

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Lesley Sanderson, Mike Osgood, Kate Morse, Charles Blake Joe Nikel
- Apologies:-** Cllrs Tim French, Mike Osgood
- Attendees:-** Paul Machon
- Updates from County Cllr.:-** None
- District Cllrs:-**
- 1) Barn at the entrance of the village coming from Kelmarsh – the new access onto a classified road requires planning permission and a licence from the Highway authority – the owner has been contacted. Also the owner has been asked that the issue of hardcore up to the barn be addressed.
 - 2) Human waste and fly tipping in the area has been reported.
- Comments from The public:-** Paul Machon expressed frustration and annoyance that, in spite of much opposition work, planning applications are being granted permission when the applications go to appeal. He asked that District Cllr. Richard Auger be invited to a meeting to discuss ideas for future planning applications.
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February be approved and signed with the amendment that Paul Machon sent his apologies as an attendee at the February meeting.
- Matters Arising:-**
- a) **Noticeboard** – Cllr. Osgood to repair
 - b) **Parking on Kelmarsh Road:-** Some improvements have been made due to discussions with residents but it is an ongoing problem.
 - c) **Clean-up volunteers** – it was established that the Parish Council insurance will only cover volunteers if the clean-up is led and organised by the Parish Council.
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Finance:-**
- a) It was proposed () and seconded () that the following invoices be paid:-

EON (POWER O/N/D)	432	£155.41
L PARTRIDGE (CLERK SAL)	433	£529.68
L PARTRIDGE (HALF YR EXP)	434	£36.48
APCC (RE FLOODLIGHT)	435	£50.00
VILLAGE HALL (ROOM HIRE)	436	£70.00
APCC P/CORN RENT	437	£5.00
 - b) Changes to the external audit - From NALC – The external audit was carried out by the Audit Commission which was formally closed on 31st March 2015. The contract with BDO will continue to the year end 31st March 2017 and after that Parish Councils will have the opportunity to appoint their own external auditor through the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. If the PC choose to opt-in to the SLB arrangements no further action need be taken. The PC will be informed of an external auditor.
It was agreed that the PC opt-in to the SLB arrangements.
- Mowing Contracts:-** Amount Budgeted – £1440 for 12 cuts
Burleigh's grandson – per cut - £125 for village, £60 for church. = 12 cuts £2220
CGD (now known as 4 Counties) offer a 3 year contract – Mowing all grassed areas in the village including the churchyard at £120 per visit.
Barnett Landscapes could not match the present quote.
An extraordinary meeting to be called to discuss a possible quote from various young people in the village who may be able to undertake the mowing.

Designated Crematorium Area

In Burial Ground:- It was agreed that a small area at the right hand side of the ground be set aside for 6 cremation plots.

Planning

Applications:- **New Applications:-** None

Decisions from Daventry District Council:- None

Other Planning Matters:-

APP/L2820/W/15/3139293

Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated hard standing and utility block

Plot 24B Greenfields, Braybrooke Road, Braybrooke

No further comments to be made.

Listed Status

Notification from NCC that the obelisk 150m of Arthingworth Manor has been de-listed as it is not an ancient monument.

Village

Maintenance:-

- 1) Repairs on the footpath outside 4 Kelmarsh Road – the keystones have not been put in straight and are very dangerous. Steve Whelton from DDC is visited the site in October. No update received to date.
- 2) Pothole – Kelmarsh Road, top of Slade Hill. 765221 COMPLETED 17/2
- 3) Pothole – opposite 18 Oxendon Road (repaired previously). 765222 COMPLETED 17/2
- 4) On 16th December the roads were swept and now the drains are blocked. 765224 Gullies are cleaned on an annual basis – next clean due during February COMPLETE
- 5) The drain by 18 Oxendon Road is completely blocked (possibly under the road) 765225 Work instructed within 3 months.
- 6) The drain by Church Farm, Oxendon Road is sinking. 765227 COMPLETED 17/2 **Note** – the drain was not re-set. The brick work needs checking. Clerk to report.
- 7) Gated Road to Gt. Oxendon – there are numerous potholes. Clerk to report and request that when the potholes have been marked could they please be repaired before the markings have worn away. 765228 Referred to David Coleman
- 8) Water Leak – Kelmarsh / Harrington Road crossroads – reported 18/2/15 job 52273039 – to be started 4/3/15.
- 9) Overflowing manhole by 29 Oxendon Road. Following discussion with Steve Whelton at DDC this is to be flushed when the drains are cleaned. Clerk to report.
- 10) Passing place on Desborough Road between the 2nd and 3rd cattle grid on the left hand side going away from Arthingworth – a very deep pothole requires maintenance. It is very dangerous, especially when full of water.
- 11) Potholes - Braybrooke Road before the boundary road and the last cattle grid.

Village Design

Statement:-

The chairman thanked all those involved in putting the VDS together. This is now to be placed on the website and used a reference wherever necessary.

Consultations:-

- 1) NCC Northampton Norther Orbital Route Consultation reply by 16/3/16 – Clerk to reply that the PC would prefer the route nearest Northampton therefore not encouraging developers to build in open countryside up to the orbital road.
- 2) DDC Consultation on Local Plan Part 2a Settlements and Countryside and Part 2b Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. A reply made by Cllr. Blake was circulated and will be sent on 11th March pending any changes.

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- 1) Cross Parishes Liaison Group – Millwinds appeal
- 2) ACRE Village Viewpoint magazine
- 3) West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Invitation to attend Part 2 Local Plan Briefing Sessions
- 4) Report from Braybrooke PC on the Settlement Consultation
- 5) Trading Standards Newsletter
- 6) NALC Update

- 7) News from Safety Community Team at Brixworth
- 8) Minutes of the Cross Border Meeting on 13th January
- 9) Information from Nikki Haines regarding developers at Short Lodge parking on the pavement
- 10) Information regarding improvements to Market Harborough station
- 11) Notification from Kelmarsh Hall that a survey of trees along the A508 and Kelmarsh Road has been undertaken.
- 12) Information regarding Community Grants
- 13) Police Commissioner update on Road Safety Improvements.

At Meeting:-

- 1) Notification of Best Village Competition (overall winner wins £1000) reply by 24th March
- 2) New edition of the Good Councillor Guide available at 5 for £15

In envelope:-

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct – January
- 2) NCALC Update – Jan / Feb
- 3) Commemorative medal

**Any Other
Business:-**

- 1) NCC mowing grant requested and the contract for 2016/17 returned.
- 2) Mowing contribution from the PCC to be requested.
- 3) District Cllr. Richard Auger to be invited to either the July or September meeting to discuss ideas for future planning responses.
- 4) It was noted that NCC own the Lleylandii on Kelmarsh Road.

**Date of next
meeting:-**

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm to be followed by the Village Hall Committee meeting
Tuesday 3rd May at 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.35pm