

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021

THIS VIRTUAL MEETING WAS RECORDED

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Lesley Sanderson, Michael Kennedy, Georgina Read, John Harris, Bernadette Kennedy, Kate Morse

Attendees:- District and County Cllr. Mrs Cecile Irving-Swift, Mr. Charles Irving-Swift

Apologies:- None

Comments from The public:- Mr. Irving-Swift updated the meeting on his concerns regarding application DA/2021/0081. The concerns were duly noted.

Cllr.Irving-Swift updated the meeting:-

- a) Congratulated the council on starting the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- b) Advised the meeting that it was safer to use postal votes if possible.
- c) NCC are aware that Brampton Valley Way is being very extensively used during lockdown with parking on the road etc. Some improvements have been made to the car park and the site is visited twice a week by the warden to ensure everything is in order.
- d) The unitary authority will come into being on 1st April.
- e) Small business grants are available from DDC.
- f) Hopefully all election nominations forms can be sent electronically with no visit to Daventry necessary

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:- 1) Registration of Church Footpath – the signed copy was sent to Wartnabys in December but the PC has received no further correspondence from them.

Declarations of Interest:- Cllrs. M. Kennedy, Mrs. B. Kennedy and Mrs. G. Read declared an interest in planning application DA/2021/0081.

Finance:- a) The meeting approved that the following invoices for payment:-
Retrospective Payments:-

16/01/2021	EON (POWER O/N/D)	322	210.09
07/02/2021	YOUR LOCALE (N/P)	323	3000

At the meeting:-

YOUR LOCALE (N/P)	324	1200
A/WORTH PCC	325	5
L PARTRIDGE (CLERK SALARY)	326	1318.72
L PARTRIDGE (CLERK EXP)	327	67.32

It was proposed (SH) and seconded (LS) to make the usual donation of £70 to the village hall. The clerk to raise a cheque.

b) Receipts:-
£350 PCC mowing

Planning Applications:- **New Applications:-**

DA/2021/0081

Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DA/2018/0282 (construction of detached dwelling and associated landscape works) to include minor change to building alignment; replacement of garage door with window to front (north) elevation;

Land Adj The Cottage, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Cllrs. M. Kennedy, Mrs. B. Kennedy and Mrs. G. Read left the meeting whilst the discussion took place.

The site has a chequered planning history and the applicant has consistently shown no respect or regard for close neighbours, residents of the village or the Parish Council. The Parish Council fully support all objections raised by residents and make the following objections and comments on this latest application. It should also be noted that these are far from being 'minor' variations, but will have a significant impact on the overall aspect of the dwelling and a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.

House has been constructed in different alignment to site plan

The conditions state that *'the development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans'*. Given the controversy relating to this dwelling it is inconceivable that such a blatant flagrancy of the conditions has happened and the Parish Council strongly object to this.

Change from garage to store and work shop which required garage door to be omitted and changed to window.

The Parish Council strongly object to this variation.

It is essential that the property has adequate off road parking and a garage is essential. The access to the property is a narrow lane with no room for road parking or turning, therefore the garage must be used to ensure cars are kept off road.

To incorporate the garage as living space would increase the living space of the development which has already been deemed large for the plot and reduce available car parking space.

The garage must be reinstated, and adequate parking accessible within the plot, in accordance with the permitted plans.

Alteration to master bedroom window size and position

Any alterations to windows must be carefully considered as there is already a proven lack of privacy to neighbouring properties. This must not be further compounded and the Parish Council strongly object to changes which will prove to be detrimental to neighbouring properties.

Alteration to ensuite bathroom window location

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Omission of brick wall to front garden so suit level and match in with neighbouring properties and allow improved access on site

The Parish Council object very strongly to the omission of the brick wall for the following reasons:-

- 1) A hedge would not be a suitable alternative because the lane is so narrow.
- 2) it is doubtful a hedge would thrive in that location
- 3) It is doubtful that a hedge would provide the necessary screening.
- 4) The hedge is very likely to get damaged as the lane is so narrow deeming it to eventually be ineffective.
- 5) The following statements were in the applicant's appeal statement
 - a) *"The property will also be partially concealed behind a traditional brick front boundary wall, matching the brick wall opposite. It is not therefore considered that the property would be particularly dominant in the streetscene."*
 - b) *"In terms of impact upon the immediate streetscene, the proposal is set back within the site and whilst the brick front boundary wall would be seen from the main part of Oxendon Road, the house itself would not be visible."*

The applicant obviously understood the importance of a brick wall at the front of the property and it is difficult to understand why he now appears to think it unimportant.

The Parish Council feel very strongly that the brick wall is an important feature and should not, on any account, be omitted.

Change to roofing materials to GRP from single ply and zinc to GRP for improved water proofing and longevity

The Parish Council have no comment to make on this change.

Construction of external meter housing as required by Western power for new permanent power supply.

This is not an attractive feature and the Parish Council feel very strongly that it should be obscured and not be visible from outside the property.

Change to garden layout

The Parish Council object very strongly to changes to the garden layout which will omit the mature trees shown in the approved plans.

The applicant stated in his appeal statement – *“Furthermore, planting of semi mature trees in the rear garden is also proposed which would reinforce this boundary and give additional screening. No harm to residential amenities is therefore considered to arise from the development.”*

The Inspector’s Schedule of Conditions also state:- 2) *The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan P17006 00-001. Proposed Site Plan P17006 00-003 Rev B. Proposed Floor Plans P17006 01-001 Rev D. Proposed Elevations P17006 02-001. Perspective view P17006 02-003.*

Proposed Site Plan P17006 00-003 Rev B clearly shows the proposed trees.

This is an imposing development and the measures for screening, as already agreed by the applicant should not, under any circumstances, be omitted.

There should be no change to the garden layout and the originally proposed trees should be planted and remain in perpetuity to ensure there is adequate screening.

The overtly modern design of this dwelling set in a very rural location has already raised many objections and concerns from village residents and the Parish Council. The dwelling has impeded on neighbour’s privacy and is totally out of character with the rural aspect of the village. It must be ensured that there are no further changes made to the original plans which further compound the distress felt by many residents.

The Parish Council ask the Planning Authority to please address the concerns and ensure the original plans are adhered to as there does not appear to be any justification for the variations.

Decisions from Daventry District Council:-

DA/2020/0981

Gatesend 29, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Two storey front, side and rear extensions and single storey side and rear extensions. Construction of rear balcony and internal alterations.

The application has been approved with the following conditions:-

- 1) Work begun within 3 years
- 2) Work carried out strictly in accordance with the plans
- 3) External materials to match the existing

DA/2020/1092

1 Long Spinney Cottage, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth

First floor balcony to side elevation.

The application has been approved with the following conditions:-

- 1) Work begun within 3 years
- 2) Work carried out strictly in accordance with the plans

Other Planning Matters:-

None

Village Maintenance:-

- 1) Outside 7 Kelmarsh Road – the drain cover is leaking – Anglian Water 58218475 – clerk to chase
- 2) Pathway outside Church Farm – No cyclic maintenance programme – issues have to be reported individually. DDC Ref 2473175 – cleared within 2 weeks Clerk to chase

- 3) Desboro' Road going out of Arthingworth – the sides of the road are badly eroded and hazardous to cars.
 - 4) R/H side of road between the bridge and sign to Harrington – 2 10" deep gullies – hazardous to vehicles
 - 5) Before meeting – Drain by 17 Oxendon Road blocked and flooding – work was carried out but there is now evidence of a broken drain as water is bubbling up through the road. Following an on-site risk based assessment there is no action required at this time.
 - 6) Road by 17 Oxendon Road – during wet weather water comes up through the road. The drain was cleared but water now bubbles up through road. Anglian Water have been contacted and it is not mains water. Perhaps a drain is broken.
 - 7) Road (by Kennedy) – water bubbling up through road during wet weather – perhaps a broken drain.
- Note - Where possible, photos to be taken of highway problems to be used in the reporting system.

Mowing 2021:-

No payment received yet from Overman
 Quote from Leicestershire Gardens:-
 £85 per visit plus £20 per visit for burial ground
 This is a 3 year contract (2021 – 2024)
 It was unanimously agreed that the quote and contract be accepted.
 It was unanimously agreed that the Burial Ground hedge be trimmed at a cost of no more than £120.

Defibrillator:-

Error message emails are being received saying training is required but it has been impossible to contact them to find out what training.
 Cllr. Sanderson to forward some details of possible help.

Neighbourhood Plan Update:-

Funding:-

18/12/20	Grant Received	£5500
18/12/20	Invoice Paid	£2000 (£2400 including VAT)
31/01/21	Invoice paid	£2500 (£3000 including VAT)
2/03/21	Invoice to be paid	<u>£1000</u> (£1200 including VAT)
	Balance	0

The N/Plan meeting agreed that the invoice for £1200 be paid. The meeting was advised that the next funding bid would be available in April.
 Cllr. Sanderson updated the meeting on progress:-
 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd March where the committee will look at the results of the questionnaire, which had a very high response, and discuss the formation of the theme groups.
 The chairman thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Parish Mapping:-

YourLocale have advised that a subscription for Parish Online will be necessary in order to obtain high resolution maps for the N/hood Plan. The subscription should only be for the duration of the formation of the plan – 1 year or possibly 2 years. The clerk has logged in to the site and I would appear to be £40 a year, but there may also be a registration fee.
 A registration for Ordnance Survey is also required and this will be free.
 The meeting agreed that these registrations be obtained.

Request for war memorial plaque:-

A man named Ron Kennedy contacted the PC regarding his Uncle who was killed in a WW11 flying accident when a Wellington bomber from RAF Desborough crashed in a field at the end of the village. He would like permission to put a plaque on the triangle of land at the junction of Brayrbooke and Desborough Roads to commemorate those who died.
 Tim French has offered to exhibit some memorabilia in the village hall.
 The clerk to reply:- The land is farmland and is privately owned, having recently changed hands. It is not a Parish Council matter and members of the Council pointed out there is a War Memorial in the churchyard.

Cllr. Sue Handy updated the meeting on the change of ownership of some of Dr. Burston's land.

Correspondence:- Circulated by email:-

- 1) NCALC mini updates – Jan. edition has very useful info on elections, West Northants Council and overhanging vegetation.
- 2) DDC Media Releases as appropriate to the PC
- 3) Highways weekly Works Schedule
- 4) Highways procurement Project re West Northants.
- 5) From Highways – the law on clearing snow and ice.
- 6) Parish & Town Council's Meeting - 25 February 2021
- 7) Election Candidate Briefing for West Northamptonshire - Unitary and Parish Elections May 2021 – 3rd March.
- 8) Email from Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold sent to SH as Police Rep.
- 9) Brackmills Transport brochure (rail link)
- 10) 6th May 2021 – Election – Link for nomination papers forwarded.
- 11) Environment agency fact sheet
- 12) Calor Rural Community Fund

At meeting:-

- 1) From Dr. Wragg of Clipston:-
Freedom of Information Request. Relating to the planning consent for temporary events at Kelmarsh Hall (DA/2009/0116)
Can you please supply me with the following:
 - a) The Minutes of any meeting at which the planning application was discussed.
 - b) The Minutes of any meeting at which subsequent temporary events at KH have been discussed.
 - c) Any other comments made by the Parish Council and members thereof regarding the planning application and subsequent temporary events at KH
 - d) Any disclosures of involvement of Parish Councillors with Kelmarsh Hall, its events organizers, or any subsidiaries, before, during, or after the planning application.

The clerk to reply:- All the information from 2014 is available on the website. Records before 2009 to 2014 are stored in the village hall and will be accessed when permission is allowed.

Any Other Business:-

- 1) Community Assets – no further news from DDC. Clerk to chase

Date of next meeting:-

Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 8pm via Zoom. Council elections are being held on 6th May and the PC meeting has to be held within 14 days after the election.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm