Local Government Act 1972 s143
100469	E-On- lighting	£131.57	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100470	E-On - maintenance	£103.39	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100471	Jon Hampson – grass cutting	£240.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9and 10

100472	David Dashwood – playground maintenance	£180.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9 and 10
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5. Correspondence since 9th March

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing February 2011

IAC Internal Audit and Compliance Ltd – *provision of Internal Audit Service?*

NCALC “Update” March – April 2011

The good councillor’s guide

Came and Company Parish Council Insurance “Parish Matters”

e-mail **NCALC** “e-update”

snvb News April/May 2011

BDO Annual Audit 22nd July 2011

NCALC Opportunity to subscribe to Local Council Review magazine

Contact details?

Training Guide 2011

Community Consultation Ltd. - Parish Council Insurance Policy is due for renewal

e-mail - Parish Council needs to register with HMRC. A company is offering to act as a payroll agent for a fee of £25.00 per year

SNC i) Press release to encourage residents to stand for local elections

Local elections - count arrangements for 5th and 6th May

ii) Amended Nomination Packs

iii) Notices of election

iv) Participation in forthcoming elections

v) Changes to Electoral Register

vi) Adoption of Brackley Masterplan

NCC

6. Traffic Issues

The following e-mail was received from the Casualty Reduction Partnership.

“At the time of your request, the camera was indeed functioning. However, throughout the life of safety camera operations, it has been the case that there are more roadside boxes in the county than cameras available to be put inside. Thus, cameras would have periods when a camera was inside, detecting offences, and other periods when the camera box was empty. Hence, sometimes a camera site can be perceived as not working, when it is simply that no camera is inside.

Having stated that, it is, of course, the position that the Farthinghoe camera is now no longer operational and there is no obvious reason to assume that this will change at any time in the near future. You may be aware, through council papers and local press articles, that Northamptonshire County Council has withdrawn funding for the Casualty Reduction Partnership from 1st April 2011, effectively disbanding the partnership.

Northamptonshire Police remains deeply committed to road safety within the county and is currently seeking ways to maintain some level of mobile safety camera operations, in the absence of the withdrawal of council funding. Without the previously provided funds, the Police cannot operate a fixed camera service. Thus, unless Northamptonshire County Council reverses its position on supporting safety camera operations in the future, no speeding offences will be detected by the Farthinghoe, or indeed any other, fixed camera in the county.

One can understand the enormous financial difficulties that the County Council faces, and the difficult choices it must make to balance its resources and priorities.

However, it is saddening that, after three consecutive years of record breaking road safety levels in Northamptonshire, the Casualty Reduction Partnership is ending and a key road safety component is no longer being supported."

There had been no consultation or discussion regarding the decision. Cllr John Grant had passed the information to the Banbury Guardian and would pursue to see if camera could be reinstated.

7. Farthinghoe Chronicle

The Chronicle would continue to be delivered free of charge to all households. The Fox and The Limes had agreed to pay for one month's printing in return for an advert on the back cover or inside the back cover. Adverts would alternate each month between the two pages.

8. External Works Compound for South Northants Homes

South Northants Homes are looking for a site to erect a compound while they are carrying out external works to properties in Farthinghoe. The only area that is considered suitable is a small area off of Bowling Green but that may be a problem to other local residents. Suggest that Steve Jones from SNH speaks to David Dashwood who may be able to help.

9. Quote to repair roof of bus shelter

The Chairman had received a quote for £350 + VAT to re board and re felt the roof of the bus shelter near to the church. The Chairman would contact the contractor and ask for the work to be carried out.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 The Council supported **S/2011/0322/FUL** for a single storey garage extension at White Rose Cottage, Cockley Road

10.2 The Council had no objections to **S/2011/0384/FUL** for a variation to condition 4 on S/2010/1300/FUL to allow the use of plastic 'cast iron effect' gutters and down pipes for the dwelling on land adjacent to Abbey Lodge, Cockley Road.

Councillors round the table.....

1. Blinkhorns have organised an event to assist residents with the switchover to digital. This will be held on Friday 24th June 1.30 – 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

2. Agenda items for next meeting: Farthinghoe Chronicle and Brackley Volunteer Car Service.

3. Cllr Wall was thanked for his service to the Council and the Council was sorry that he had made the decision not to stand for re-election.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm