

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

**Apologies:-** Cllr. Kate Morse

**Attendees:-** Ward Member Cllr. Mrs. Irving-Swift, Keith Ross

**Co-option of New Councillor:-** It was proposed (SH) and seconded (LS) that Keith Ross be co-opted to the Council. The clerk to forward the relevant paperwork and information.

**Ward Member Update:-**

- 1) A list of problems and queries regarding the poor communication with WNC was forwarded to Cllr. I-S before the meeting. She updated the meeting on the various problems and assured the meeting that the situation would improve and that the Constitution is going to be reviewed.
- 2) The clerk to send the minutes of the meetings to each ward member.
- 3) Any queries to be sent to all ward members. One member will respond as appropriate.
- 4) Planning applications – only ward members can now ‘call-in’ applications to be heard by committee. The council to ensure this is requested when necessary.
- 5) Brampton Valley Way – there is no further news on any development

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:-**

- 1) Registration of Church Footpath – The form is still with the Land Registry.
- 2) Community Assets Request – No reply received from WNC. Cllr. I-S to chase.
- 3) The new battery has now been fitted on the defibrillator.

**Declarations of Interest:-** None

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

LEICS GARDENS (JUNE)	342	265
L PARTRIDGE (CLERKS SAL)	343	1318.72
ICO (DATA PROT.)	344	40
WNC ELECTION X/P	345	90
123REG (DOMAIN NAME)	346	28.78
EON (A/M/J POWER)	347	207.81
YOUR LOCALE	348	3540
REPLACES CHQ 329	349	

As there are an increasing amount of payments having to be made online or by credit card, Cllrs discussed the possibility of internet banking. To be on the next agenda.

b) Receipts:-

HMRC VAT	£1220.88
Precept (half year)	£2250

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

**Decisions from Daventry District Council:-**

**WND/2021/0018**  
**Heron House, Kelmars Road, Arthingworth**  
**Extension to existing garage with hobby room above.**

The application has been approved with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development carried out strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) Development shall not be occupied at any other time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as Heron House, Kelmarsh Road, Arthingworth

**Other Planning Matters:-**

None

**Village Maintenance:-**

- 1) Drains & Gullies Outside - 7 Kelmarsh Road – the drain cover is leaking –A resident was on site and spoke to the Highways engineer - this is not a Highways drain - it is definitely Anglian Water. Highways rodded the pipe which exits the drain cover and it links to the Anglian Water manhole set in the verge between 8 Kelmarsh Road and the pumping station. COMPLETE
- 2) Footpath Maintenance - Pathways need sweeping – 253759 - Contact CLO
- 3) Potholes and Erosion - R/H side of road between the bridge and sign to Harrington – 2 10” deep gullies – hazardous to vehicles. Following an incident where a car was extensively damaged after pulling over to avoid an oncoming car, the PC feels very strongly that this road is repaired. **2640480** Following an on-site risk based assessment there is no action required at this time.
- 4) Drains & Gullies 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. **2846393**. Site visited Currently no immediate flooding or safety issues at time of visit. Gullies will be cleaned on routine cyclical maintenance. This has now developed into a pothole. The clerk to report
- 5) Lighting - Light No. 13 (Oxendon Road) reported 3/7/21. Repaired but no new LED light fitted.
- 6) Drains & Gullies - Between Bulls Head and Oxendon Rd. junction – Drain on the pub side of the road so blocked it now has weeds growing on it. Clerk to report and request the PC is notified when the issue is dealt with to ensure there are no cars parked over the drain. Also to request a schedule of cyclical maintenance. **2846921 14/7** gullies to be cleaned on emergency call out within 24 hours.
- 7) Drains & Gullies - Outside Glebe Cottage – drain blocked. **2846925**. gullies to be cleaned on emergency within 24 hours. In progress
- 8) Light 12 is on all the time – clerk to report
- 9) It was noted that grit needs to be purchased. Cllr. Morse to be advised.
- 10) The footpath by the village hall is badly eroded and hazardous. The clerk to report.
- 11) Parking – at the junction of Kelmarsh Road and Oxendon Road is still causing concern. SH to contact the Police and the clerk to contact the CLO.

Note – It was noted that if resident’s vehicles are damaged by the poor road condition they must report it to Highways.

**Street Lighting:-**

Following a complaint an assessment to be done on the brightness of the new LED lights. Eon have advised a charge of £45 to reduce the wattage and place a shield over the light. The council decided the wattage should remain the same and just shielded. The clerk to request a new price. SH to ask if the residents would be prepared to share the cost.

**Frequency of salary Payment:-**

The Council agreed that the clerk’s salary should be paid more than twice a year as follows:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June - to be paid at the July meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September - to be paid at the November meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December - to be paid at January meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March - to be paid at March meeting (to ensure all payments fall within the financial year)

The half year salary paid at this meeting is payment to 30<sup>th</sup> September. The next quarter will be due at the January meeting.

**Neighbourhood  
Plan Update:-**

Funding:-	
Brought Forward	£5500
Inv. 006 (net)	(£2950)
Prize	<u>(£ 50)</u>
Carry Forward	£ 2500

Cllr. Sanderson updated the meeting – progression is going well with some details still being investigated. The Group work is now coming to a conclusion.

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

- 1) NCALC mini updates
- 2) Highways weekly Works Schedule
- 3) Email received on 24/8/21 regarding the new planning rules regarding the call-in of applications. Only a ward member can now call an application for discussion by the planning committee.
- 4) Minutes of the Parish Forum meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- 5) From WNC Community Ownership Fund

**At Meeting:-**

- 1) An email was received from Richard Auger in his capacity as Deputy chair for Volunteering & Community Engagement for the Daventry Conservative Party. The contents were noted.
- 2) An email was received from a resident regarding an increasingly dangerous situation with speeding cars on the road from Rose Cottage to Mayfield Barn. The meeting discussed the situation and it was confirmed that the road is unadopted. The clerk to reply explaining that because the road is unadopted neither the Parish Council nor Highways have any authority over it but any signage or other calming measures would be the responsibility and at the discretion of adjacent residents.
- 3) A letter was received from Eon informing the PC that prices were rising from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.
- 4) An article in NCALC Update gave the names and contact details of Highways Community Liaison Officers. These were noted and will be used in due course.

**Any Other  
Business:-**

- 1) The chairman asked for ideas for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.

**Date of next  
meeting:-**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 8pm in the village hall

**Meeting closed at 9.50 pm**