

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2016

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman) Kate Morse Joe Nikel Tim French
- Attendees:-** Yvonne Tinkler, Penny & John Maybank, Tim Taylor, Jan Handy, Jane French, Dan Fox
- Apologies:-** County and District Cllr. Mrs. C. Irving-Swift,
Cllrs. Lesley Sanderson Charles Blake Mike Osgood
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-** 1) 2 street lights have been replaced with LED bulbs and village comments have been positive.
- Updates from County & District Cllrs.:-** None
- Police Update:-** PCSO Matt Taylor was unable to attend the meeting but sent 2 reports which the clerk relayed to the meeting:-
- 1) An annual Police update copy in minute book)
 - 2) A specific reply to the concerns regarding parking in the village:-
- An obstruction is only caused when a dropped path is blocked, and then the Police have the power to remove the vehicle. Having said that someone has to be obstructed we cannot simply lift for potentially causing an obstruction. Parking on pavements is another grey area, it is not an offence for someone to park on the pavement, it dates back to old mid nineteenth century legislation that dates back to pre-motor car where you can't tether swine, sheep, horse or oxon etc, but it does not include the word carriage. Successive governments since have tried to bring it in but it never has been successful, the only exception to this is a Greater London Authority made it illegal to park on the pavement in 1974, but only in London Boroughs, the exception being parking schemes. There is good old obstruction, however once again someone would have to be obstructed, we can't simply say that if a wheelchair user can't pass we can get the vehicle lifted, the wheelchair user has to be there. I always suggest people allow sufficient room for the double buggy to pass, however the pavement includes the rest of the road and in some villages if you didn't park on the pavement you would block the road. Sometimes it is too many cars in villages that were not designed for them. The next Police surgeries will be held:-
Saturday 14th May 2016 between 1300 to 1400 at the Bulls Head, Clipston.
Tuesday 17th May 2016 between 1100 and 1200 at Starbucks, Mkt Harborough.
- Accounts:-** The unaudited accounts for year end 31st March 2016 were presented to the meeting.
- Chairman's Report:-** The chairman gave her report – copy in minute book.
- Public Meeting:-** The following comments and discussions took place:-
- 1) A resident queried various items on the accounts, particularly the timing issues of the PCC and NCC mowing contributions.
 - 2) It was agreed that dog fouling was a problem in the village. The clerk to contact the dog warden and request leaflets which can be distributed in the village and notices which can be placed around the village. Something to be placed in the newsletter.
 - 3) Concerns were made regarding badgers tunnelling under the road (Braybrooke Road just within the village before the sign). The clerk to inform Highways to make them aware.
 - 4) The new mowing arrangements were discussed. Clerk to forward the NCC mowing schedule to Tim Taylor.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm