

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: Prof. David Mellor - Chair
Mr Ian Hunt
Mr David Dashwood
Mr John Grant

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

Barry Dyer had concerns about the change of use for the proposed yurt campsite at Limes Farm. If a planning application is likely to affect a large number of residents, is there anything that the Parish Council can do to let the village know? Farthinghoe is a lovely village and there are concerns that what starts off as a four yurt campsite could develop into something more.

Rebecca Wild wanted to raise her concern about traffic issues and the danger to pedestrians getting to and from the site. The site would also be visible from Seven Sisters.

Bryan Walker does not expect the Parish Council to consult the village on all aspects of village life but could residents have been advised about the proposed camp site?
(Clerk's note: the applicants addressed the Parish Council during Public Time on 11th January. The applicants advised that they were intending to organise an Open Day on 22nd January but this information was too late for inclusion in the Chronicle and would not be available on the Farthinghoe web site until the minutes had been approved at the following meeting. That meeting took place on 8th February when the Parish Council, having been formally advised by SNC, were in a position to discuss the application. Initially the Parish Council had no objections, but as it became known that some residents were unaware of the application, the Parish Council withdrew its response.)
The Parish Council needs to let villagers know about applications that may have a wider impact on the village. Will the Parish Council commit to improving communication and if the application is to be resurrected will the Parish Council give its assurance that the village will be informed? A request was made for this to be on the agenda for the next meeting in April.
The application for the yurt campsite has since been withdrawn.

1. Apologies: Dr Nigel Heywood, Mrs Jenny Forbes and Mr Neil Downing.

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 8th February had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were then taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 Nobody had come forward to co ordinate the **bulk buying scheme for domestic heating oil** in Farthinghoe.

4. Finance:

4.1 Previously, Limes Farm and The Fox had each expressed an interest in funding an edition of the Chronicle in return for having the back page on alternate months. While the Fox was still contributing articles to the Chronicle, there had been nothing from Limes Farm for the last two months, although updates had been added to their web site.

The distributors had been asked to deliver a flyer created by Limes Farm with the March edition of the Chronicle and it was agreed that this should not be allowed without the express permission of the editor. A note to this effect would be included in the Chronicle.

4.2 The following payment was authorised and cheque signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100508	Texprep	£64.90	Local Government Act 1972 s142

4.3 Barclays Bank statements at 29th February 2012

Business Saver	£1,169.43
Community Account	<u>£1,540.69</u>
	£2,710.12

4.4 The contribution from The Fox towards the notice board has been received and banked.

4.5 Financial Regulations had been circulated, taken as read and adopted without amendment.

The Internal Audit service provided by NCALC was considered to be adequate for the needs of Farthinghoe Parish Council.

4.6 E.On had some money saving proposals for street lighting but it would be several years before the Parish Council would see the benefit. Changes to the lighting gear were the most costly and most probably the least cost effective.

Although savings could be made if the lights were switched off at midnight there were concerns about safety. It was thought that LED heads might produce a bigger saving but this was not one of the proposals. The Parish Council agreed that no changes would be made.

5. Correspondence since 8th February

NCALC "Update" Jan – Feb 2012

e-mail NCALC/CPRE Supporting Neighbourhoods and Communities:

Neighbourhood Planning events

e-mail **snvb** – information on funding, training, events etc

E-On - provision of street lighting maintenance contracts

South Northants Homes Major Works Briefing Paper January 2012

e-mail **Northants Police**. Safer Community Team Newsletter for Steane Ward

e-mail NCALC Section 137 £6.80 per elector, Planning etc

BDO Audit briefing

Victim Support - appeal for funds

NCALC Training calendar April - July

SNC i) e-mail Press release: South Northants Council's 2012/13 budget reveals council tax freeze. *Consultation until 29th February*

ii) e-mail Fly the Flag Armed Forces Day Monday, 25th June

NCC i) e-mail Proposals for new electoral divisions in South Northants

Brochures: online playgrounds - spares service, **Mumby Landscapes Ltd**

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

All correspondence to date had been passed to Cllr Mellor who had spoken to Mr Ian Dorward. Ian had agreed that he and a colleague would deal with the registration but the

cost would have been in the region of £500 and Ian was suggesting that instead of the Parish Council paying, would it consider making a donation to school of £250? Ian would need a statutory declaration from the Parish Council regarding the land, assuming that it doesn't belong to NCC or SNC. The immediate neighbour, Mr David Dashwood would also need to make a statement that he believes it doesn't belong to him. The piece of land will be maintained by the Parish Council. The grass triangle in front of school will also be adopted. A cherry tree will be planted on the triangle to replace the tree that was removed when the road was re aligned A one metre strip next to the road will remain with Northamptonshire Highways. A small triangle on the opposite side in Cockley Road will also be adopted.

7. Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012

School, Church and the Village Hall were represented at the meeting held on 16th February. It was a good meeting with a lot of interest. A flyer would be distributed to establish how many children there are in the village who will be U16 on 4th June. All children from the village will be eligible to receive a commemorative spoon. Cllr Grant will liaise with the Chair of Governors about all the children from school receiving the commemorative item. Meetings are now taking place every two weeks

8. Grass-cutting

Tenders had been received from Edge2edge and Jon Hampson. Jon was awarded the contract based on £80 per cut for the Village Hall grounds and the Playground. His quote for hedge trimming was £60 which was less than Edge2edge. Both will be notified of the outcome of the process.

9. Annual Parish Meeting 11th April 2012

County Councillor Ron Sawbridge will attend but there will be no representative from the Police but a written report will be provided. The agenda will include a review of the additions to the notice board: the allotments, the footpath from Manor Lane to Limes Farm and Bowling Green. BT Infinity will also be on the agenda.

10. Risk Assessment

The Clerk had identified risks and indicated what impact any such risk would have on the activities of the Parish Council. Actions were identified to mitigate those risks. The Assessment was approved

11. Planning Matters:

The Parish Council supported the application **S/2012/0163/FUL** for the erection of a meteorological mast with a maximum height of 61 metres for a temporary period of up to three years at **Gateridge Farm**, Croughton.

Permission had been granted for the windows and canopy at Farthinghoe School.

Councillors round the table.....

1. The trees and hedging had arrived to replace the hedge in front of the Village Hall. An oak sapling will be planted with a plaque outside the gates to the Village Hall. The old shed will be removed from the Village Hall grounds.
2. Work being carried out in Queens Street revealed that it was part of an installation for BT Infinity.
3. Cllr Grant advised that villagers had taken up the issue of heavy lorries through the village and that SNC would be monitoring pollution levels. A meeting on GPS was planned and there was a need to protect the Conservation status of Farthinghoe. The A422 is no longer a trunk road and there is no chance of it being anything but an "A"

road. 7.5 ton limits have been imposed on "A" roads. There is now no sign directing traffic to the M40 via Farthinghoe.

Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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