

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

- Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (chairman), Lesley Sanderson, Mike Osgood, Kate Morse Tim French, ,Charles Blake
- Apologies:-** Cllrs Joe Nikel, District Cllr. Irving-Swift
- Attendees:-** Jan Handy, Nikki Haynes, Alan Dawkins, Burleigh Haycock, Paul Machon, Sue and Chris Bexson
- Updates from County Cllr.:-** None  
**District Cllrs:-** None
- Comments from The public:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed (LS) and seconded (KM) that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2105 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-** a) **Noticeboard** – Cllr. Osgood confirmed that the noticeboard could be renovated and he will carry out the work.
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Finance:-** a) It was proposed (LS) and seconded (KM) that the following invoices be paid:-
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| E.ON (LIGHT MAIN O/N/D) | 430 | £42.80  |
| CGD (OCT MOWING)        | 431 | £144.00 |
- Street Lights:-** A rough estimate of power savings to be made on LED lights was discussed and it was agreed that the possible savings did not justify changing all the lights at once. Other considerations –
- 1) It was doubtful there would be any financial incentive from Eon to change all the lights at once.
  - 2) The LED lights are reducing in price with a greater variety therefore there are benefits to delaying the changes.
  - 3) The street Light Fund is only just sufficient for changing 8 lights. Some lights may require further attention before the LED lamp is fitted which will incur extra costs.
  - 4) It may be some time before some lights need changing during which time the fund will be earning some interest.
- The meeting agreed the clerk be authorised to order an LED light when this becomes necessary.
- Mowing Contracts:-** The matter was discussed at some length and alternatives sought in order to keep the cost down. It was thought that some areas could be undertaken by parishioners. The clerk had made enquiries with the insurance company and it was confirmed that anyone working for the PC, regardless of age, would be covered by the council's public liability insurance. This to be confirmed in writing if anyone is employed.
- Only 1 quote received – Richard Seymour (Grown and Mown). This was discussed and it was decided there were alternatives. The clerk to advise Mr. Seymour.
- It was agreed that Cllr. French contact CGD and another possible contractor to obtain a quote for possible reduced areas.
- Budget for year 2016/17:-** This was discussed at length and it was agreed that an increase in the precept was necessary in order to cover the increasing expenses of the council. The precept has been kept very low in recent years and reserves are very low. It was

decided that it was important to increase reserves especially as the safety of the street light fund was shortly to be spent and that there is a possibility in the near future that PC precepts will be capped.  
It was agreed that the precept be raised to £3250 and the chairman and clerk duly signed the form.

## **Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-** None

### **Decisions from Daventry District Council:-**

#### **DA/2015/0660**

#### **Outline application for single dwelling to include access and layout Land To Rear Of Khelidon, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth**

Permission has been refused for the following reasons:-

1) The proposed outline scheme for a single dwelling would be contrary to criteria (i)-(v) policy R1 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, which are considered to be fully in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, and which are now fully engaged given that the Council considers that its district-wide housing requirement is currently fulfilled. In particular, among other criteria, the scheme is not considered to be required to support the retention of, or improvements to, any essential local services that may be under threat, nor was the proposal informed by an effective community involvement exercise prior to the submission of this application. The personal circumstances of the applicant are not considered to carry sufficient weight to override these policy considerations. Accordingly, the scheme results in an unwarranted and unsustainable development, in principle, within a rural area, despite the particular location of the site within the village confines, and contrary to a key strategic policy objective in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy that residential development be directed towards the towns and other large settlements, or Sustainable Urban Extensions.

2) The proposed outline scheme and its detailed design of access, a matter to be addressed at the present stage, and in particular its location on a bend in the private track serving it and other nearby residences, cannot be readily and satisfactorily re-orientated to become aligned at right angles to that track within the particular constraints of the site, in order to meet the requirements of relevant highway standards and, in particular, enable suitable visibility for vehicles exiting the site. Moreover, the private track, as currently constructed, already serves more than five dwellings, the maximum as allowed by the adopted Northamptonshire Highway Network Management Plan, and cannot be effectively widened, and comprise associated footpaths, to potentially enable more than five residences to be safely served by it. These cumulative factors imply that the proposed development would be prejudicial to local conditions of highway and pedestrian safety, thereby contrary to policy SA of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and criteria (B) and (C) of saved policy GN2 of the Daventry District Local Plan.

#### **DA/2015/0275**

#### **Construction of 6 No. brick gate piers (retrospective) Braybrooke Road & Desborough Road, Arthingworth**

Permission has been refused for the following reason:-

The construction of 6 no. brick piers, by reason of their domestic and non-rural appearance, and standalone siting, result in incongruous, sporadic and poorly-designed developments that detract from the character and landscape qualities of the open, spacious and attractive countryside locations in which they are situated, while harming the character of the Special Landscape Area, while failing to properly relate to their locational context, thereby contrary to policy SA of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, policies GN1, GN2, EN1 and EN42 of the Daventry District Local Plan and to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework aiming, particularly, to secure sustainable development (paragraph 14), recognise the intrinsic beauty of the countryside (paragraph 17) encourage good design (paragraph 56) and seek to protect valued landscapes (para 109)

## **Other Planning Matters:-**

**Appeal - APP/Y2810/W/15/3140073**

#### **Braybrooke Road & Desborough Road, Arthingworth Construction of 6 No. brick gate piers (retrospective)**

No further reply required.

**Appeal - APP/Y2810/W/15/3138596**

#### **Short Lodge, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth**

### **Construction of single storey dwelling**

The following reply to be made to the Inspectorate:-

Woolacot Homes are manipulating the facts in implying a passing place has been created when, in fact, the passing place indicated is private land owned by Tallyho Cottage and therefore cannot be used as a passing place.

The Parish Council is concerned by the works the developers have done to the privately owned access road, which is not owned by them and will, therefore, not be maintained in perpetuity.

### **Village**

#### **Maintenance:-**

- 1) Repairs on the footpath outside 4 Kelmarsh Road – the keystones have not been put in straight and are very dangerous. Steve Whelton from DDC is visited the site in October. No update received to date.
- 2) Pothole – Kelmarsh Road, top of Slade Hill. Clerk to report.
- 3) Pothole – opposite 18 Oxendon Road (repaired previously). Clerk to report.
- 4) On 16<sup>th</sup> December the roads were swept and now the drains are blocked. Clerk to report.
- 5) The drain by 18 Oxendon Road is completely blocked (possibly under the road) . Clerk to report.
- 6) The drain by Church Farm, Oxendon Road is sinking. Clerk to report.
- 7) Gated Road to Gt. Oxendon – there are numerous potholes. Clerk to report and request that when the potholes have been marked could they please be repaired before the markings have worn away.

#### **Defibrillator:-**

Cllr. French to explore the possibility of a grant.

### **Parking on**

#### **Kelmarsh Road:-**

Further to an incident in the village hall when an ambulance could not access the car park due to cars parked on the road opposite it was decided that cars parked in that area must be restricted. The clerk to report to the Police on receipt of evidence to come from Mrs. J. Handy.

#### **Consultations:-**

NCC - Parking Standards (might affect new builds) - No reply  
NCC - Draft Budget and Council Plan – No reply  
NCC - Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update – No reply

#### **Correspondence:-**

##### **Circulated by email:-**

- 1) December Police report – no crimes reported
- 2) Satellite Broadband Voucher Scheme
- 3) Christmas update from District Cllrs.
- 4) November Police report – no crime reported. Note the 'Parking on the Pavement' poster.
- 5) Invitation to Police open evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Towcester.

##### **At Meeting:-**

- 1) From NALC – PC's will not be capped during 2016/17

##### **In envelope:-**

- 1) List of services from CGD Contractors
- 2) NALC update – Nov/Dec

### **Any Other**

#### **Business:-**

- 1) The clerk to write to Kelmarsh Hall to request the trees along the highway are inspected as some appear to be unsafe.
- 2) It was discussed whether there should be a designated crematorium area in the burial ground. To be confirmed at the next meeting.
- 3) Clerk to send the Police article on 'Parking on the Pavement' to the newsletter.

#### **Date of next meetings:-**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm

**Annual Parish Meeting** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm to be followed by the Village Hall Committee meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm

**Meeting closed at 9.35pm**