ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Present:- Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Liz Ellis, Jayne Wisely-Sharland, Bernadette Kennedy

Apologies:- Cllrs. Sue Handy (prior engagement), Graham Robinson

Attendees:- None

Comments from the public:- None

Comments from Ward Cllr.:- None

Declarations of Interest:- None

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded (JW/LE) that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st September and the Extra. meeting on Tuesday 26th September 2026 be approved. To be signed at the January meeting.

Matters Arising:- 1) Home Farm Grove light. The new lamp has now been installed.

Finance:- a) Payments to be approved:-

It was proposed and seconded the following be approved for payment.

Paid by direct debit:-	
Bank Charge (Aug)	£7
Bank Charge (Sept)	£7
Yu Energy (Aug)	£41.04
Yu Energy (Sept)	£47.17
Hugo Fox (website & email)	£96.99
For Payment at Meeting:-	
L Partridge (Clerk's Salary net)	£387.18
HMRC – tax	£73.80
HMRC – Employer NI	£6.60
E.on (light Home Farm Grove)	£4468.55
Leics. Gardens (Aug/Sept)	£364.80

b) Receipts

Precept	£3750
Bank Interest	£78.18

Transfer £3000 from savings to current a/c (any surplus to be transferred back to the savings account).

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

Decisions from West Northants Council:-

2026/2426/FULL

Brookmeadow Barn, Kelmarsh Road, Arthingworth

Conversion of an existing barn and extensions to form a self-build dwelling, erection of a car port, emergency pedestrian access and associated landscaping

The application has been refused for the following reasons:-

1) The application comprises unacceptable development outside of the settlement confines by virtue of the reason that it would be a disproportionate increase to the size of the existing building, would not respect the form and character of the current building and would not enhance its immediate setting. The development therefore conflicts with Policies S5c and HO11 1c of the National Planning Policy Framework (2026), Policies RA6 v and vi of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) For Daventry District (2020) and Policy H2 of the Arthingworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (2024).

2) The proposed extension, by virtue of its large size, scale, massing, height and inappropriate form would not be subservient or sympathetic to the principal building. The overall size of the extended building would be inappropriate for the rural context of the site and its surroundings, would not comprise high quality design and would result in harm to the character and appearance of the area. The development therefore conflicts with Policy DP3 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2026), Policies SP1 G, ENV2 and ENV10 i and iii of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) For Daventry District (2020) and Policy H6 of the Arthingworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (2024). There would also be conflict with the Settlement and Building guideline C.3 of the Arthingworth Village Design Statement (2016) and the recommendations of the Designing House Extensions Supplement Planning Guidance (1997).
3) The application does not provide satisfactory information to assess the risk of flooding to and from the proposed development from all sources and to demonstrate that the proposal would adequately manage flood risk in accordance with Policy F4 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2026) and BN7 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) (2014).

2026/1473/FULL
Construction of brick gate posts and new entrance gate to existing access (retrospective) at Golden Stables, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth, LE16 8JW

The application has been refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development in the form of brick-built pillars, decorative sculptures, metal framed timber sliding gate and solar lighting due to the design and scale, creates a bold and conspicuous structure which has an overly dominant and prominent impact within the rural countryside. The development is at odds with the character of the agricultural landscape and as such, represents an incongruous form of development which is detrimental to the rural and scenic character of the Special Landscape Area. The development would cause harm to the character and appearance of the open countryside and Special Landscape Area and therefore is in clear conflict with policies RA3, ENV1, ENV2 and ENV10 of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for the Daventry District, the Arthingworth Neighbourhood Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Other Planning Matters:- None

Burial Ground:- The revised plans and schedules are almost ready to be signed off by the committee

Website - This has now been upgraded and the Members Area is working. It is still a work in progress but it contains Burial Ground documents and Cllr. information documents.
The upgrade also includes a Planning Tracker which will be very useful once it is working properly.

Mowing:- 2 invoices received – 6th August and sometime in September (incorrect date on invoice). The meeting agreed that one cut in August and one in September seemed reasonable. No cuts made in July.

Village Maintenance:-

1) Water running down Kelmarsh Road from a natural spring. Gully to take the water has been requested from Highways – need photo when the water is running again
2) Broken pipe under Oxendon Road – From Highways – A new job has been raised for excavation to repair or replace the drainage with an estimated date of September.
3) Potholes between the railway bridge and Lodge Farm have re-opened. Clerk to report one large pothole which has opened up.
4) There are some overhanging trees on Oxendon Road. The clerk to report when photos have been received.
5) Complaints have been received regarding a dangerously overgown hedge on the corner of Kelmarsh Road. Clerk to write to the householder.

Consultations:- None

Correspondence:- **Circulated by email:-**

1) NCALC weekly mini updates
2) NCALC monthly E-Update

3) Town & Parish briefing

At Meeting:- None

Any Other Business:-

1) The Speedwatch campaign is going well with the busiest time being between 9 & 10am
2) For discussion at next meeting:-
    a) Heavy lorries are cutting through the village
    b) Brampton Valley Way carpark – overnight parking is taking place
    c) Permanent 'Prone to Flooding' signs to be investigated
    d) Safety concerns regarding bulls in a field with a bridleway
    e) Meeting start time to be moved from 8pm to 7 or 7.30pm

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 12th January at 8pm in the village hall

Meeting closed at 8.40pm