

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE  
HALL

**Councillors present:** Prof. David Mellor - Chair  
Mr Ian Hunt  
Mr John Grant (arrived at 7.30pm)  
Mr David Dashwood  
Mr Martin Wall  
Mrs Jenny Forbes  
Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

## **Public Time**

**Bridget Castle** believes that it is now more hazardous entering and exiting Cockley Road and the problem will only get worse once building work starts at Abbey Lodge. Even though parents have been asked not to park outside school, other vehicles are mounting the pavement to get past the parked vehicles and this not safe.

**Mary Sharman** also expressed her concerns about the parking outside of school. She had cut the ivy from the bus shelter but had hoped that somebody would help her remove it.

**Mrs Campbell** left the meeting as the discussion continued.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr. Nigel Heywood

**2. Minutes of the meeting** on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 had been circulated. The minutes were taken as read, adopted and signed.

## **3. Matters Arising.**

**3.1** Cllr Wall had attended the presentation night for Best Village Competition. Farthinghoe was highly commended and came third in the newcomer's category. The judges were impressed and if the village enters next year, it was suggested that some photographs be included to show what goes on in the village.

**3.2** The Clerk had spoken to Central Networks who are going to try and find out why the redundant wooden poles on Main Road have not been removed now the new lighting columns are in place. The original contractors are no longer working for Central Networks. The Clerk was told that she would be kept informed if there was anything to report.

## **4. Finance.**

**4.1 Barclays** bank statements as at as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Community A/C	£2,883.64	
Business Saver A/C	<u>£7,016.56</u>	Includes second instalment of precept £3,250
	£9,900.20	

**4.2** The Audit had been concluded and one matter had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. It had been suggested that the insurance values are low and this is something that the Council had considered when renewing its insurance earlier this year. Action will need to be taken to review and amend.

**4.3** The following payments were authorised and cheques signed after some discussion regarding the unsatisfactory standard of hedge cutting at the Village Hall.

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100445	BDO (External Audit)	£158.63	
100446	E-On (Maintenance)	£97.02	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100447	E-On (Lighting)	£131.57	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
100448	Clerk's salary and expenses	£410.55	
100449	Parkes (Website management)	£351.33	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100450	Edge2edge (Grass-cutting)	£230.00	Highways Act 1980 s96
100451	Thomas Amphlett Charity	£500.00	Local Government Act 1972 s137

**4.4** Lucy Garnier is taking over as editor of the Chronicle and by way of a thank you to Marjorie Tolchard, the previous editor, the Council agreed to send her some flowers. Cllr Grant will organise.

## **5. Correspondence since 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Northants 50+ Network Newsletter

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper August 2010

RHT Developments – resale 1 Church Piece Cottages – *deadline extended to 13<sup>th</sup> October*

e-mail from Northants CALC eUpdate Sept – Oct

Banbury CAB – Annual Review

Northamptonshire Police Authority “Have your say.....”

**SNC** i) Ordinary Elections for Parish Councils – guidance notes

**NCC** i) Views sought on Concessionary Travel – *comments by 15<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Mellor to complete*

ii) Definitive map and statement for Northamptonshire – *license application*

**Brochures: Midland CSB, S&C Slatter Ltd** – surfacing for play areas and **Country Gardens and Ground Care, CVL Systems** – security systems including CCTV

## **6. Traffic Issues – Cockley Road junction**

Further to the e-mail from Bridget Castle and the concerns that had been raised during Public Time, could anything be done to try and alleviate the problem caused by the cars parked outside of school? It is difficult for vehicles trying to turn in to Cockley Road. Cllr Mellor would write to Highways to see if there was any method of restriction that could be imposed.

## **7. Draft budget 2011 - 2012**

It was agreed to make the donation to the Almshouses and money would be included in the budget to enable the Parish Council to make a donation to the Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service during the next financial year.

Next year is election year and the Parish Council needed to include an extra £1400 in the budget to cover the cost if the election was to be contested.

The cost of emptying the dog waste bin would be approximately £50.

The budget would be amended and although expenditure for 2011- 2012 could be in the region of £8,000, it is anticipated that the precept will remain at the same level (£6,500) because reserves will be used to cover any difference between the precept and expenditure.

#### **8. Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service**

The Parish Council agreed to allocate £300 towards the cost of the service if their funding is cut next year.

#### **9. Planning Matters**

Cllr Grant declared an interest and left the meeting as the first item to be discussed was Corner Cottage, Chapel Lane.

**9.1** Cllr Grant had been advised that all he needed for the rear dormer extension was a certificate of legality. This was not the case and Cllr Grant had been advised by SNC that he needed to apply for planning permission. The Council had no objections to the retrospective application **S/2010/1232/FUL** at **Corner Cottage**

Cllr Grant rejoined the meeting.

**9.2** It has been recommended that application **S/2010/1020/FUL** for the catering facility ancillary to the farm shop at **Limes Farm** be approved subject to no objections from NCC Highways. It will also be subject to access for large vehicles being from the A422 and not Manor Lane.

**9.3 S/2010/1032/FUL** for the porch, rear and side extensions at **The Old Forge** has been refused. "The design, size and form do not reflect the simplistic style of the building in a Conservation Area".

**9.4** The Parish Council supported the application, **S/2010/1176/FUL**, to replace flat roof, extended to link to main house and replacement first floor front wall at **Horse Shoe Lea**, Cockley Road.

**9.5 Farthinghoe Primary School** had applied (**S/2010/1186/PCC**) for a single storey classroom extension and external canopy. The Parish Council had no objections in principle but thought the design was incongruous with the existing building. There is also the ongoing problem of parking at the school.

**9.6** An appeal has been made against SNC's refusal of 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**.

#### **Councillors round the table.....**

1. Residents in Steane wanted to know if there was going to be a spur from HS2 to Hinton Airfield. Cllr Forbes had advised them to contact Andrea Leadsom MP.
2. Cllr Wall asked for the litter bin to be re-instated outside Far View House.

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th November at 7.00 pm  
in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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