

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson Keith Ross Kate Morse

Apologies:- None

Attendees:- Ward Cllr. Jonathan Harris, Liz Ellis, Mark & Sarah Adams

Presentation:- Mr. Mark Adams regarding a planning proposal at The Old Rectory
The plans for a proposed 4 bedroom dwelling with 1 bedroom annexe and associated works were shown to the Council. This will be a conversion of an old, damp stable block.
The development will be residential, not office space.
An old Lime tree will be removed.
Neighbours have already been consulted and amendments made accordingly.

Comments from the public:-

- 1) From Michael Borkan by email – details regarding foliage trimming around highway signs. The emails were discussed by Cllrs. and, as the PC has no direct authority over Highways contractors, Ward Cllr. Harris was asked to investigate.
- 2) From Michael Borkan by email – details regarding a complaint about copper wire / fibre broadband. The emails were discussed by Cllrs. and it was unclear how the Council could help in this matter. The emails seemed to be addressing Fibre Broadband, which is already in the village. The copper wire related to landlines only. Ward Cllr. offered to help with this matter as he may have some relevant information.

Declarations of Interest:-

None

Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-

- 1) At present, planning is challenging at WNC due to changes within the authority. The planning department will be moving to Towcester and the old DDC building in Daventry will be closed.
- 2) A Community Food Larder has been arranged in Brixworth. This distributes food donated by supermarkets, restaurants etc. which may be near the sell by date. It is for everyone to use and it focuses on redistributing food which would otherwise be wasted. Brixworth Community Larder can be found on facebook.
- 3) WNC has a Household Support Fund which has been given to Age UK. Funds can be distributed to any older person suffering financial difficulty but the support has to come through and Age organisation.

Co-option of Councillor:-

Liz Ellis expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and attended the meeting. She was duly co-opted and the chairman welcomed her on to the Council.
The clerk to send information and the relevant paperwork.

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September July be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

- 1) Solar Speed sign – it does not seem possible to borrow a free one and they cost about £2500 to buy. Cllr. Sanderson to make some enquiries.
- 2) Transfer to Internet Banking – Cllr. M Kennedy has now successfully registered for online banking.
- 3) Defibrillator – Electrodes now received
There was some discussion regarding usage of the defib.

The clerk to ask Tim French to contact EMAS to ascertain how the administrator is informed of usage and how this affects how often the pads need replacing.

- 4) Inconsiderate Parking outside the village hall – Cllr. Handy to contact the organiser of the Pilates group.

Finance:-

- a) The meeting proposed and seconded that the following invoices be approved for payment:-

Npower (J/A/S Power)	T16	179.23
Less Eon Credit note	T16	
YourLocale	T17	3000
Eon (Maint J/A/S)	T18	34.46
Leics. Gardens(Sept)	T19	140

Paid prior to meeting:-

Defib. Central (electrodes) T15 £104.40

- a) Receipts:-

Planning Applications:-

New Applications:- None

Decisions from West Northants Council:- None

Other Planning Matters:-

- 1) Private land at the Old Manor – a building has been renovated for residential use in the last 3 - 4 years.
Ward Cllrs checking whether this is a planning breach.
A letter was received (via Cllr. Irving-Swift) from the Council Tax dept. – it was agreed that this was possibly not the issue at the moment.
- 2) Golden Stables – A large structure has been built.
Ward Cllrs checking whether this is a planning breach

Village Maintenance:-

- 1) Anglian Water – 22141523
- 2) The Arthingworth sign opposite 29 Oxendon Road is possibly insecure – Paul Machon carried out the work. The clerk to write and thank him.
- 3) Ash tree in the churchyard may need attention – The PCC are discussing the matter.
- 4) Disabled parking – Disabled parking can be available in the village hall car park – Tim French to be contacted to reserve a space.
- 5) Footpath sweeping – WNC no longer carry out this service. Cllrs. carried out the work.
- 6) Just inside the metal fence outside Old Rectory – hole around 12” across and 3’ deep appears to spread under the road.
- 7) Braybrooke Road – very dangerous subsidence, particularly for cycle riders – clerk to report (KR to send photos)
- 8) Grit bins to be refilled – KM to do
- 9) Oxendon Road – the footpath has been churned up
- 10) Oxendon Road by Long Spinney Cottages – pothole clerk to report

Neighbourhood Plan Update:-

The consultation has now finished and all replies have been logged. Yourlocale have noted the comments and amendments will be made where necessary. These will be discussed at a Group meeting to be held on Monday 21st November and the Draft Plan will be presented to the Parish Council on Wednesday 30th November.

The latest grant of £2500 has now been paid YourLocale.

Consultations:- WNC Boundary Changes – Cllrs. discussed with no comments being made.

Correspondence:- **Circulated by email:-**
1) NCALC mini updates
2) Highways weekly Works Schedule

At Meeting:- None

**Any Other
Business:-**

- 1) Mowing -The clerk to request one more cut and to request the end of Hall Close is done.
- 2) Budget to be discussed at the extraordinary meeting

**Date of next
meeting:-**

Monday 9th January 2023 at 8pm in the village hall.
Extraordinary meeting to formally adopt the draft Neighbourhood Plan and discuss the draft budget to be arranged.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm