

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th JUNE 2011 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: Prof. David Mellor - Chair
Mr Ian Hunt
Mrs. Jenny Forbes
Mr. John Grant
Dr Nigel Heywood
Mr Neil Downing
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Cllr Grant signed his Acceptance of Office and completed his Declaration of Interests form. Mr David Dashwood was co-opted, signed his Acceptance of Office and also completed his Declaration of Interests form. Mr Dashwood stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Time

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of previous meetings on 13th April and 11th May had been circulated prior to the meeting. Under Public Time (page 614) it should have stated that Mr Neil Downing was a parent governor at Silverstone School. The minutes were amended, taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 Parish Enhancement Gangs.

What did the Parish Council want the gangs to do? A request had been made to NCC/MGSWP for all signs, within the village and on roads approaching the village, to be cleaned. A further request was also made to cut back vegetation from signs and footways. This request had been made before the deadline on 3rd June. Some road name signs had faded but this would be the remit of South Northants Council and not the County Council.

3.2 The NALC Local Councils Survey had been started on line and would be completed by 31st July but was there anything that the Council thought they did particularly well?

4. Finance:

4.1 Barclays bank statements as at as at 31st May 2011

Business Saver	£4,267.97
Community Account	<u>£1,476.88</u>
	£5,744.85

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100478	Jon Hampson – grass cutting	£80.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9and 10
100479	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s 142
100480	Parkes' Office & Event Sol.	£30.00	Local Government Act 1972 s 142

100481	Thomas Amphlett Almshouses	£200.00	Section 137
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4.3 Statement of Account – Annual Return

A notice had been posted making electors aware of the opportunity to view the Parish Council accounts and the return had been completed by the Clerk (RFO) and was approved by the Council. The Clerk had arranged to meet with the Internal Auditor on 21st June.

4.4 The Clerk has registered Farthinghoe Parish Council as an employer with HM Revenue & Customs and had received information about PAYE.

5. Correspondence since 11th May

CPRE Countryside Voice and Members guide

NACRE 2011 South Northamptonshire Rural Forum

e-mail **Department of Transport** HS2 Consultation poster with road show dates

South Northants Homes are offering four apprenticeships

Major Works Briefing Paper April 2011

Viridor Credits Environmental Company. *Invitation to nominate person to sit on a decision making steering group to decide how funds should be spent on projects near to landfill sites*

Independent Complaints Advocacy Service to help people through the NHS complaints procedure

South Northants Homes Could existing contractors also be in a position to maintain SNH's grassed areas? *Cllr Grant agreed to speak to Jon Hampson*

Community Consultation Ltd – confirmation of renewal of insurance

e-mail **NALC** e-update May/June 2011

e-mail **NALC** Revised Standing Orders 2011

e-mail **NACRE** Village Viewpoint magazine

e-mail **Department of Communities and Local Government** re: Community Right to Build

SNC i) High-Speed Rail (HS2) Consultation. *Response to Dft by 29th July*
ii) Need to confirm availability of field and Village Hall for children's activities on 1st and 15th August. *Cllr Grant to respond.*

NCC i) NCC are proposing to turn off approximately 50% of their street lights as a money saving measure
ii) Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) Draft Revised Development and Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Brochures: Glasdon – litter bins, dog waste bins

6. Traffic Issues

The Chairman had invited residents to comment on the re aligned junction of Cockley Road and Main Road. He had received four negative responses but the counter argument was a letter from school, with the support of many parents, thanking the Parish Council for making the route to school safer. The school's travel plan, signed off by NCC had allowed for contributions from children and parents and included was a

photograph of a child stepping onto the crossing and a driver apparently ignoring the red stop sign.

Comments from objectors were noted but there was no budget for any changes. All comments would be passed to County Councillor Ron Sawbridge.

The areas where larger vehicles mount the kerb would be strengthened with hard core under the grass.

7. Almshouses in Farthinghoe

Cllr Forbes thanked the Parish Council for the £200 donation and advised that one of the Almshouses was currently vacant. It was hoped that a potential tenant could be found in Farthinghoe but if not, the invitation would be extended to the surrounding area.

8. Grass area at junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road

This had been raised at the APM and as it did not belong to NCC or SNC; could the Parish Council own it?

It was agreed that the Parish Council would try and establish ownership and it could then be maintained and perhaps made into a more attractive entrance to the village. All previous correspondence was passed to Cllr Downing who agreed to follow up.

9. Information/notice board for near school

It had been agreed that the original cost was too high but the cost was now to be split three ways between the Parish Council, The Fox and The Limes with each paying £747.00 to cover the cost of the board itself, the graphics and installation. The Chairman had contacted SNC Planning and NCC Highways. The area in question did not belong to Highways and it was agreed that the sign could be erected between the pavement and the school fence. There were no utilities in that area either. The sign would need to be added to the Asset Register for insurance purposes.

10. Moles in Playground

There had been no new mole activity reported but if mole catching needed to be carried out a sign should be erected to that effect and the gate locked while work in progress.

11. Planning Matters:

The Parish Council supported **S/2011/0563/FUL** proposing a porch, rear and side extensions, canopy roof to rear to form car port at The Old Forge, Main Road.

It also supported **S/2011/0624/FUL** for 9.9 kw Solar PV system onto the roof at **Walltree House Farm**, Steane.

Councillors round the table.....

1. Cllr Grant would be available to help paint the inside of the bus shelter with a preservative.

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Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

