

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021**

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy, Lesley Sanderson, Michael Kennedy, John Harris, Bernadette Kennedy, Kate Morse
- Apologies:-** None
- Election of Chairman:-** It was proposed (LS) and seconded (MK) that Sue Handy be chairman for the coming year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman:-** It was proposed (SH) and seconded (JH) that Lesley Sanderson be vice-chairman for the coming year.
- Co-option of New Councillor:-** New casual vacancy form requested from WNC
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-**
- 1) Registration of Church Footpath – the signed copy was sent to Wartnabys in December 2020 but the PC has received no further correspondence from them. The clerk to chase.
  - 2) Community Assets Request – Clerk to chase
  - 3) Defibrillator:- The clerk updated the meeting on the communication problems being encountered. A list of contacts will be established as soon as possible. The PC has been advised by the ambulance service that a community defib. does not require trained people in the vicinity. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 the PC received a Safety Notice advising of a possible fault with the door of the defib. This was dealt with by Tim who ensured there was no fault and returned the form to Stryker.

**Declarations of Interest:-**

None

**Finance:-**

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

Retrospectively:-

18/03/2021	BULLS HEAD VOUCHER N/P	328	50
18/03/2021	VILLAGE HALL ROOM HIRE	329	70

At the Meeting:-

LEICS. GARDENS (1CUT)	330	105
YK TINKLER (INT AUDIT)	331	20
ZURICH INSURANCE	332	312.91
NCALC (SUBSCRIP)	333	221.62
EON (POWER J/F/M)	334	205.53
EON (MAINT J/F/M)	335	37.64
PARISH ONLINE (N/P MAPPING)	336	43.2

\*\*\*Note – Zurich Insurance Long Term Agreement finishes 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

- b) Receipts:-

Overman Mowing	£240
HMRC (VAT Repayment)	£1220.88

**Acceptance of the Accounts for year end**

- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021:-** The accounts have been internally audited with no matters arising. The accounts were presented to the meeting and it was proposed (LS) and seconded (KM) that they be accepted.

**Acceptance of the**

**Annual Return:-** The Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement were presented to the Council and it was proposed (LS) and seconded (BK) that they be accepted. The Certificate of Exemption was accepted by the council. All documents signed by the chairman and clerk.

**Delegated Powers:-**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s101 the meeting unanimously agreed that the clerk should have delegated powers to enable the business of the parish council to be carried out where decisions cannot reasonably be deferred. No decisions will be made without consultation with the chairman and councillors.

**Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-**

**WND/2021/0018**

**Extension to existing garage with hobby room above.  
Heron House, Kelmarsh Road, Arthingworth**

The Parish Council offered no objection with the following observations:-

- 1) The extension to be in keeping with the existing house
- 2) External materials to match the existing

**Decisions from Daventry District Council:-**

**DA/2021/0081**

**Land Adj The Cottage, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth**

**Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DA/2018/0282 (construction of detached dwelling and associated landscape works) to include minor change to building alignment; replacement of garage door with window to front (north) elevation; minor changes to openings on side elevations; meter cabinet to front.**

The application has been approved with the following conditions:-

- 1) The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 2) All facing materials plus doors and windows on the external elevations shall be strictly as per the submitted plans
- 3) Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling details of all boundary treatments, including the hedgerow to the street/north boundary and screening of the meter housing structure, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA and the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation or otherwise during the first available planting season thereafter. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree or shrub, they, or any planted in replacement for them, are removed, uprooted or destroyed or die (or becomes in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective) another tree or shrub of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.
- 4) no external windows, doors or roof-mounted fitments other than those expressly authorised by this permission, shall be constructed
- 5) The side (west-facing) window to the first-floor bathroom facing towards The Cottage and the side (east-facing) bedroom window to the master bedroom shall be fitted with obscure glazing prior to the bathroom being brought into use and shall thereafter be maintained as such.
- 6) The tree planting within the rear garden as specified on Proposed Site Plan - drawing no. P17006 00-003 Rev. G shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation or otherwise during the first available planting season thereafter. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree or shrub, they, or any planted in replacement for them, are removed, uprooted or destroyed or die (or becomes in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective) another tree or shrub of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.

**Other Planning**

**Matters:-**

A discussion took place regarding the lack of fulfilment of condition 6. The clerk to write to the planning enforcement officer with the following points:-

1) The house has been occupied since early April and no attempt has been made to fulfil the tree planting as set out in the conditions:-

*Conditions DA/2021/0081*

*The tree planting within the rear garden as specified on Proposed Site Plan - drawing no. P17006 00-003 Rev. G shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation or otherwise during the first available planting season thereafter.*

*Tree Planting Schedule attached to plan P17006 00-003 REV G*

*Code Species Stature Planted Height Mature Height T001, T002, T003, T004*

*Ligustrum Japonica Semi - mature 3 - 4 m 5 - 7 m T005 Chamaecyparis*

*lawsoniana Yvone Semi - mature 3 - 4 m 5 - 7 m T*

2) The applicant acknowledged the importance of this screening in the appeal statement – *“Furthermore, planting of semi mature trees in the rear garden is also proposed which would reinforce this boundary and give additional screening. No harm to residential amenities is therefore considered to arise from the development.”*

3) Strong complaints have been received from neighbours regarding the lack of privacy. The windows are very large with no curtains or blinds. This situation is totally avoidable if the condition was fulfilled.

The clerk to write to the enforcement officer at WNC.

**Village****Maintenance:-**

- 1) Outside 7 Kelmars Road – the drain cover is leaking – Anglian Water 58218475 – clerk to chase – reported again – Ref 19735052.
- 2) Pathway outside Church Farm – No cyclic maintenance programme – issues have to be reported individually. DDC Ref 2473175 – cleared within 2 weeks Clerk to chase
- 3) Desboro’ Road going out of Arthingworth – the sides of the road are badly eroded and hazardous to cars. *No immediate safety defects that meet NCC investigatory levels, will continue to monitor through highway safety inspection*
- 4) R/H side of road between the bridge and sign to Harrington – 2 10” deep gullies – hazardous to vehicles. *No immediate safety defects that meet NCC investigatory levels, will continue to monitor through highway safety inspection*
- 5) Road by 17 Oxendon Road – during wet weather water comes up through the road. The drain was cleared but water now bubbles up through road. Anglian Water have been contacted and it is not mains water. Perhaps a drain is broken. Clerk to Report
- 6) Road (by Middle Cottage, Oxendon Road) – water bubbling up through road during wet weather – perhaps a broken drain, only happening since new house was built.. APC to monitor

Note - Where possible, photos to be taken of highway problems to be used in the reporting system.

**Parish Path****Warden:-**

The meeting agreed that Cllr. John Harris should be the Parish Path Warden. The clerk to inform WND and Cllr. Harris to send his details.

**Burial Ground:-**

A request has been received from 2 village residents regarding the purchase a double (deep for 2 people) grave in the burial ground. This was agreed and SH will send an invoice.

**Mowing 2021:-**

The 3 year contract which was accepted by the PC (2021-2024) has still not been received despite being requested many times.

The grass opposite Church Farm Way has not been cut – the meeting agreed that this was privately owned land – SH to try and contact the owner.

The burial ground has not been cut. The clerk to contact the contractor and also send details of Open Gardens on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Neighbourhood  
Plan Update:-**

**Funding:-** A new funding bid has been made but not yet received. There will be a panel meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Parish Online mapping log in details have been sent to YourLocale

LS updated the meeting on the progress. The theme groups are busy working and are moving forward.

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

- 1) NCALC mini updates
- 2) DDC Media Releases as appropriate to the PC
- 3) Highways weekly Works Schedule
- 4) From Kambe Events – Shambala has been cancelled this year but there will be 3 camping weekends.

**At meeting:-**

- 1) From Eon:-The manufacture and production of low pressure sodium (SOX) lamps has been discontinued. . Replacements will now be LED and a complete lantern may be required and possibly further works to convert the column.  
The PC has a fund to cover costs.
- 2) Clerks and Councils Direct – circulated
- 3) DDC Through the Ages commemoration book – to be filed

**Any Other Business:-**

- 1) The clerk was contacted by Mr. Boyes (landowner) regarding the request for a plaque on the triangle of land. He did not feel it was appropriate and asked if the clerk would reply to the person requesting on his behalf.
- 2) Review of Burial Ground fees to be on the next agenda.

**Date of next meeting:-**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 8pm in the village hall

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm**