

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman, Cllr **Richard Fonge** welcomed all to the meeting including 5 villagers.

Farthinghoe Bypass.

A request from Farthinghoe Parish Council to sign a petition to West Northants Council to re-instate the Farthinghoe bypass onto their highway works agenda was unanimously agreed.

V.E. Day.

Cllr **Sarah Parker** showed the poster Cllr **Jo Peppiatt** had designed to advertise the Pocket Park picnic to celebrate V.E Day on Saturday 10th May. Fully approved by all. Brackley Brass band to be asked to play. Tractor rides to be included in the activities. Cllr **Parker** will organise bunting etc. Church service 11.00 am. Saturday 10th May. British Legion to attend.

Gigaclear Broadband Fibre Optics.

Cllr **Mike Powell** had been in contact with Gigaclear, and will continue to liaise with them on completion of the project, including any remedial work required.

Coffee Morning for New Residents in the Village.

The Chairman reported on a very successful coffee morning welcoming the new residents. Ten out of eighteen invitees had attended. All agreed it had been a great initiative.

Sulgrave Manor.

It was noted that the Manor were now using the Newsletter with news of their events as promised last year.

Dog Waste Bins.

The clerk reported that two new bins had been ordered. She also reported that she was not getting any feedback from the contractors about our concerns over their service.

Annual Parish Meeting.

To be held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April. Invites sent to all organisations concerned and most had replied.

Grass Verges.

The Clerk had heard back from Helen Howard from West Northants Council. She had offered to come out to see the problem. Agreed to arrange a site meeting at Spinners Cottages. Clerk to action.

HS2 (High Speed Rail).

Cllr Mike Powell now registered on their website to receive updates and attend “zoom” remote meetings.

Pocket Park.

Quotes from Wickstead for double swing. Wooden £7050 + V.A.T Steel £6660 + V.A.T. Agreed to order steel framed. Discussion on high cost of equipment. Cllrs agreed that they were limited in what they could buy. The survey of villagers’ ideas for the park had produced some good suggestions but costs are too prohibitive. Request for support to be made to the Sulgrave charities and financial help from HS2 to be pursued.

Saturday 12th April. Volunteers needed to paint wooden structures in the Park with preservative kindly provided by Barrettline.

Councillors’ Reports.

The Chairman thanked Footpath Warden Paul Crowley and Tony Keatley for the work carried out to the kissing gate on the footpath to Greatworth.

The Chairman also noted and congratulated Harry and his mum for their litter picking initiative.

Allotments.

A meeting will be held in May to discuss the allotments.

Meeting Closed. 8.25 pm.

Richard Fonge, Chairman.