

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Kate Morse Andy Knott Mike Osgood, Lesley Sanderson Joe Nikel

Attendees:- Tim French, Janet Knott, Malcolm Roe, Gary Long

Apologies:- District and County Cllr. Irving-Swift, Cllrs. Charles Blake

Presentation by Mr. J. Tibbits on a prospective application

The Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the piece of land owned by Mr. Tibbits could be developed.

Updates from

County Cllr.:- None

District Cllr:- None

Comments from

The public:-

1) There was a query from a resident regarding Broadband. It was established that the control box is now in place and that the piping is ready for the insertion of the fibre optics.

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

a) **Noticeboard** – No further progress

b) **NALC Membership – Reply from Danny Moody** - The offer is for the training vouchers only, not the cash equivalent.

It was proposed (LS) and seconded (MO) that the council should continue with membership.

Declarations of

Interest:-

None

Burial Ground

Update:-

The Diocese is still waiting for a response from the incumbent. A reminder has been sent.

Finance:-

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

E.ON (POWER O/N/D)		405	£	103.27
VILLAGE HALL (ROOM HIRE)		406	£	70.00
ARTH. PCC (P/CORN RENT)		407	£	5.00

b) Receipts – NCC Mowing Contribution £131.94
Stamps Grave 58 (internment of ashes) £60

Planning

Applications:-

New Applications:-

DA/2015/0083

Use of land for stationing of two additional mobile homes and associated caravans for family members, extension to day room and extension to stable building

Golden Stables, Braybrooke Road, Great Oxendon (Arthingworth Parish)

(Cllr. Irving-Swift has asked for this to go before the planning committee)

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

1) The proposed development is not sustainable. It has no access to public transport and is not within walking distance of any major conurbation. The nearest villages (Arthingworth, Braybrooke and Great Oxendon) are all over a mile away and none of them have substantial, if any, amenities. Residents at this site would be totally dependent on private vehicles. Creating another access point increases the danger of accidents on this single track road.

All roads leading to the site are single track roads for at least a mile in each direction.

- 2) The proposed development is in open rolling countryside of the West Northamptonshire Uplands, visible to passing traffic and of a type and scale which is out of keeping with the locality. The site is a highly inappropriate location for a travelling community.
Three previous planning inspectorate reports for the Greenfields site (directly opposite this site) have all noted that the 'introduction of caravans, associated hard standings, fencing and other domestic trappings within the same area erodes the rural character and appearance of the area'. It is difficult to understand how this application could be considered any differently.
- 3) There is a massing of traveller sites within close proximity of this proposed application (the vast majority of DDC and KBC's traveller sites are within 5 miles of the subject site) which increasingly feels imbalanced with the settled community. The Parish Council believe 40% of Northants treavelling communitis have sites within a radius of 5 miles.
- 4) Part of the reason for this application is to 'facilitate an extension in the applicant's breeding stock of horses'. This proposed extension of a commercial business is not justification for 'an additional 7 mobile homes with associated traveller caravans and day rooms'.
The British Horse Society – Guidelines for keeping horses, stable sizes, pasture acreages and fencing welfare document, sugges 1 animal per acre as a minimum guidleline, bringing into question the suitability of this site for expansion of horse facilities.
The Parish Council believe the applicant has aproximately 75 breeding mares which are flygrazed around the local area. This can be substantiated by farmers in the area.
- 5) The application appears to have no clear strategy for either rainwater or foul damage.
- 6) The Department for Communities and Local Government's recent consultation document on Planning and Travellers suggests in Paragraph 4.16 that 'where a local authority is burdened by a large scale unauthorised site which has significantly increased their need...then there is no assumption that the local authority is required to plan to meet their traveller site needs in full'.
Will the local authority consider this point considering the subject site is directly opposite a site called Greenfields – a large unauthorised traveller site – and in the immediate locality are a number of other traveller sites which originated as unauthorised sites.
- 7) The same document suggests that 'where a member of the travelling community has given up travelling permanently, for whatever reason, and applies for a permanent site then they should be treated no differently to an application from the settled population.'
Will the Local Authority please confirm whether or not the applicant has ceased to travel and, if so, take the above point into consideration.
- 8) The Parish Council is concerned about the intensification of people living in what effectively is a private enclave for the traveller community which lacks integration with the village community.
It must also be noted that a well attended village meeting was recently held where everyone present was against this application.

In a letter to Kettering Borough Council dated 20th April 2011, regarding previous applications, Mr. K. Thursfield of Daventry District Council states:-

- a) it is important to respect local planning policies, or PPG's (PPS7 for instance), seeking to protect any given part of the countryside against the cumulative impact of a succession of developments, and conversely, seeking to encourage an appropriate distribution of such development (preferably in sustainable locations close to the major road or other transport, e.g. bus, rail, networks).
- b) Moreover, land to the south of the highway falls within a Special Landscape Area, where stronger rural planning controls apply. An undue concentration of developments of the type applied for in these two applications this locality is considered unsuitable, especially given the narrowness of the adjoining highway and the quiet character of this rural vicinity.

Copies of the reply to Daventry District Council and Kettering Borough Council.

The meeting agreed that Cllr. Blake should represent the PC at the planning meeting.

DA/2015/0075

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

10, Hall Close, Arthingworth

The Parish Council offered no objection to the application with the following observation:-

- 1) The external materials should match the existing property.

Decisions from Daventry District Council:-

DA/2014/0913

Bosworth House, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Listed Building Consent for formation of door from bedroom to bathroom at first floor

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Work begun within 3 years
- 2) Work to be carried out in accordance with the plans
- 3) Dimensions of new doorway shall not exceed those of the existing bedroom door

DA/2014/1019

Land Adj The Bungalow, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Construction of detached dwelling

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development to be strictly in accordance with the location plan
- 3) External materials to be approved by the LPA
- 4) No development shall be carried out which falls within Classes A, B, C, D, and E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order (other than a standard 6' x 4' shed as illustrated on the proposed site plan)
- 5) No boundary fences, gates, walls or other means of enclosure shall be erected to the north of the dwelling
- 6) Any part of the first floor window(s) on the south elevation that is less than 1.7m above the floor of the room in which it is installed shall be fitted with obscure glazing and shall be non-opening. The window shall be permanently retained in that condition thereafter.

Other Planning

Matters:-

Reply from District Cllr. Chris Millar re the queries raised at the last meeting:-

Firstly the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy was adopted in December 2014. This is excellent news after many years of hard and challenging work. This now forms part of the Development Plan and will therefore be given full weight in making planning decisions.

We are committed to producing a plan which will supplement the Core Strategy and you may recall that we started work on this in 2012 but we had to pause this work to allow the Core Strategy to proceed to adoption. The adopted Core Strategy provides us with a spatial strategy and an agreed housing requirement for the District.

We will be shortly commencing work again on the Settlements and Countryside Plan and will be sharing with Parish Councils a timetable of this work very soon. There will of course be opportunities during the process for parish councils to be engaged in the preparation of this plan – there were workshops held with parish councils back in 2012. Details of future events will be released in due course. Elected members are generally very keen to see this work proceed as soon as possible and I am pushing this with officers.

With respect to Travellers work on the Gypsies and Travellers Plan will start in September this year – my understanding is this work will be led by the Joint Planning Unit.

For the purposes of this planning policy “gypsies and travellers” means:
Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family’s or dependants’ educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling showpeople or circus people travelling together as such.

For the purposes of this planning policy, “travelling showpeople” means:
Members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family’s or dependants’ more localised pattern of trading, educational or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined above.

Village

- Maintenance:-**
- 1) The Lime tree on the bank on Kelmarsh Road:- 675578 referred to Lara Inglott – report to be done within 3 months.
 - 2) Kelmarsh Road footpath – the area has been inspected. The clerk to request a timescale for the works.
 - 3) Braybrooke Road (between nos. 1/ 8 and by cattle grid) potholes –COMPLETE
 - 4) Light no. 1 outside 5 Kelmarsh Road is not working. COMPLETE
 - 5) Leak outside Forge Cottages, Oxendon Road – COMPLETE

Grass Cutting

- Contract:-**
- Cllr. Knott to contact CGD Contractors to confirm they will continue the mowing for the coming season at the same price.

Street Lighting:-

From E.on - With regard to the light that was removed by Western Power Distribution, we normally offer a rebate from the date that we were advised of the change. However we did agree that on this occasion we offer a rebate in the form of a deduction against the cost of replacing a lantern in the village. As we are not aware of when the lantern was removed we would suggest an assumption of 3 years which would mean a reduction on the cost of a new lantern of £40.00. If the Parish Council were to replace the 9 mercury lights all together we would be able to offer a reduction of 10%.
The clerk to request a firm quote for 8 lights.

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- 1) Information regarding work to be carried out by Western Power - The scheme basically involves the removal of approximately 75m of overhead electricity line, the installation of 65m of underground electricity cable and the re-routing of the overhead electricity service line that supplies St Andrew’s Church.
- 2) From DDC:- The elections, if contested, will be held on Thursday 7th May, 2015. The timetable circulated to cllrs.
- 3) Street Light information from E.on
- 4) Government Guide sent by DDC – New Plain English Guide to the Planning System
- 5) Crime Reports - December
- 6) Crime Reports - January
- 7) Planning Update newsletter from DDC
- 8) Cash for Community Information from NALC
- 9) Dog fouling infor from DDC
- 10) Parish and Town Council Liaison meeting minutes from last meeting
- 11) Parish and Town Council Liaison – next meeting Thursday 11th June 2015

At Meeting:-

- 1) Information from the local recruitment officer’s for Daventry and South Northants Police promoting the roles of Parish Constables and Special Constables.
- 2) Application forms for Best Village Competition
- 3) Briefing on Policing on Thursday 19th March 6.30 – 9.30 at Wootton Hall

In envelope:- 1) NALC Update

2) DDC Planning website questions and answers

**Any Other
Business:-**

- 1) Concerns were shown regarding inappropriate parking on Kelmarsh Road. All houses have 2/3 cars and it is becoming dangerous. A note to be placed on cars to advise of the danger.
- 2) Concerns were shown regarding a possible access directly onto the road at 6 Sunnybank. The situation to be monitored.

**Date of next
meeting:-**

Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 12th May at 8pm – Full Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 10pm