

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2010 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

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

Mrs Rebecca Wild asked for information regarding proposed works within the village to be more readily available. She knew about the proposal but did not know what it would look like when completed. Could proposals be put on the website? She agreed that visibility is better at the junction of Cockley Road but was disappointed that the tree had to be removed. Some residents believe the new junction has created a different set of problems particularly for large vehicles and farm machinery.

It can be difficult to interpret a drawing and to know what the final outcome will be but the original objective was to make the road safer for children. The Pelican crossing is now much safer and there would be no advantage in moving it. Cllr Grant is disappointed that teachers are still parking in such close proximity to school.

Mr Sid Atkins, Chair of School Governors, advised that parents had been asked through the school newsletter to park at the Village Hall but the Management Committee were not happy about this arrangement.

Teachers were continuing to park near to school and school had received an anonymous complaint but nobody is breaking the law. The cars are not causing an obstruction nor are they parked too near to the junction and it would not be appropriate for female staff to walk to the Village Hall when it is dark. All parties need to work together to try and find a solution. The parked cars do have a traffic calming effect. Parking is also a problem when there is something going on at the church.

Mrs Mary Sharman was pleased that overgrown shrubs had been dealt with by most residents. One gentleman in Park Cottages had been very ill but was trying to get somebody to do the work. Mary would be happy to remove the ivy from the roof of the bus shelter near to the church but needed some help.

The contractors erecting the new road layout sign for Cockley Road junction had completed the work to a very good standard.

Mrs Campbell was also present for much of Public Time and agreed to disagree with the view held by Mr Atkins regarding the parking issue outside of school.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Jenny Forbes

2. Minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2010 had been circulated. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 Cllr Wall will attend the presentation evening for Best Village awards on 21st September.

3.2 The tree blocking the light from lamp 23 on Main Road had been cut back but the owner of the tree was upset by, what she believed, to be an unsympathetic request in the light of her husband's illness. The Parish Council could not have been expected to know about an individual's personal circumstances.

3.3 The redundant wooden poles on Main Road still needed to be removed. The Clerk was asked to pursue.

4. Finance.

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

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| Community A/C | £564.30 |
| Business Saver A/C | <u>£3,766.03</u> |
| | £4,330.33 |

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

| Cheque | Payee | Amount | Power |
|--------|---|---------|-----------------------|
| 100444 | Edge2Edge (L Kempster) Grass-cutting | £400.00 | Highways Act 1980 s96 |

4.3 Income NCC £1934.00 – grant for new street light at Bowling Green. Request for lighting column has been made.
HM Revenue & Customs – VAT repayment £835.04

5. Correspondence since 14th July

CPRE Northamptonshire News – Outlook Summer 2010

Guided walk in Salcey Forest on Tuesday 7th September at 7.00pm
Local Food Heroes

Barclays – changes to agreement

NCALC “Update” July – August 2010

Northamptonshire Improvement and Efficiency Partnership project
Being a good employer – a guide for parish and town councillors
Vitalise – request for funding

CPRE “Fieldwork” August 2010

“Countryside Voice” Summer 2010

Longhurst Group - providers of Affordable Housing

snvb Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service – *reduction in funding*

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper July 2010

SLCC Continuous Professional Development courses

RHT Developments Ltd Resale of two bedroom house at Church Piece Cottages
(No.1)

“No Need for Nuclear” House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557. Request for support for this campaign

NACRE Village Viewpoint

SLCC “Working with your Council” – induction course

NHS Northamptonshire's AGM 23rd September

snvb news Sept/Oct 2010

Telephone call from **Jenny Thompson** re Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service
e-mail from **mgswp** – badger sett in Charlton Road. *David Dashwood is the landowner on one side and Tony Deeley is the owner of the land on the opposite side. David Dashwood's telephone number would be passed on to mgswp.*

- SNC**
- i) SNC Year Book 2010 – 2011
 - ii) e-mail from SNC – survey on street cleaning service – *reply has been received. Visit to Farthinghoe had revealed an absence of litter. Excellent!!*
 - iii) Alterations to electoral register
 - iv) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
- NCC**
- i) Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF): Core Strategy Development Plan Document. Hard copy available on request at £15 otherwise available as a download at:
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/planning/minerals/Pages/CoreStrategy.aspx>
 - ii) Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF): Control and Management of development DPD Submission. *This part was submitted to the Secretary of State on 16th August*
 - iii) Emergency Planning Conference: Preparing for Winters Worst 7th October

Brochures: Wicksteed – Playground Inspection and Maintenance Services, **ASM** – Safety Surfacing, **Phoenix** Surfacing

6. Traffic Issues

There are concerns about teachers parking in close proximity to school.

7. Financial Regulations and appointment of RFO

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted without amendment. Cllr Wall proposed and Cllr Mellor seconded that the Clerk be appointed the Responsible Financial Officer for Farthinghoe Parish Council.

8. Draft budget 2011 - 2012

The Clerk had produced a draft budget based on the previous year's expenditure and expenditure to 30th September 2010. A latest indication of costs by the end of March 2011 was also included. Money had been allocated last year to enable the Parish Council to make a donation to the Almshouses. If the Almshouses do not need the money then consideration would be given to making a donation to BACVS (See next agenda item).

9. Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service

There are seven Farthinghoe residents registered with the scheme and although individuals contribute to the scheme through a registration fee and mileage costs, the Parish Council would consider contributing to the scheme if funding for the service is cut. Although some residents are able to afford the fees the Parish Council would like to ring fence any contribution to help Farthinghoe residents in particular. Cllr Grant agreed to find out more information before a decision is taken by the Parish Council.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 S/2010/0546/FUL for a dwelling and garage on **land adjacent to Abbey Lodge**, Cockley Road has been refused

10.2 S/2010/0689/FUL for the erection of a detached garage at **Pheasant Lodge**, Cockley Road, Farthinghoe has been approved.

10.3 The Parish Council supported the application **S/2010/1032/FUL** for a porch and rear and side extensions at **The Old Forge** Main Road.

10.4 Limes Farm is applying for a license to sell alcohol.

Councillors round the table.....

Nothing to report.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th October at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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