

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present:-** Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Bernadette Kennedy, Liz Ellis, Graham Robinson, Michael Kennedy, Keith Ross

**Apologies:-** Cllr. Sue Handy

**Attendees:-** Ward Cllr. Kevin Parker

**Comments from the public:-** None

**Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-** Advised that numerous consultations would be published shortly and these would be available on the WNC website.  
Advised that the budget had been approved.  
Advised that the WNC plan will go to full council on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Declarations of Interest:-** None

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the extraordinary meetings held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January be approved and signed.  
Agreed. Proposed – GR, Seconded LE

**Matters Arising:-** None

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

L Partridge Salary (Oct-March)	T23	1209.12
L Partridge Clerk's Exp	T24	85
A/worth PCC (peppercorn rent)	T25	5
A/worth Village Hall (room hire)	T26	70

b) Receipts:- Compensation from Barclays £200  
Interest from Unity Trust 31/12/23 £18.84 (charges £3.72)

Agreed. Proposed – KR, seconded LE

**Electricity Quote:-** The clerk to arrange a quote in time for the next meeting.

**Planning Applications:-** **New Applications:-**  
None

**Decisions from West Northants Council:-**  
None

**Other Planning Matters:-**

- 1) Private land at the Old Manor – E/WND/2022/8184/D – No further news.
- 2) Golden Stables –  
Erection of Barn , New access to Braybrooke & Installation of lighting columns.  
(retrospective)  
Target decision date 31/1/24
- 3) Greenfields - No further news
- 4) Complaints Procedure - Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt a Complaints Procedure for the Parish Council in order to address comments made by a member of the public.

## Neighbourhood Plan

**Update:-** Cllr. Sanderson advised that following the referendum, which had a 48% turnout, the Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted and confirmed by WNC.

## 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) Oxendon Road outside no.18.- water bubbling up through the tarmac – 5561732 - Work to be carried out within 26 weeks.
- 3) A dangerous stretch of footpath, covered in moss, has been reported to Street Doctor (5150498) – work to be carried out within 26 weeks
- 4) A private hedge needs cutting back to improve the sightline opposite the post box. It is very hazardous at present. Cllr Ellis dealing.
- 5) A team of cllrs. to be arranged to clean the footpath outside Church Farm – This has now been completed
- 6) River Ise flooding – no further news

**Mowing Schedule:-** 12 cuts budgeted. Special date – open gardens on Sunday 30th June. The clerk to inform Leics. Gardens.

**Consultations:-** None

**Transport Grants:-** Cllr. Parker advised he would send Cllr. Sanderson details of grants available from WNC. Cllr. Ellis suggested idea of parishoners volunteering to take other parishoners on an ad-hoc basis.

**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 applications
- 5) NALC Local Plan briefing – 27<sup>th</sup> February
- 6) From NALC – WNC are addressing the backlog of planning applications.
- 7) Letter from Barclays re £200 compensation

**At Meeting:-**

- 1) From WNC - We are planning to hold off sending the mowing grant letters until they have completed a full measure and reassessment of rates to hopefully provide a figure that is sensible, and will also look at additional terms and conditions around rate and area increases going forward.
- 2) Items of correspondence have been received from a resident complaining about the Parish Council comments on a planning application. The clerk replied accordingly stating the information requested was outside the scope of FOI.  
Beyond the information rights, a member of the public has no right to demand that a parish council answers their questions or justifies its decisions.

**Any Other Business:-**

None

**Date of Next**

**Meeting:-** Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall.  
Full Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to follow the APM in the village hall.

**Meeting closed at 8.22pm**