

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2ND May 2023

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson, Liz Ellis
- Attendees:-** Jan Handy, Yvonne Tinkler, Cecile Irving-Swift, Dan Fox (for part of the meeting)
- Apologies:-** Keith Ross (work commitment)
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-** None
- Updates from Ward Cllrs.:-**
- Finance:-**
The budget for the unitary authority is £400 million. The authority has 2 statutory duties - Social care with a budget of £130 million and Children with a budget of £70-£80 Million.
An additional £1 million has been set aside for machinery to tackle potholes and a further £1.9 million granted from government.
- Chairman's Report:-** The chairman gave her Annual Report.
- Neighbourhood Plan:-**
The year started with the well supported Open Day held in the Arthingworth Village Hall on 22nd April 2022. The emerging plan was shown to the village and the villagers had chance to comment. These comments were reviewed and noted, changes made if the committee thought relevant.
The plan then went to West Northants Council (WNC) where they performed the Strategic Environmental assessment, this was sent in May 2022 and signed off by WNC in June of that year.
On 12th August 2022 the plan passed to Regulation 14 consultation where all land owners and statutory bodies i.e.. water, electric, environmental bodies, etc were also consulted. This was completed on 13th September 2022.
At this stage the consultees were requested to comment, these comments were reviewed and discussed by the NP group and then the Parish Council and changes made accordingly where it was felt necessary. These changes were approved by the Parish Council early 2023.
The plan then passed to Regulation 16 Consultation on 29th March 2023. Statutory bodies and consultees have again been asked to raise any comments. This is due to be completed on 23rd May 2023.
Hopefully it will then be able to go to inspection and if it passes this stage, referendum and hopefully completion.
Many thanks for all of those in the village that have helped with its preparation, we have been pleased how many have helped, this has been greatly appreciated.
- Accounts:-** The audited accounts for year end 31st March 2023 were presented to the meeting and the clerk gave the variations report. There were no matters arising.
- Public Meeting:-** 1) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there is inconsiderate parking (particularly vans) in the village. The situation to be monitored.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Chairman Report 2022/23

Welcome to all new parishioners.

The current council comprises of Cllrs. Sue Handy, Lesley Sanderson, Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Keith Ross and Liz Ellis and the clerk Lynne Partridge.

John Harris resigned last year and Liz Ellis was co-opted on to the council.

Kate Morse resigned earlier this year and that vacancy has yet to be filled.

Thank you to all councillors and the clerk for their dedication in moving things forward.

There have been 6 ordinary meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting as well as several planning meetings and Neighbourhood Plan meetings. It has been a busy year.

Business included –

Highways – There have been several meetings with Highways representatives regarding blocked drains, potholes, poor surface of roads and footpaths, and the possibility of moving the 30mph signs further out of the village towards Braybrooke due to the speed of traffic. This was not implemented.

Defibrillator – This has been troublesome requiring a new battery and electrodes but it is now in full working order.

WNC – With the change from NCC to WNC there have been several consultations to consider and respond to.

Banking – The council has now made the change to digital banking.

My thanks go to our Ward Councillors Cecile Irving-Swift and Jonathan Harris for their advice and help throughout the year.

Finally, I will not be standing for re-election as chairman this year. It is time for a younger brain.

I hope you all enjoy the Coronation and the Open Gardens event at the end of June. The Village Hall Committee and Fund Raising Committee have been organising coffee mornings which have been very successful.