

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy, Michael Kennedy, Lesley Sanderson, Liz Ellis, Keith Ross

**Apologies:-** Cllrs. Bernadette Kennedy

**Attendees:-** Sarah and Michael Turner for part of the meeting

**Comments from the public:-** None

**Declarations of Interest:-** None

**Comments from Ward Cllrs.:- From Cllr. Irving-Swift:-**

1. Budget was approved. Your bill will be up by 6.1 % due to the last year of harmonisation. You can go on the website how WNC will spend your money. It was a tough budget. After the involvement of scrutiny and consultation, it brought a few tweaks and the budget we voted on was still ambitious but also realistic.
2. Boundary commission for the next elections in WNC. As you are aware the number of councillors will go from 93 to 77. You will see that the Brixworth ward will be divided into three individual wards with one councillor per ward. In my opinion, it is a good proposal but please if your views differ, please reply to the consultation (WNC website)
3. We are starting on the Local Area Partnership (LAP). Our LAP is geographically the biggest and the most rural despite having Moulton, Brixworth and Long Buckby in it. Please if you want to know more, let me know.
4. WNC monthly newsletter to parishes. Please any suggestion greatly received.
5. Planning Enforcement – parishes can now report directly on the WNC website. This is good news as parishes can react quickly and WNC will be able to trace from the first logging until resolution.

**Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January be approved and signed with the following amendment to the minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> January:- *The precept for the year is incorrectly stated at £6,500. To be amended to £7,000, which is the amount agreed at the meeting.*

**Matters Arising:-** 1) The defib. is now properly installed. Battery and electrodes to expire April and July 2027 depending on usage. The borrowed one has been returned.

**Co-option of new cllr.:-** WNC have advised there are no requests to hold an election.  
Clerk to place in newsletter.

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

L Partridge Salary (Oct-March)	T25	1313.16
L Partridge Clerk's Exp	T26	60
A/worth PCC (peppercorn rent)	T27	5
A/worth Village Hall (room hire)	T28	70

The clerk to pay Npower when the invoice is received.

Receipts:- TMT Holdings (mowing)	£240
Stamps (D. Goodman Stone)	£166

**Burial Ground:-** A memorial stone for Dennis Goodman was discussed by the council and approved.

**Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-**

**WND/2022/1082**

**The Rectory, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth**

**Conversion of annexe to single dwelling including a first floor extension**

The Parish Council offered no objections with the following condition:-

- 1) All new external materials shall match those in the existing building.

**Decisions from West Northants Council:-** None

**Other Planning Matters:-**

- 1) Private land at the Old Manor – Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift - Officer is chasing it and will update me asap
- 2) Golden Stables – Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift - still waiting for planning application Golden stables -barn. Officer is chasing it and will update me asap
- 3) From Cllr. I-S:- Barn entrance of the village : enforcement team has been informed.
- 4) From Cllr. I-S:- No news on Greenfields that I know of . I have asked WNC officers to investigate why WNC and councillors were not informed.

**Village Maintenance:-**

- 1) Anglian Water – 23073400 Water running down Kelmarsh Road, starting from below the village hall. The site was visited on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and on investigation no leaks could be found but it was established that there was normally water from a spring running down the road and this was all he could find. It was established that the water was not from the mains (no presence of chlorine).  
Therefore, this is not an Anglian Water problem, but a natural spring.  
The clerk to contact Highways to request a new gully to stop the road being flooded, which is extremely hazardous in icy conditions.
- 2) Braybrooke Road – very dangerous subsidence, particularly for cycle riders – To be completed within 6 months
- 3) Oxendon Road – the footpath has been churned up – clerk to report – need photos
- 4) Brampton V. Way – car park and access points need attention. – clerk advised Cllr. I-S. No further news
- 5) Kelmarsh Road – gullies blocked at the bottom of the village.

**Mowing:-**

Schedule for the year:-

As in previous years with special attention on the weekends of 25<sup>th</sup> June (open gardens) and 6<sup>th</sup> May (King's Coronation)

Clerk to advise Leicestershire Gardens

**Coronation Plans:-**

The fund raising committee will be organising the event and it was unanimously agreed that the Council make a monetary contribution of £200. SH to discuss with the F.R. committee

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:-**

The Plan has been submitted to WNC. There were some accessibility issues but these have been resolved.

**Consultations:-**

None

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

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NALC E-Update
- 3) Good Neighbour Scheme Funding
- 4) No Mow May
- 5) Town & Parish Briefing

**At Meeting:-** None

**Any Other Business:-**

- 1) On agenda for May meeting – Policy Review

- 2) The clerk has been unable to submit the mowing invoice to WNC and no contract for this season has been received yet. The clerk to advise Cllr.Irving-Swift.
- 3) The chairman advised the meeting that she would be standing down as chairman in May but would continue to be a councillor.

**Date of Next**

**Meeting:-**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at in the village hall as follows:-

7pm Annual Parish Meeting

To be followed by Village Hall Committee Meeting

To be followed by Parish Council Meeting

As the meetings are following on the Parish Council Meeting may start before the usual time of 8pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**