

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2014

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy (chairman) Charles Blake, Lesley Sanderson, Andy Knott, Kate Morse, Mike Osgood

Attendees:- District Cllr. Mrs. C. Irving-Swift, Mr. Noel Walsh

Apologies:- County Cllr. Mrs. C. Boardman

Co-option of Councillor:- There were two candidates for the post of Cllrs. – Mr. Noel Walsh and Mr. Joe Nikel. Presentations were received by both candidates and were perused by the councilors. A discussion took place followed by a vote. Joe Nikel received the majority of votes and he was duly co-opted onto the Council. The clerk to write to Noel Walsh to thank him for his interest and for attending the meeting. The clerk to write to Mr. Joe Nikel to advise him of the appointment.

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2013 be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:- **Burial Ground Ownership:-** The Chairman was contacted by the Rector and informed that the Diocese had made a mistake and that the churchyard would be registered under Parish Council ownership with costs being paid by the Diocese. **Notice Board Replacement:-** Cllr. Sanderson advised the council that the original quote had increased and that the noticeboard would not be purchased until a favourable quote was received. **Churchyard Mowing** – The form has been returned by the Rector confirming the churchyard be mowed by the Parish at a cost of £400

Declarations of Interest:- None

Updates from County Cllrs.:- Please advise if there is anything she can help with.

District Cllr:-

Police:-

- 1) January Police beat update
- 2) **Crime Figures:-**
 - 07 Oct: Braybrooke Road – report of persons with dogs and guns hare coursing.
 - 09 Oct: Kelmarsh Road – forced entry to vehicle and items taken.

Finance:- a) It was proposed and seconded that the following invoices be paid:-

EON (CHARGES O/N/D)			379	£	103.27
E.ON (MAINT O/N/D)			380	£	46.09
CGD 9MOWING NOV)			381	£	144.00
NCALC (PART YR. SUB)			382	£	41.11

- b) **Bank Balances:-** The balances of all accounts were produced for the Cllrs' inspection.
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| Community Account | £1220.38 |
| Saver Account | £ 380.22 |
| Nationwide account | £2990.14 |
- c) Finance updates from NALC were discussed. In the event of a precept cap the possibility of reducing the number of grass cuts was considered. Further consideration to be made regarding the street light fund. The meeting acknowledged that the precept had not increased for the last few years and this had not been a good idea. It was established that this should be addressed when the next budget was being prepared

- d) Budget – it was established that the street light fund reserve be budgeted for and that the grass cutting estimate was net of VAT.
- e) After discussion it was agreed that the amounts of grass cuts remain at 10 and that Cllr. Knott renew the contract with CGD.

Planning Applications:-

New Applications:-

DA/2013/0904

Single storey rear extension and formation of new gateway Estate Cottages, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

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

- 1) Incorporating 2 cottages into one will reduce the amount of council tax available.

DA/2013/0945

Demolition of existing garage. Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

School House Bungalow, Kelmarsh Road, Arthingworth

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

- 1) It must be ensured that the opaque glass in the 2 dormer windows on the south elevation should be kept in perpetuity.

Decision from Daventry District Council:-

None

Village Maintenance:-

- 1) The Lime tree on the bank on Kelmarsh Road:- work still not carried out – the clerk to contact DDC again. 675578 referred to Lara Inglott
- 2) The tree is obscuring the light from the street light and requires pollarding. 680175 Under investigation
- 3) The footpath in front of houses 1 – 8 Kelmarsh Road is in a poor state of repair. It is uneven and hazardous to pedestrians. 680176 This footpath is not adopted and maintained by NCC. Please refer to Daventry District Council.. Referred to Peter Lane
- 4) The fence in front of houses 1-8 Kelmarsh Road is in a poor state of repair with blackthorn growing through. 680177 - Caller needs to contact DDC as they are responsible for the path and the fence. Referred to Lara Inglott. The clerk to establish the responsible authority for the above items.
- 5) Kelmarsh Road – the surface is deteriorating and requires remedial work. Clerk to report

Burial Ground Charges:-

Deferred

Primary School:-

The consultation is now taking place. The PC to write and support the campaign to link Arthingworth with Clipston primary school.

Statutory Legislation:-

The following will be circulated at the next meeting to ensure all statutory legislation is in place:-

- 1) Financial Regulations – draft forwarded in envelope
- 2) Freedom of Information Act – draft forwarded in envelope

HMRC Registration:-

The clerk to register the council with HMRC as soon as possible.

Consultations:-

- a) NCC Draft Budget – no comments
- b) Mineral and waste Validation List – email reply by 14/2/14 - circulate
- c) DDC Community Strategy - email 12/2/14 - circulate

d) Daventry District Council Draft Corporate Strategic Plan 2014-2017 – email reply by 21/1/14 - circulate

Correspondence:- Circulated by email:-

- 1) Community Panel Meeting Agenda (setting Police priorities for next 3 months)
- 2) Big Poppy plant communities meeting will take place on 29th January
- 3) My County Council – December
- 4) From DDC – Housing Needs Survey to be carried out in February
- 5) DDC are offering dog fouling deterrent spray.
- 6) DDC – Information on Individual Electoral Registration
- 7) Fly tipping update from Cllr. Irving-Swift
- 8) NCC flag design competition

At Meeting:-

- 1) Due to essential computer system upgrade work, the Council's planning system and planning online internet will be out of action for up to 7 days from Monday 27 January 2014
- 2) From Chris Heaton Harris:- " Invite your Parish Council Chairman to a meeting with Nick Boles MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Planning.
- 3) NALC Update (in envelope)
- 4) Letter from Barclays confirming the updated mandate has been accepted from 17th December.
- 5) MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire
- 6) The Post Office is temporarily closed due to the resignation of the sub-postmaster.
- 7) NCC grass cutting contract – clerk to submit

Any Other Business:-

- a) The clerk to write to BT regarding broadband speeds in the village.

Date of next Meeting:-

Tuesday 4th March 2014

Meeting Closed at 10.10 pm