

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

### **Public Time:**

**1. Apologies:** Dr Nigel Heywood

**2. Minutes of meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January** had been circulated and were taken as read, signed and adopted.

### **3. Matters arising:**

**3.1 Broadband.** Last month's Superfast Northamptonshire newsletter from NCC stated that superfast broadband would be available to 90% of Northamptonshire by 2015. What about the other 10%? Where does Farthinghoe stand? It is anticipated that faster speeds will be available by the end of 2013, but via wireless rather than BT cables. Charlton has petitioned for faster broadband but more individuals and business' need to sign up.

### **4. Finance:**

**4.1 Barclays Bank** statements at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Business Saver	£200.00
Community Account	<u>£2,888.32</u>
	£3,088.32

### **4.2 Expenditure:**

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Power
100556	Texprep	£129.80	Local Government Act 1972 s142
100557	Marcus Young Landscapes	£71.76	Litter Act 1983 S's 5 and 6
100558	Land Registry	£80.00	Local Government Act 1972 s111

### **4.3 Precept**

There had been late correspondence and exchange of information from SNC and NCALC regarding legislative changes to the council tax base and how this would affect the setting of the precept. The Parish Council resolved that the precept had already been set at £6,500 and forwarded to SNC on 14<sup>th</sup> January and did not wish to re set in the light of the additional information regarding the allocation of the CTRS grant. The grant would amount to approximately £105.51 and paid in addition to the precept.

### **4.4 Emptying Dog Bin**

Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd had notified that as from 1<sup>st</sup> April the cost will be £3.00 + VAT per empty. The Parish Council agreed to continue with the service provided by Marcus Young.

## **5. Correspondence since 9<sup>th</sup> January**

NCALC Code of Conduct training 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Clerks & Councils** Direct January 2013

Clerks & Councils Directory 2013 – 2014

e-mail Availability of service to restore ponds passed to Chair

**South Northants Homes** “A guide to Welfare Reform”

e-mail **NCALC** – Green energy - Making the most of community buildings event at

NCALC offices on 19<sup>th</sup> March 11.00 – 1.00pm

**Northamptonshire Police** – Reminder re: Community Speed Watch. £450 from Parish

Councils no longer required to provide the financial support for the project

e-mail **NCALC** eupdate Jan/Feb 2013

**SNC** i) Spring Farm Ridge. Legal challenge upheld against planning permission given on appeal for wind farm between Greatworth and Helmdon  
ii) e-mail Precept capping

**NCC** i) e-mail Community Self Help Plans. *Farthinghoe has no need of a flood warden*  
ii) e-mail NCC Rights of Way Office Co-ordinator – letter and officers areas  
iii) e-mail NCC Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan  
iv) Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review: Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Information can be downloaded from the County Council website: <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk> - consultation until 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
v) e-mail Community Enhancement Gangs. *Requests for small works by 8<sup>th</sup> March*

**Brochures: Glasdon** – street furniture

## **6. Traffic Issues**

As yet the report on the Traffic Survey carried out in 2012 has not been included in the Highways Plan. Why have the figures not been included?

The Charlton and Hinton Roads are in a very bad state. Cllr Forbes agreed to contact NCC.

## **7. Land Registry: Registration of grass areas at junction of Queens Street and Charlton Road and Cockley Road and Main Road.**

The Parish Council resolved to pursue the registration and £80 would be paid for advice from a Land Registry surveyor.

Cllr Dashwood agreed to check map in his possession for any helpful information.

Cllr Mellor was authorised to purchase map showing location at a cost of £21 +VAT. He would be reimbursed at the next meeting.

## **8. Grass-cutting**

Jon Hampson would be asked to quote for mowing the playground and the two areas to be registered. The Parish Council could no longer afford to pay for mowing the grass at the Village Hall and Cllr Mellor would write to the Pete Hampson and Jon Hampson advising them that the Village Hall Committee would have to fund from their own income.

## **9. Risk Assessment**

The Clerk had drafted a Risk Assessment and this was approved by the Parish Council. Copy attached.

### **10. Annual Parish Meeting**

This will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall at 8.00pm after the usual monthly Parish Council meeting. Invitations will be sent to County Councillor Ron Sawbridge, District Councillor Breese and the Police. A representative from village organisations will also be given the opportunity to report on their activities.

**Update:** A representative from SNC will talk about recycling and changes to the scheme

### **11. Planning Matters:**

Conservation Area Tree Notification **S/2013/0105/TCA** to fell 1 no. Eucalyptus tree on **land at the front of Gatehouse Baker Street.**

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

1. Some street lights lamps do not appear to have a very long life.
2. Cllr Forbes advised that the footpath outside the Almshouses was in a poor state: will be added to the requests for the Community Enhancement Gang.
3. When SNC empty the litter bin in Bowling Green no key is used and the bottom falls out!

### Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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