

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023

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

Apologies:- Cllrs. Liz Ellis (personal reasons), Keith Ross (holiday)
It was proposed and seconded (LS/ MK) that the apologies be accepted.

Attendees:- Ward Cllr. Cecile Irving-Swift, Mr. Graham Robinson

Comments from the public:- None

Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-

- 1) The census can now be completed online
- 2) At present the WNC spending is over budget but this will hopefully be addressed successfully next year
- 3) Updates regarding various planning applications
- 4) It was recommended that the WNC app be used as there is so much information and the opportunity to report problems.

Declarations of Interest:- None

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded (MK / SH) that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

- 1) WNC Mowing invoice and contract. Payment now received. Purchase order for the 2023 season received but no contract due to staff shortages.
- 2) Painting Noticeboard – Cllrs. were very pleased with the repainted noticeboard and expressed their thanks to the resident who kindly gave up her time to do it.

Co-option of new cllr.:- Mr Graham Robinson has expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. The council were pleased to co-opt him as a cllr. and the Code of Conduct form was duly signed. The clerk to forward the relevant documents.

Neighbourhood Plan Finalisation :- WNC offered the Parish Council the opportunity to comment further on the Neighbourhood Plan before the examiner makes his decision. The N/Plan consultants made comments which were agreed by the meeting. The council formally agreed to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan, proposed (SH) and seconded (MK), and the clerk to forward to WNC the comments provided.

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

123Reg (domain name)	T7	£	28.78
Yvonne Tinkler	T8	£	20.00
Leics Gardens (April, May 4 cuts)	T9	£	560.00
Clerk's N/P expenses	T10	£	454.00
E.on (Light Maint A/M/J)	T11	£	58.20

b) Receipts:-	HMRC VAT repayment	£634.72
	WNC Precept	£3500
	WNC Mowing Payment	£131.94

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 – From Cllr. I-S – the property must only be used for storage and not as a dwelling.
- 2) Golden Stables – Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift – the light and water drainage is under investigation. A retrospective planning application has been received and will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 3) Barn entrance of the village : enforcement team has been informed.
- 4) No news on Greenfields. C.I-S has asked WNC officers to investigate why WNC and councillors were not informed.

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) Brampton V. Way – car park and access points need attention. – This has been reported by Cllr. I-S.
- 3) Tree (broken branch) on the Green – reported to Overmans
- 4) Desborough/Braybrooke Road –
 - a) potholes and poor surface with the sides breaking up – 4564685 there are no immediate safety concerns relating to this issue that warrant repair
 - b) the passing bay needs attention -4564706 there are no immediate safety concerns relating to this issue that warrant repair
- 5) Oxendon Road outside no.18 To be monitored.

Consultations:- None

Correspondence:- Circulated by email:-

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NALC E-Update
- 3) WNC Grant Funding (expired 30th June)
- 4) Shambala Letter
- 5) June Town and Parish briefing
- 6) Fire Service advisory leaflet

At Meeting:-

- 1) A confidential letter from a resident regarding an investigation. Noted
- 2) Communication from Utility Aid, a firm recommended by NALC and specialising in unmetered supplies. No costs incurred. The clerk pursuing.
- 3) Letter from Eon – maintenance rates not increased but will now be £22 pa for each non-led light, £8 pa for LED lights. Electrical testing (every 6 years) £27 per light.
- 4) Letter from Npower concerning qualifying discount. Will get Utility Aid to check.
- 5) Clerk & Council Direct

Any Other Business:-

- 1) Shambala letter to go on website and noticeboard
- 2) Complaints were received regarding No Mow May. The verges were so overgrown visibility on the highway was severely compromised and in some places very dangerous. The Parish Council request that this strategy is not used again on Highway verges as it is very dangerous to all road users, pedestrians, cycles and cars etc., and it is unclear what the benefits are.

Date of Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8pm in the village hall.
Extraordinary meeting Tuesday 18th July at 6.30pm in the village hall

Meeting closed at 9.45pm