

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Kate Morse, Keith Ross
- Apologies:-** Lesley Sanderson, John Harris
- Attendees:-** Mr. R. Stewart
- Election of Chairman:-** It was proposed (KM) and seconded (KR) that Sue Handy be chairman for the coming year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman:-** It was proposed (SH) and seconded (BK) that Lesley Sanderson be vice-chairman for the coming year.
- Comments from the public:-** Mr. Stewart spoke regarding the highway verges on Braybrooke Road which are being eroded by traffic. A note to be put in the newsletter requesting drivers respect the verges.
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-**
- 1) Solar Speed sign – no further news
  - 2) Transfer to Internet Banking -
    - a) Mandate now complete. When advised by Barclays the clerk to forward details for registering for online banking.
    - b) The clerk to visit Nationwide BS and close the account and transfer the funds to Barclays.
  - 3) Defibrillator electrodes – Still not available. These were ordered on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The clerk has made extensive enquiries to other suppliers but unfortunately no-one has any in stock and no dates available for delivery.
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Finance:-**
- a) The meeting proposed and seconded that the following invoices be approved for payment:-
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| Npower (J/F/M)        | T3 | 319.23 |
| Leics Gardens (March) | T4 | 120    |
| Zurich Insurance      | T5 | 315.38 |
| E.on (Maint J/F/M)    | T6 | 34.66  |
| Y. Tinkler            | T7 | 20     |
- b) Paid by BACS prior to meeting:-
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| Npower (Dec)                  | T1 | £116.66 |
| Parish Online (asset mapping) | T2 | £25.20  |
- c) Receipts:-
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| Precept  | £2500    |
| HMRC VAT | £2472.50 |
- Acceptance of the Accounts for year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:-** The accounts have been internally audited with no matters arising. The accounts were presented to the meeting and it was proposed (KR) and seconded (KM) that they be accepted.
- Acceptance of the Annual Return:-** The Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement were presented to the Council and it was proposed (KR) and seconded (MK) that they be accepted.

The Certificate of Exemption was accepted by the council. All documents signed by the chairman and clerk.

The clerk to return of Certificate of Exemption to the external auditors.

**Electricity Price Review:-**

Deferred until more information is obtained from Npower.

**Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-** None

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

**Other Planning Matters:-**

None

**Review of Road Signage on**

**Braybrooke Road:-** Following complaints received regarding speeding vehicles through the village a meeting took place between Cllr. Sue Handy, Daffodils Nursery and Helen Howard of Highways. It was suggested that the 30pmh signs be moved further out of the village for the following reasons:-

- a) To help to reduce the speed of the traffic in that part of the village.
- b) Daffodils Nursery walk children along that stretch of road and feel that vehicle speed should be reduced.
- c) It is a narrow country road.
- d) Verges are being destroyed because cars travel too fast and use the verge as part of the road rather than use passing places.
- e) Farm machinery has to access that stretch of road

It was also noted that Highways advised that a 'Children' sign could not be placed at the nursery.

**Village**

**Maintenance:-**

- 1) Footpath Maintenance - Pathways need sweeping – Reported 12/7/21 (253759) – still open. From the CLO - We have no footway sweeping programme. I would suggest that if you have a specific area of concern you report this through to Street Doctor which will generate an inspection. The clerk to advise the CLO that this was reported in July 2021. No reply received to date. Clerk to advise Ward Cllr. Harris
- 2) Drains & Gullies – From Ward Cllr. Harris - The drains and gullies in Arthingworth are due to be cleaned in February 2022 as part of the routine cleaning cycle. No specific date available. Clerk to Contact Cllr Harris for an update as not done. COMPLETE?
- 3) Oxendon Road – water bubbling up through the tarmac - the clerk to report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. The report is still open – possibly to be repaired during the routine maintenance in February. This is now marked as fixed.
- 4) Anglian Water – a site visit to be arranged regarding possible burst pipes.- position to be confirmed.
- 5) From Lesley – Tree on the Green - I am unaware if Overman's are aware of the broken limbs on it but it has been many months and I personally feel that it needs to be attended to before it causes further harm.
- 6) It was noted that the burial ground hedge has been trimmed and paid for by a private donation.
- 7) Golden gravel on Oxendon Road – the clerk liaising with Western Power.
- 8) Braybrooke Road – junction with Desborough Road. The sides of the road have suffered considerable subsidence and cars are getting damaged.
- 9) Harrington Road – large pothole on the approach to the village, at top of the hill on the left.
- 10) Branches are falling off the tree on the green area on Oxendon Road – the clerk to advise Overmans.

**Mowing for 2022:-**

The clerk to request the green area at the end of Hall Close be added to the schedule.

**Neighbourhood**

**Plan Update:-** Funding:- All funds have been spent and no more have been applied for. Gary Kirk has now prepared the report following the village meeting and this will be sent to WNC for assessment very soon. If it is accepted it will be circulated to the village for pre-submission comments.

**Parish Mapping Update:-** Assets and services have been logged on to Parish Online as per the list circulated to cllrs.

**Risk Assessment:-** Deferred

#### **Burial Ground**

**Risk Assessment:-** Councillors adopted the proposed Burial Ground Risk Assessment with no further points to be added. No urgent risks were identified at this time. The church to be asked when the cemetery memorial inspection was due. The Risk Assessment to be kept on file for insurance purposes.

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

- 1) NCALC mini updates -
- 2) Highways weekly Works Schedule
- 3) Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

**At Meeting:-**  
None

**Any Other Business:-** None

**Date of next meeting:-** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 8pm in the village hall.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**