

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Kate Morse Joe Nickel. Charles Blake
- Attendees:-**
- Apologies:-** District and County Cllr. Irving-Swift, Cllr. Lesley Sanderson
Mike Osgood
- Election of Chairman:-** It was unanimously voted that Cllr. Sue Handy be chairman for the coming year.
- Election of Vice-chairman:-** It was unanimously voted that Cllr. Charlie Blake be vice-chairman for the coming year.
- Access onto road at Sunnybank:-** Mr. Sam Wheeler spoke to the council regarding an access onto the road at Sunnybank. At present there are several gates to go through to access his property and he has investigated putting a gateway straight from the road into his garden.
He has thoroughly investigated the options and NCC Highways have received plans etc. A Structural engineer has examined the site.
The council questioned the safety aspect of a gateway onto the road but this had been addressed. The cllrs. were also concerned that cars would be parking by the access which would not be acceptable. Mr. Wheeler stated that this would not be the case.
Mr. Wheeler was advised to seek planning permission from DDC.
- Updates from County Cllr.:-** None
- District Cllr:-** None
- Comments from The public:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 and the extraordinary meetings held on 25th March, 8th and 28th April be approved and signed with the following amendments to 3rd March minutes:-
a) Gary Long should read Gary Lunt
b) DA/2015/0083 – point 5 should read drainage not damage
- Matters Arising:-**
- a) **Noticeboard** – no further news
- b) **Parking on Kelmars Road** –advice has been sought from PCSO Matt Taylor who advises as follows:-. *“In the first instance I would suggest the Parish Council write a polite letter is written to the occupiers of properties along Kelmars Road to bringing the concerns of others to their attention, and advertising the alternative parking.*
I would avoid placing notices on cars, we often receive complaints where these have been places on cars and there isn't actually any offence of obstruction, more one resident unable to park outside there own house because another resident has beat them to it.
For exactly the same reason I also would not put anything on any fences, the other concern here would be who owns the fence, attaching a parish council sign to a fence not owned by the council could be seen by some as damage. PCSOS do have the power to get vehicles removed for obstruction, however this would require people to call the matter in on 101.”
Cllr. Sue Handy to write to residents and the clerk to put an article in the newsletter.

Declarations of

Interest:-

None

Burial Ground

Update:-

The Diocese is still waiting for a response from the incumbent. Several reminders have been sent. The clerk to write and confirm this will be finalised before the Rector retires.

Finance:-

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

YVONNE TINKLER (INT. AUDIT)	408	£20.00
EON (POWER J/F/M)	409	£101.02
CGD (MARCH MOWING)	410	£144.00
EON (LIGHT MAINT J/F/M)	411	£42.80
ZURICH INS 1/6/15-31/5/16	412	£274.82
NCALC (SUB)	413	£204.65
L PARTRIDGE (CLERK SAL)	414	£529.68

Receipts – £400 PCC mowing contribution

b) Acceptance of Accounts for year end 31st March 2015

c) Acceptance of the Annual Statement for year end 31st March 2015. The Annual Return was duly signed by the chairman and clerk.

E.on Power

Charges:-

A Letter received from E.on stating power charges are increasing from 8.24 per kWh to 12.40 per kWh from 1st May. This is the first increase in 9 years. NALC are exploring alternatives but doubt any quote will be competitive.

The clerk to contact Eon to obtain a quote for changing 8 lights to LED and to establish what savings will be made by using the low cost LED lights. Also ask when the next 3 yearly maintenance inspection will be.

Planning

Applications:-

New Applications:-

DA/2015/0326

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to include porch and a single storey sun room extensions to rear

Bellwood 12, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

The council offered no objection and no observations

KET/2015/0317

Full application:Siting of caravans for residential occupation with associated hard standing, shed and septic tank

Greenfields, Plot 10 Brabrooke Road, Braybrooke

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

The applications breach a number of policies as listed in the North

Northamptonshire Corse Spatial Strategy document:-

- **Policy 9** states that development should not take place in the open countryside. The subject site is set in a rural landscape characterised by rolling hills with intermittent villages. There is no existing or previous development at this location other than Golden Stables, directly across the road in Daventry District, which was granted permission specifically to remain a small, low key site. A recent application to try and expand the Golden Stables development was refused by DDC on account of the inappropriateness of a larger encampment at this location.
- **Policy 13** requires sustainable development. These applications are not sustainable due to the complete lack of amenities or local services for the occupants. Each pitch would be completely dependent on private vehicles as there is no meaningful public transport serving the locality. The nearest settlements to this location are small villages which are all over 1.5 miles away and none of them have the amenities the applicants will require i.e. schools, shops and healthcare facilities.
- **Policy 17** states that any Gypsy or Traveller accommodation should fulfil the criteria of Policies 9 and 13 (already referred to above) and should be closely

linked to an existing settlement for social inclusion as well as the provision of services and amenities. As already emphasised in the above paragraph and proven during the temporary permissions previously granted on this site, these applications do not meet either test.

As you will be aware, there have been a number of planning appeals on the subject site with a series of public enquiries by different planning inspectors. None of those inspectors have considered this location to be appropriate for a gypsy and traveller pitches. In the case of appeal Ref: APP/L2820/A/12/2187037, the request for a temporary permission was dismissed on the basis the site was 'wholly unsustainable location, economically, environmentally and socially'. That inspector concluded 'such development conflicts with relevant development plan policies'.

Other planning appeals have at best been granted temporary permission whilst KBC concluded their Site Specific Proposals Development Plan in order to identify pitch allocations as required by the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment for Northamptonshire. This work has now been completed by KBC who can demonstrate that they are now able to provide the requisite number of pitches required up until 2021.

The local area around Braybrooke has seen a significant growth over the last few years in gypsy and traveller sites, both in KBC and DDC. The quantum of pitches and sites in the locality is now significant and is considered disproportionate to the quantity of settled community in the same area. The ongoing development of green field sites for this purpose, with little regard for planning policies combined with the manner by which many of these sites have been created, often with little regard for the planning system, is creating resentment between the settled and travelling communities.

Decisions from Daventry District Council:-

DA/2014/0984

Golden Stables, Braybrooke Road, Great Oxendon (Arthingworth Parish) Change of use of land for stationing of 7 mobile homes and associate travellers caravans, extension to existing stables, extension to existing amenities building, new amenities building and formation of private accommodation road and access

Planning permission has been fully refused for the following reason:-

The proposed 7 additional mobile homes, 7 day vans, enlargement of the stables, new amenities building, extension to existing amenities building and enlarged site area would result in a visually intrusive overdevelopment of a family Traveller site, over and above the modest scale of the existing site comprising only 2 residential units and 3 day vans, which would appear as visually detrimental and incongruous features in the open countryside, thereby detracting from the character and amenities of the rural area and would, in turn, result in an unsustainable development, thereby contrary to paragraphs 14, 17, 55, 61 and 109, in particular, of the National Planning Policy Framework, policies S1, R2 and H6 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2014 and saved policies GN1, GN2 and EN42 of the Daventry District Local Plan 1997.

DA/2015/0075

10, Hall Close, Arthingworth

Single storey rear/side extension, first floor extension above existing family room

Planning permission has been refused for the following reason:-

The proposed development would be seriously detrimental to the occupiers of 9 Hall Close by reason of loss of daylight, privacy, and outlook and would thereby be contrary to Saved Local Plan Policies GN2A and EN42C, to Paragraph 56 of the National Planning Policy Framework, and contrary to the advice in Daventry District Council Supplementary Planning Guidance 'Designing House Extensions' 1997.

Other Planning Matters:-

Village Design Statement:- this is now in the consultancy period. All Parish Cllrs. To read the document and forward any comments to the committee.

Village

- Maintenance:-**
- 1) The Lime tree on the bank on Kelmarsh Road:- 675578 referred to Lara Inglott – report to be done within 3 months. 20/3/15 - resident needs to request a claim form 01604 883400. Referred to Lara Inglot.
 - 2) Kelmarsh Road footpath – the area has been inspected. The clerk to request a timescale for the works.
 - 3) Potholes on Braybrooke Rd. and Oxendon Gated Rd. – potholes marked and aggregate shovelled in which was washed out very quickly. Clerk to report
 - 4) Pothole marked on path by 9 Oxendon Rd. for some time but no work done. Clerk to report
 - 5) Harrington Road requires maintenance. Clerk to report
 - 6) Blocked drains – the drainage lorry has recently been in the village and now all the drains are blocked. Clerk to report
 - 7) Repairs on the footpath outside 4 Kelmarsh Road – the keystones have not been put in straight and are very dangerous. Clerk to report
 - 8) Mowing – it was agreed that Cllr. Joe Nikel be the CGD contact for any mowing problems.

Re-adoption of Code of

Conduct:- It was agreed that the Code of Conduct be adopted for the next 4 years.

Risk Assessment:- Deferred

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- a) March Crime & Police Report:-
01 Feb: Kelmarsh Road – report of abandoned, damaged caravan.

At Meeting:-

- a) A maintenance contract from Eon. The clerk to write and ask when the next 3 yearly inspection is due.
- b) 2 x NALC training vouchers to be used in the coming year.
- c) A letter from Shambala regarding participation in fund raising.

In envelope:-

NALC Update - March / April
Clerks & Councils Direct –
March 2015
CGD maintenance work
Special Constable leaflet
Governance Toolkit

Any Other

Business:- a) Next agenda – co-option of councillor.

Date of next meeting:-

Tuesday 7th July at 8pm

Meeting closed at 10.10pm