

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Bernadette Kennedy, Mike Osgood, Kate Morse, Michael Kennedy, Georgina Read

**Apologies:-** Cllr. Lesley Sanderson

**Attendees:-** Mr. & Mrs Harris

Councillors and attendees were advised that the meeting would be recorded.

**Updates from County Cllr.:-** None

**District Cllrs:-** None

**Comments from The public:-** 1) Comments were received regarding objections to DA/2018/0898 and a request for an update on DA/2014/0084

**New Cllr.:-** Georgina Read duly signed the Acceptance of Code of Conduct

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and extraordinary meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> October be approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:-**

- a) Noticeboard – Now being repaired
- b) Burial Ground Registration – A Right of Access into the ground has now to be formalised. The clerk to contact the solicitor. The solicitor is still awaiting information from the other party. It is now being chased.
- c) Duplicate VAT repayment to be deducted from future claims.
- d) Cllrs Michael Kennedy and Georgina Read to attend a NALC course on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Registration details sent to both.

**Declarations of Interest:-** Cllrs. Sue Handy and Kate Morse declared an interest in applications DA/2018/0898 and DA/2018/0935

**Finance:-**

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

EON (MAINT J/A/S)	498	37.64
LEICS GARDENS (A/S)	499	140
EON (POWER J/A/S)	500	170.16

- b) Receipts 1) NNRAID repayment cheque £51.93  
2) Stamps £400 – reservation of grave no 64
- c) Clerk to request mowing contributions from NCC and Overmans

**Budget and Precept:-** The budget was discussed and it was agreed that the precept be increased to £3750 (an increase of £250). This is due to rising costs and additional financial responsibilities being passed to the Parish Council.

**Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-**  
**DA/2018/0857**  
**Change of use of agricultural land to residential associated with existing Black Barn residential unit and retention of two sheds for residential use Black Barn, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth**

The Parish Council made the following observations:-

- 1) The sheds have been erected very close to the neighbours boundary fence and in close proximity to a neighbour's oil tank which is giving concern.
- 2) Whilst the dimensions of the shed appear to be acceptable, because they have been built on elevated ground, they are imposing.

The meeting was suspended whilst comments were received from members of the public:-

Comments were made regarding DA/2018/0898:-

- a) If the application is granted there should be a condition placed in perpetuity restricting the units being changed under permitted development to dwellings.
- b) The village roads are totally unsuitable for the increase in traffic.
- c) The turn from Kelmarsh Road to Braybrooke Road is 90 degrees which will cause problems and disruption when delivery vehicles are entering or leaving the site.

Cllrs. Sue Handy and Kate Morse left the room and Cllr. Mike Osgood took the chair.

#### **DA/2018/0898**

#### **Outline application for redevelopment of redundant farm buildings to form 20 No. business units (Class B1) on demolition of existing structures to include access**

#### **Manor Farm Buildings, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth**

The Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:-

- 1) Braybrooke Road is little more than a single track road which is not well maintained and is totally unsuitable for the volume of traffic the site will generate.
- 2) Arthingworth is a small village with narrow roads. The day nursery which was recently granted permission already generates a considerable amount of traffic and the Parish Council feel very strongly that any further increase of traffic would not be sustainable.
- 3) Whilst the adopted Village Design Statement (Community and Economy Guidelines point 3) states "development or changes which allow for small businesses and community entrepreneurs is acceptable" the parish council feel that 20 business units is far too large for the size of the village and could not be supported by the local community.
- 4) Also from the adopted Village Design Statement (Community and Economy Guidelines point 4) – "The existing working farms are an important part of the local economy and are core to the rural character of the village, future development should not negatively impact on their ability to operate". It should be noted that these existing farm buildings are still used for agricultural purposes and that to demolish them would negatively impact on the rural setting of the village.
- 5) The highway safety of the village must be considered. The increase in traffic this site would generate would negatively impact on the general safety of the residents of the village.
- 6) The turn from Kelmarsh Road to Braybrooke Road is 90 degrees which will cause problems and disruption when delivery vehicles are entering or leaving the site.
- 7) The existing infrastructure of the village just cannot support the size and scale of this proposal.
- 8) It should be noted that the village has no public transport services.
- 9) The proposal would be totally out of character with a small farming village.
- 10) Without prejudice, if the application is granted, there should be a condition imposed which restricts the units being converted to dwellings under permitted development, in perpetuity.

#### **DA/2018/0935**

#### **Removal of Condition 3 of planning permission PD/2018/0029 (Change of use to five dwellings) limiting occupation of dwellings to a person solely or mainly working or last working in agriculture**

#### **Buildings, Manor Farm, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth**

The parish council object to the removal of this condition for the following reason:-

- 1) The Parish Council would like to ensure that these dwellings remain available to agricultural workers to preserve the rural identity of the village and to protect the existing agricultural holding from complaints in respect of nuisance.

Observation – This site has so many pending applications it is unclear what the site will actually be used for therefore no conditions should be removed.

**Decisions from Daventry District Council:-**

**DA/2018/0765**

**Part garage conversion (retrospective). Proposed link from garage to dwelling and balcony**

**Khelidon, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth**

Permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development in strict accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) External materials to match those in the existing building

The full conditions and reasons for decisions made by Daventry District Council can be found on the DDC website:- [www.daventrydc.gov.uk](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk) and following the 'Planning Application Search' link.

**Other Planning Matters:-**

An update on DA/2014/0084 has been requested from the DDC enforcement officer but no reply yet received.

**Village Maintenance:-**

- 1) Drain – Oxendon Road opposite No. 17 – blocked and overflowing. In the icy weather this freezes and is hazardous. – 931688 - defect identified and is on the cyclical maintenance programme to be undertaken within 3 months
- 2) Drain – outside 1 Sunnybank is blocked. – 931689 - defect identified and is on cyclical maintenance programme to be undertaken within 3 months
- 3) Trees in Oxendon Road (from Arboretum attached to Old Manor) overhanging the road – 958004
- 4) Lime tree on Kelmarsh Road is dead – clerk to report – to NCC
- 5) Pothole (previously filled) outside pub – 958003
- 6) Harrington Road requires maintenance – potholes and subsidence
- 7) When will leaves be removed from footpaths – junctions of Kelmarsh Road and Oxendon Road
- 8) Cars parked dangerously on the junction of Kelmarsh Road and Oxendon Road are causing a dangerous obstruction on a blind bend. A note to go in the newsletter and clerk to contact Highways. It is also dangerous as children walking to and from the bus have to use this stretch of road.

**Acceptance of Grit Bins:-**

Documentation not yet received from NCC.  
The clerk to investigate cost of grit and delivery charges

**Consultations:-**

Decommissioning of Prevention Service for Adult Social Care Service and Hearing Impaired Services – reply by 8<sup>th</sup> November – not relevant to the PC.

**Correspondence:-**

**Circulated by email:-**

- 1) NCALC mini updates
- 2) Invitation to Community Led Roadshow
- 3) Local Government Reform - West update
- 4) Northants CALC eUpdate - Sept/Oct 2018
- 5) NCALC – Grit bin information
- 6) DDC Big Switch information
- 7) LCAS Risk Topic Update - October 2018 - Tree Liabilities and Cemetery/Memorial Management
- 8) DDC – New Dog Control Powers
- 9) DDC – Code of Conduct digest

**At meeting:-**

- 1) Mowerman Winter Maintenance and Grit Bin Replenishment
- 2) Information re scam mail

**Any Other Business:-**

None

**Date of next meeting:-**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to be held in the village hall commencing at 8pm

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**