

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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

**Apologies:-** Councillor Bernadette Kennedy (illness)

**Attendees:-** One parishioner for part of meeting

**Comments from Ward Cllr.:-** Quarterly update received by email

**Comments from the public:-**

- 1) A member of the Village Hall committee reported that it was the intention to instal a charging point in the VH car park. Permission will be needed from Peterborough Diocese and the parish council.  
To be discussed at the next meeting.
- 2) Request for information regarding Fibre Broadband. The parish council have no control over this but information received from government sources say it is expected to be in the village by the end of 2027.
- 3) A request for speed restrictions on Kelmarsh Road around the blind corner.  
To be discussed at the next meeting

**Declarations of Interest:-** None

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 be approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:-**

- 1) There is still a cllr. vacancy. Continue to advertise the post. Send newsletter advert to Lesley to put on Facebook.
- 2) New email address for clerk in progress. It was agreed it would be good for the chairman to have one too.
- 3) 40mph extension on A508 - From Highways -  
The Speed Limit Review Panel has now met and considered your request for a 40mph speed limit on the A508 from Kelmarsh covering the junction to Arthingworth.  
Given the function, rural characteristics and surrounding open nature of the A508 at this location the consensus view of the Panel is that a 40mph restriction would not be supported.

**Finance:-**

a) Payments to be approved:- (proposed SH, seconded LE)  
It was proposed and seconded ( ) the following be approved for payment.  
Paid by direct debit:-

YU ENERGY (AUG)	# D11	£	41.63
YU ENERGY (AUG)	# D12	£	9.20
YU ENERGY (SEPT)	# D14	£	46.74
YU ENERGY (SEPT)	# D13	£	3.26
Bank service charge (Aug/Sept)			£12

For Payment at meeting:-

EON (LIGHT MAINT (J/A/S)	D16	£	47.40
L PARTRIDGE (NET SALARY OCT/NOV)	D17	£	386.58
HMRC	D18	£	74.40

It was agreed that Leics. Gardens be paid as soon as the invoice is received

b) Receipts

Bank Interest	September	£56.11
Precept		£3500

Transfer from savings to current a/c £700

## **Churchyard**

### **Responsibilities:-**

An email was received the PCC regarding the churchyard.  
The churchyard is now full but has not been officially closed. When it is closed the responsibility for all maintenance will fall on the Parish Council but the church will continue to own the land.  
The clerk to reply to the PCC

## **Burial Ground & Churchyard**

### **Committee:-**

It was agreed to form a small committee to oversee maintenance in the burial ground and churchyard comprising of Cllrs. Sue Handy and Graham Robinson.  
The clerk received the Burial Ground records from Cllr. Handy for reconciliation.

## **Burial Ground**

### **Fees Review:-**

This was discussed using information from other burial grounds. It was agreed to raise the fees by 50% from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

### **Draft Budget:-**

The draft budget and working papers were presented to the council and it was agreed to raise the precent to £7500 to allow for any extra charges from WNC. To be finalised in January.

## **Planning**

### **Applications:-**

#### **New Applications:-**

**2025/3946/FULL**

**Front Extension - new roof to create vaulted roof planes and internal storage to lofts - improved internal room layout**

**Ise View Oxendon Road Arthingworth**

The Parish Council offered No Objection to the application with the following observation:-

- 1) External materials should match those existing

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

**2025/1200/S73**

**Removal of condition 4 (ancillary use) to allow for the pod to be rented in relation to 2024/1197/FULL (Proposed self contained garden pod L6m x W3.5m x H3m in size.)**

**The Hawthorns Kelmarsh Road Arthingworth**

Planning Permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Permission shall be deemed to take effect from the 7 May 2024
- 2) Development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with drawing Block Plan, BGP-1, Parking and Access Plan; received by the LPA 28 July 2025.

**2025/2250/FULL**

**Conversion and alteration of outbuilding to create residential annexe The Rectory, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth**

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) The development to be carried out strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) The external materials shall match the existing materials
- 4) The conversion of the garage shall be used solely as ancillary accommodation to The Rectory and shall not be sold, leased, let or sub-let as an independent dwelling unit.

## **Other Planning**

### **Matters:-**

None

## **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 - A qualified Highways Inspector has assessed the location and we can confirm that in accordance with the WNC Highways Inspection Manual, the vegetation meets the criteria for a Priority 4 response. We will schedule vegetation clearance to be completed within 26 weeks. Our current average response time for a Priority 4 is 59 days.
- 3) The clerk to request a new 'Keep Junction Clear' sign at the Junction between Kelmarsh Road and Oxendon Road. From Highways - Thank you for your enquiry. A qualified Highways Inspector has assessed the location, and we can confirm that in accordance with the WNC Highways Inspection Manual, this defect does not meet the investigatory levels for a repair. We will continue to monitor the condition as part of our routine highway inspection schedule.  
The old notice has now been found and will be re-instated.
- 4) Very dangerous pothole on Desborough Road by the last cattle grid going out of the village – clerk to report

**Police Liaison Officer:-**

It was discussed and agreed that Cllr. Graham Robinson be the PLO.  
The clerk to inform the Police Authority and pass the contact details.

**Consultations:-** None

**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) West Northamptonshire Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD),
- 6) Planning Briefings with WNC will take place on **Wednesday 5 November 2025, from 1000 to 1100 online.**  
This session will focus on the draft **West Northamptonshire Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**, which will soon be open for public consultation for six weeks
- 7) Email and information from Stuart Andrew MP
- 8) Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift – Quarterly Update

**At Meeting:-**

- 1) From WNC – A request for progress on Neighbourhood Plan Policy H1 and information about the land owner. The clerk to reply.
- 2) From WNC - EV Charging Points:- Funding has been secured to increase points in the county and will be prioritising deployment of lamppost chargers.
- 3) NCALC have introduced a Climate & Nature (CAN) Champion Scheme. They are checking to see if we have plans to join – it can be a cllr., clerk or member of the public. The inaugural meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.  
Notes available

**Any Other Business:-**

- 1) Cllr. Sanderson to visit a biodiversity plant and report back
- 2) The clerk to issue the mowing invoices

**Date of Next Meeting:-**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm in the village hall

**Meeting closed at 9.50pm**