

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: Mr Ian Hunt – Chaired the meeting
Mr David Dashwood
Mr John Grant
Mr Nigel Heywood
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

Joel Pearson and Steve Sneath advised the Parish Council of a new venture at Limes Farm. A planning application had been submitted for the erection of a maximum of four yurts (Mongolian tents) on land belonging to Limes Farm. The different sized yurts could accommodate a maximum of 12 visitors in total. There would be a self contained unit for showers and toilets and self catering families would be the main target group. No cars would be allowed on the site and would allow a luxury experience, while being very much in the countryside. A yurt will be on site until 4th February and an Open Day is planned for 22nd January between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. It is anticipated that the site would be managed and operate between April and October: the yurt has a wood burning stove. There will be three part time employment opportunities. The synergy fits in with Limes Farm's diversification and The Fox also sees it as complementary. The application should be validated by 16th February.

1. Apologies from councillors: Prof. David Mellor, Mr Neil Downing and Mrs Jenny Forbes.

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 14th December had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minute 3.1 was amended to read had not been "intentionally excluded whereas Manor Lane had." The remainder of that sentence "Not been marked either" had been deleted. The minutes were then accepted as correct and adopted and signed.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 The words, Bowling Green, had been hand written on bits of paper and stuck on the notice board. To amend the omission, a vinyl overlay to include the name Bowling Green, would cost £75.00 and a new sign £440.00. No decision was taken.

3.2 Street Lighting. A new Certificate for the Unmetered Supply has been issued and all street lights are now recorded as being on the same regime.

3.3 The contributions from The Fox and Limes Farm, towards the cost of the notice board, were still outstanding. **Update:** Contribution from Limes Farm received.

4. Finance:

4.1 e-mail from SNC. Precept letter and form – *return by 31st January*

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100505	E-On lighting	£133.16	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100506	Clerk's salary and expenses	£425.00	Local Government Act 1972 s112 and s111

4.3 Barclays Bank statements at 31st December 2011

Business Saver	£1,769.43
Community Account	<u>£269.38</u>
	£2,038.37

5. Correspondence since 14th December

NACRE Bulk buying scheme for domestic heating oil – *consider at next meeting*
NCC/MGWSP Surface dressing of the B4525 between the A422 roundabout and Marston Hill turning will start at the beginning of the financial year and may require temporary road closures

CPRE “Fieldwork” Winter 2011

e-mail CPRE Campaign to remove roadside clutter

CPRE in partnership with NALC Planning Explained publication

NCC/MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire

e-mail NCALC Representations from the National Association to consultations

e-mail Robert Herring Best Village Competition 2012

AON Insurance asking to quote for next year

SNC i) Charges for Parish Council Elections

NCC i) e-mail The Local Deal: Draft Revenue Budget 2012 - 13 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012 -13 to 2015-16. *Consultation until 7th February*

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/thelocaldeal>

Brochures: Dynamic Fireworks

8.10pm Cllr Dashwood apologised for having to leave the meeting.

6. Traffic Issues

Nothing to report.

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

The title will be registered to the Parish Council. Work in progress.

8. Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012

Cllr Grant is planning a meeting of the sub-committee made up of members of Village Hall, School and Church before 24th or after the 31st January.

9. Draft Neighbourhoods Planning regulations - consultation

NALC has responded to the consultation on behalf of all Parish Councils. Cllr Grant has reviewed some of the documentation but there is a lot of information to go through. He has drafted a two page document which will be forwarded.

Parish Councils will be able to make decisions but would need to have a policy in place. District Councils would have a watching brief with regards to some aspects e.g. flooding. Proposed tax reforms could have implications for owners of second homes, empty homes or annexes. In the meantime Cllr Grant will make contact with NCALC and maintain a watching brief. The production of the Council’s own policy would allow a reference point if it were to object to any proposal.

10. Planning Matters:

None.

Councillors round the table.....

Nothing to report.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th February at 7.00 pm in
the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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