

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November 2019

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Georgina Read, Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson, Kate Morse
- Apologies:-** None
- Attendees:-** None
- Updates from County Cllr.:-** None
- District Cllrs:-** None
- Comments from The public:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-**
- a) Burial Ground Registration – Wartnabys have now sorted out the title with the Land Registry and have asked the other party for a plan showing the right of way and will then prepare the relevant documents.
Cllrs. confirmed that costs of £500 plus VAT (as confirmed by email to Charles Blake in August 2017) would be paid on receipt of all the relevant documentation, plus any Land Registry disbursement fees.
Clerk to confirm with Wartnabys.
 - b) Grass cutting by pumping station – now complete
- Co-option of New Councillor:-** No nominations received to date
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Finance:-**
- a) It was proposed and seconded that the following invoices be paid:-

LEICS GARDENS (AUG)	525	140
EON (POWER J/A/S)	526	210.09
EON (MAINT J/A/S)	527	37.64
Leics. Gardens (S/O)		£140
 - b) Receipts – Stamps £12
 DDC Precept £1875
- Proposed Budget and Precept:-** The budget for 2020/21 was discussed and it was agreed that the precept be increased to £4000 (a 7% increase) to cover increasing costs.
- Burial Ground:-** The beech hedge requires trimming. Cllr. Handy to get a quote.
- Planning Applications:-**
- New Applications:-** None
- Decisions from Daventry District Council:-**
DA/2019/0595
The Bulls Head 6, Kelmarsh Road, Arthingworth
Change internal private stairs to external stairs, replace 4 front windows, door and canopy and construction of garden room to rear.
Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-
- 1) Development begun within 3 years
 - 2) Development strictly in accordance with the submitted plans

- 3) External materials to match the existing materials

Other Planning Matters:-

None

Village Maintenance:-

- 1) Drains and gullies along Kelmars Road between Church Farm and the River Ise are blocked. The problem may be due to silting at the river end where the water discharges ***The drainage issue has been logged and will be addressed as part of our routine cleansing programme, we are currently working on the programme and this issue will be rectified within the next 12 months.***
All drains are blocked on the North side of the road
It is not acceptable that this work should not be treated with more urgency. With winter approaching the drains must be unblocked to avoid accidents as the area is flooded and in icy weather extremely hazardous. It would appear that the drains are blocked from the river as they fill up in sequence moving up from the river.
- 2) Potholes along Oxendon Road – numerous potholes marked with white paint some months ago but not repaired. ***All marked defects have been repaired***
The clerk to report that these defects have not been repaired – just re-marked but some defects have been omitted.
- 3) A resident from 5 Kelmars Road contacted the DDC with the following issues and advised they are the responsibility of the PC:-
 - a) A fence is rotten and needs replacing
The clerk to write to DDC and say the fence is nothing to do with the PC but the responsibility of DDC.
 - b) The handrail for the steps by no. 6 has been removed.
The clerk to write to DDC and report that the handrail was removed when DDC removed a dead tree. It is essential this handrail is reinstated as soon as possible as the steps are steep and it is extremely dangerous.
 - c) the streetlight by no.6 is leaning very dangerously
The clerk to report to Eon and request it is checked when they are next in the village.
- 4) The drain is blocked outside 4 Oxendon Road. This is usually caused somewhere in the region of the manhole cover outside the house called Vignes.
- 5) Streetlight – outside the village hall not working. The clerk to report.
- 6) Subsidence – Harrington Road – the 2nd corner under Rabbithill Spinney. The clerk to report as this is becoming hazardous and is likely to cause an accident.
- 7) Subsidence - Braybrooke Road where a cattle grid has been removed – Clerk to report as this is very dangerous and accidents have already occurred.

Proposal to Plant Flowers in the Village

around Hall Close:- No village representative attended the meeting to make the proposal.

NCC Proposed Strategic

Plan Update:- Clerk has requested that County Cllr. Irving-Swift keeps the PC updated on any further news.

Consultations:- 1) Two Northamptonshire Adult Social Services Consultations - not applicable to the village

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

- 1) NCALC mini updates
- 2) DDC Media Releases as appropriate to the PC
- 3) Highways weekly Works Schedule
- 4) Email from Cllr. Irving-Swift re Golden Stables and Dr. Burston's new building:-

(From Keith Thursfield) - Rather than restricting occupants by name, condition 5 of the appeal decision on Golden Stables states - The site shall not be occupied by any persons other than gypsies and travellers as defined in Annex 1: Glossary of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites 2015 (or its equivalent in replacement national policy). As it is highly likely and probable that any persons staying on site can be considered under this definition there would be no breach of the condition. If there is a suggestion they do not comply – we would have to investigate further.

The secondary enquiry relating to the cricket pavilion/brick built barn keeps coming up. The brick built barn is separate from the application for the pavilion (it's actually in the next field) and is an agricultural barn approved under DA/2014/0084. We have had to explain a few times to various people that the barn is NOT the pavilion. We previously investigated the barn and some minor deviations were identified. Nothing was forthcoming and it was found not expedient to pursue so we closed it out, however a NMA (which is what we were asking for) subsequently came in under NMA/2019/0018 and which Sue Barnes dealt with. So unless a change of use is being alleged, or works to the cricket pavilion (application undetermined) there doesn't appear to be any breach here.

- 5) Information re Neighbourhood Planning funding
- 6) ACRE – Village Awards – to be on the agenda at the January meeting.
- 7) Budget information from NALC
- 8) Arthingworth Parish Council, will have elections on Thursday 7 May 2020.

At meeting:-

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct
- 2) The Parish Council sent a letter to DDC supporting the village bonfire as requested by Tim French

Any Other Business:-

- 1) Clerk to send mowing invoices to NCC and Overmans
- 2) Mowing Schedule to be on the next agenda
- 3) Cllr. Sanderson proposed that the village should undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting agreed that a representative from Your Locale should attend a village meeting and the council assess the response. To be on the next agenda.
- 4) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a road closure on the A508 in the Clipston / Great Oxendon area did not have adequate diversion signs and traffic (particularly HGV's) were reaching the road closure and were having to turn round in the road. This has been hazardous and has caused significant damage to landowners fencing etc.
- 5) It was requested that a log be kept of all councillors contact details, not just email addresses. Cllrs. to send the information to the clerk.

Date of next meeting:-

Tuesday 7th January 2020 to be held in the village hall commencing at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm