

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

**Present:-** Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Graham Robinson, Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy, Liz Ellis

**Apologies:-** Michael Kennedy (Reason Approved)

**Attendees:-** 3 Parishioners

**Comments from the public:-**

- 1) Update by Village Hall Committee re EV charging points at the village hall  
Members of the village hall committee addressed and clarified the points raised by the council at the last meeting:-
  - 1) There would be very few users
  - 2) The capacity would be sufficient
  - 3) The VH committee would take full responsibility for the administration and cash collection
  - 4) It is unlikely there will be any problem with waiting for a charger
  - 5) No car parking spaces will be lost
  - 6) It will not lead to further parking congestion in the village
  - 7) The VAT implication will be investigated
- 2) a) Presentation by a resident wishing to put planters on the entrances to the village.  
b) The bench just outside the village will be refurbished with collected money

**Comments from Ward Cllr.:-**

Cllr. Irving-Swift has, again, contacted the enforcement officer regarding Golden Paddock's numerous planning breaches. It is being addressed but slowly.

**Declarations of Interest:-**

None

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January be approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:-** 1) New email addresses for clerk now set up and in use

**Finance:-**

a) Payments to be approved:-  
It was proposed and seconded (SH/GR) the following be approved for payment.

Paid by direct debit:-

Yu Energy (Dec)	£67.55
Yu Energy (Jan)	£65.56
Bank Charges (Dec)	£6
Bank Charges (Jan)	£6
Hugo Fox (1 email 12 months)	£35.86

For Payment at Meeting:-

Twigg Associates (Burial Ground Plan)	£475
L Partridge (clerk's salary Feb/March)	£460.98
Leics Gardens (Retro. VAT)	£425.60
Clerk's Expenses	£80

b) Receipts

WNC (Mowing)	£225.71
TMT Holdings (Mowing)	£240
J Stamp (Burial Ground)	£40
Bank Interest (O/N/D)	£64.41
J Stamp (Burial Ground)	£120

Transfer from savings to current a/c £2000 (any surplus to be transferred back to the savings account).

## **Planning**

### **Applications:-**

### **New Applications:-**

#### **2025/4949/FULL**

**Proposed utility block for existing static caravans on site. To be brick and tile construction.**

#### **Golden Paddock Braybrooke Road Arthingworth**

The Parish Council object strongly to this application and feel it should be withdrawn until all outstanding enforcement actions on the site have been discharged.

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

None

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

None

### **EV Charging Points:-**

- 1) The clerk to write to the village hall committee and thank them for the update and clarification
- 2) WNC Lamppost Scheme – One post has been identified by WNC as a possibility but was deemed unsuitable by the parish council as it was in a narrow residential road. No other lampposts in the village were suitable. The clerk to write to WNC to inform them.

### **Damaged Lamp Post Home Farm Grove:-**

The light was demolished by a delivery lorry on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The builder concerned (carrying out house renovations) admitted liability and the clerk obtained a quote for a new light from E.on - £3723.79 exclusive of VAT. It was sent to the builder on 11<sup>th</sup> February and he forwarded it to the supplier responsible. Correspondence has been received from the supplier who is chasing the payment.

### **Install Planters on entrances to village:**

The Parish Council agreed unanimously that the council should fully support this project. The resident has agreed to keep the planters maintained and tidy and the council agreed the planters would enhance the village. The clerk to send the information to Highways to ask permission and give the full support of the council.

### **Burial Ground Administration:-**

The new plan has now been drawn up. This now needs to be reconciled with the statutory schedules:-

- 1) Put names to the memorials marked on the new map
- 2) Reconcile these to the memorial schedule
- 3) Establish the unmarked graves, draw up a schedule and reconcile with the registration book
- 4) Establish the plots with cremated remains
- 5) Cross reference all the information on the map with the schedules
- 6) Establish the vacant plots and the reserved plots

The clerk to now be responsible for the administration of the burial ground with regular meetings of the committee.

### **Speeding Prevention:-**

#### **From WNC:-**

- 1) Community Speed Watch
  - 2) Self Purchase Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Scheme for parish councils
- The council discussed the above and it was established that there was a problem with speeding through the village, particularly at school delivery and picking up times.

It was agreed that a Community Speed Watch should be investigated. The clerk to contact the Police.

**Mowing:-**

A letter was received from Leicestershire Gardens advising the council that VAT back-dated to 1<sup>st</sup> October was due for payment. This payment was raised as requested.

There was some confusion over the number of cuts performed last year. Invoices for August and September were shown as outstanding by Leics. Gardens but these had not been received by the PC and would have taken the number of cuts to 15, which was well over the 10/12 cuts asked for and particularly given the 2025 season was very hot and dry. No reply from LG has been received to date. Cllr. Ellis to monitor the number of cuts to ensure the budget is not exceeded. This is the last year of the existing Leics. Gdns. contract.

The clerk to return the WNC contract for the 2026 season.

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

- 1) Water running down Kelmarsh Road from a natural spring. Gully to take the water has been requested from Highways – need photo when the water is running again
- 2) The trees on Kelmarsh Road are overgrown and need to be cut back. – 8118356 expected completion by 6/3/26 – COMPLETE
- 3) Very dangerous pothole on Desborough Road by the last cattle grid going out of the village - COMPLETE
- 4) Broken pipe under Oxendon Road – From Highways – A new job has been raised for excavation to repair or replace the drainage with an estimated date of September.

**Consultations:-**

WNC – Election Re-charges – Option C should be chosen. The clerk to reply Kier (Highways) – Annual Parish Satisfaction Survey – completed by cllrs. The clerk to return.

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

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NCALC monthly E-Update
- 3) Town & Parish briefing
- 4) Weekly list of received and determined planning application
- 5) Request from Stoke Lyne Parish to join a Coalition Of Parish Councils objecting to the massive overdevelopment proposals in NW Bicester – This was discussed and deemed to be too far from the village
- 6) WNC Local Area Partnerships
- 7) WNC Local Plan consultation
- 8) NALC Training – Responding to Planning Applications

**At Meeting:-** None

**Any Other****Business:-**

- 1) A resident had contacted a councillor regarding parking at the bottom of Oxendon Road. A sign was requested but this is not a suitable site. The road is in a bad state of repair and will be dealt with by WNC.

**Date of Next****Meeting:-**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8pm in the village hall  
Annual Parish Meeting to be held before the full Pc meeting at 7.30.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**