

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson

Apologies:- Keith Ross (Covid), Kate Morse

Attendees:- Rose Thomas, Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift

Comments from the public:- None

Update from new owner of Brook Meadow Barn/Field

The field was recently purchased but unfortunately, after purchase, was found to have extensive flooding. The new owner is trying to prevent the flooding in conjunction with the environment agency by possibly widening the brook, although wildlife surveys will need to be carried out first. The field will be for agricultural use when the flooding is hopefully addressed successfully.

Declarations of Interest:- None

Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-

- 1) All non-essential spending has been stopped until the budget.
- 2) Essential spending includes child services, elderly care etc.
- 3) There will be no cap on parish precepts.
- 4) There is some help available for residents in need from WNC. Contact WNC for further advice.

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th July and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 18th July be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

- 1) Solar Speed sign – no further news
- 2) Transfer to Internet Banking -
 - a) Mandate now complete – cllrs. to register for internet banking
 - b) Funds now transferred from Nationwide BS
- 3) Defibrillator – A first responder unit has lent the PC a defib.
- 4) Review of road signage on Braybrooke Road
The request for an extension of the 30mph limit has been considered with the following reply from Highways - The overall consensus from the Panel is to decline this request. Given the nature of this road the view of the Panel is that extending to 30mph restriction is unrealistic and non-compliance may become an issue. We know from long experience that merely lowering the speed limit and moving the signs will not translate into conformity.
The clerk to send a copy of the letter to Daffodils.

Co-option of Councillor:- WNC were notified and the post advertised. The PC has been advised by WNC that no nominations were received therefore the PC should co-opt.

Finance:-

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

Leics. Gardens (June, July & Aug)	T12	700
L Partridge (Salary 1/4 - 30/9)	T13	1105.52
ICO (subscription)	T14	40

Paid prior to meeting:-
22/08/2022 Npower (A/M/J) T11 127.98

b) Receipts:-
Groundworks (N/P Grant) £2500
Transfer from Nationwide BS £3880.06

Waiting for a credit from Eon for £58.34

External Audit:- The Council has an option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.
The Parish Council made the unanimous decision to remain with the appointed external auditor.

Planning

Applications:-

New Applications:- None

WND/2022/0623

Burrator 18, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Conversion of loft to habitable space with enclosed balcony to front elevation. Partial render and partial cladding of the front elevations and partial cladding of the rear elevation.

The application was subsequently withdrawn

Decisions from West Northants Council:-

WNDPD/2022/0028

Land at Hall Close, Arthingworth

Proposed 5G telecoms installation 15m street pole and 3 additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works

Prior Approval Refused for the following reasons:-

The siting and appearance of the proposal is considered to be insensitive where the development would not integrate well with its rural surroundings and if allowed, would result in avoidable harm to the visual amenity of the rural village context, the setting of nearby heritage assets and views into the village from the Special Landscape Area.

Other Planning Matters:-

None

Village

Maintenance:-

- 1) Anglian Water – 22141523
- 2) Harrington Road – large pothole on the approach to the village, at top of the hill on the left. **3631387 COMPLETE**
- 3) Road signs obscured by vegetation – **3713206 and 3713189 – In Progress – this work has kindly been carried out by a resident.**
- 4) The Arthingworth sign opposite 29 Oxendon Road is possibly insecure – SH to check
- 5) Ash tree in the churchyard may need attention – SH to talk to PCC
- 6) Disabled parking – a request has been made for this in the village -SH to ask the village hall committee and the Bulls Head.
- 7) Footpath sweeping – WNC no longer carry out this service. Cllrs. to sweep the junction of Kelmarsh / Oxendon & Braybrooke roads.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update:-

The consultation is underway and the replies are being logged. The consultation to end on 30th September.

Consultations:-

- 1) West Northamptonshire Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control and Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places) 2022. No comments.
- 2) West Northants. Local Government Boundary Review. No comments

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- 1) NCALC mini updates
- 2) Highways weekly Works Schedule – the clerk to write and request the dates on the signs are adhered to as there has been some confusion regarding road closures.
- 3) New electric vehicle charge points installed in West Northants.
- 4) Summer programme of surface dressing to get underway
- 5) WNC Employment Allocations Supplementary Planning Document – no reply sent
- 6) WNC - Council delivers first year of services on budget in the face of ongoing financial challenges

7) WNC Town and Parish Briefing - July 2022

At Meeting:-

- 1) From Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift - The planning permission for the 5G mast was refused. Please could you congratulate the parish councillors for all their hard work and the well run meeting in the village hall.
Well done for the first round.
The applicant might appeal but somehow if he read the planning file, he might reconsider.

**Any Other
Business:-**

- 1) There has been inconsiderate parking between the village hall and 1 Kelmarsh Road which is becoming a problem. SH to talk to Tim French.
- 2) To be on the next agenda – Private land at the Old Manor – a building has been renovated for residential use in the last 3 - 4 years with no planning permission. It is occupied but there is nothing on the electoral register. This possibly needs investigating.

**Date of next
meeting:-**

Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 8pm in the village hall.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm