

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson, Liz Ellis, Bernadette Kennedy
- Apologies:-** Cllrs. Keith Ross (work commitment)
- Attendees:-** Mr. Reg Stewart
- Election of Chairman:-** It was proposed (SH) and seconded (MK) that Cllr. Lesley Sanderson be chairman for the coming year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman:-** It was proposed (LS) and seconded (BK) that Cllr. Sue Handy be vice-chairman for the coming year.
- Comments from the public:-**
- 1) A query was made regarding the pre-submission comments.  
The clerk to forward a copy of the pre-submission comments list and contact details to make further comments to WNC.
  - 2) It was brought to the attention of the council that there are spotlights shining all night from the Golden Stables area, which are not only unsightly but give concerns on environment issues.  
The clerk to contact Cllr. Irving-Swift.
- Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-** None
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-**
- 1) WNC Mowing invoice and contract. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April notification was received that it will be processed and paid and a purchase order (no contract?) for the following year be sent out soon. Not received to date.
- Co-option of new cllr.:-** No further news. The post to continue being advertised.
- Finance:-**
- a) The meeting proposed and seconded (SH/MK) that the following invoices be approved for payment –
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| Parish Online                   | T1 | £43.2   |
| E.on (Maint J/F/M)              | T2 | £34.66  |
| NCALC (Subscrip)                | T3 | £226.34 |
| Npower (Power J/F/M)            | T4 | £200.21 |
| Zurich Insurance                | T5 | £332.35 |
| A/W Fund Raising (Contribution) | T6 | £200    |
- Zurich Insurance have a new policy for small parishes which would be cheaper but the asset cover would not be sufficient as it is based on the precept amount and cannot be adjusted. Cllrs. decided to continue with the existing policy.
- b) Receipts:-
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| HMRC VAT repayment | £634.72 |
| Stamps (P. Hughes) | £280    |
| Precept            | £3500   |

**Acceptance of the Accounts for year end**

- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:-** The audited accounts were presented to the council and it was proposed and seconded (SH/LE) that these be accepted.

## **Acceptance of the**

### **Annual Return:-**

The annual return was presented to the council and it was proposed and seconded (BK/LE) that this be accepted. The clerk and chairman to sign before it is returned to the external auditors.

## **Planning**

### **Applications:-**

#### **New Applications:-**

#### **Kettering Energy Park**

This was discussed and agreed that it would not affect Arthingworth, therefore no comments were made.

#### **Decisions from West Northants Council:-**

##### **WND/2022/1082**

##### **The Rectory, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth**

##### **Conversion of annexe to single dwelling including a first floor extension**

The application was approved by delegated powers with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development to be begun within 3 years
- 2) Development to be carried in strict accordance with the plans
- 3) External materials used to be in strict accordance with the plans
- 4) No development to be carried out which falls within Classes A, AA, B, C, D, E, F, G and H of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Order.
- 5) If contamination not previously identified is found during development the no further work to take place until agreement with the LPA.

### **Other Planning Matters:-**

- 1) Private land at the Old Manor – Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift - Officer is chasing it and will update C.I-S. asap.
- 2) Golden Stables – Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift - still waiting for planning application Golden stables -barn. Officer is chasing it and will update C.I-S asap.
- 3) Barn entrance of the village : enforcement team has been informed.
- 4) No news on Greenfields. C.I-S has asked WNC officers to investigate why WNC and councillors were not informed.

## **Village**

### **Maintenance:-**

- 1) Water running down Kelmars Road from a natural spring. Gully to take the water has been requested from Highways – need photo
- 2) Braybrooke Road – very dangerous subsidence, particularly for cycle riders – To be completed within 6 months COMPLETE
- 3) Oxendon Road – the footpath has been churned up – clerk to report – need photos – No further news – remove from list.
- 4) Brampton V. Way – car park and access points need attention. – clerk advised Cllr. I-S. No further news
- 5) Tree on the Green – reported to Overmans
- 6) Desborough/Braybrooke Road –
  - a) potholes and poor surface with the sides breaking up
  - b) the pull in needs attention
- 7) Oxendon Road outside no. 18 (water running over the road damaging the road surface) has been visited and assessed (LS & SH met) and the work is to be done.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Update:-**

The Plan has been submitted to WNC for Regulation 18 consultation which will close on 23rd May.

The clerk to ask WNC if inspectors have been nominated yet. A meeting of the Steering Group to be called to select an inspector after 24th May.

### **Risk Assessment:-**

The Risk Assessment was discussed with one amendment – that the clerk's salary review should be validated by at least one cllr. The chairman signed the assessment as agreed.

### **Policy Review:-**

Standing Orders and Code of Conduct were reviewed and agreed no amendments be made. Financial Regulations to be reviewed when the latest edition is available.

- Consultations:-**
- 1) WNC -Boundary Review (Arthingworth will be in Walgrave and East Farndon ward and one elected councillor will represent all those villages)  
Arthingworth Parish Council propose the new ward is called Faxton ward. The Faxton Group is a church group covering the villages of Arthingworth, Draughton, East Farndon, Great Oxendon, Harrington, Lamport, Hanging Houghton and Maidwell.  
Faxton is the name of a (now abandoned) village in the area.  
It would seem a more relevant title than the rather long winded Walgrave and East Farndon Ward.
  - 2) WNC Regulation 18 North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Cllr. LS to look at and advise.

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

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NALC E-Update
- 3) Big Help Out certificates and stickers
- 4) WNC – Town and Parish Briefing (March & April)
- 5) WNC – Planning Services Update – the new planning service was noted.
- 6) Update from Alan Burns, WNC Partnership and Policy Officer
- 7) Health and Wellbeing Board Survey – Not applicable to the parish
- 8) NALC – WNC Planning Dept.

**At Meeting:-**

- 1) WNC – Advised that the precept will be late but should be in the account by 28<sup>th</sup> April. 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment due 28<sup>th</sup> September. This has been received.

**Any Other Business:-**

- 1) Following a discussion with the Village Hall Committee it was established that the committee is its own entity and not related to the Parish Council, therefore meetings can be held separately.
- 2) The lady living in the house by the noticeboard has offered to re-stain it in dark green. The council agreed and gratefully accept the offer and will reimburse any expenses.
- 3) Cllr. Ellis showed the meeting the coronation mugs purchased with the money donated by the parish council. Cllrs. agreed they were very suitable. One will be given to each child in the village.

**Date of Next Meeting:-**

Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 8pm in the village hall.

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**