

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025

- Present:-** Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Bernadette Kennedy, Liz Ellis, Graham Robinson
The clerk was absent due to illness - notes were taken by Cllr. B. Kennedy
- Apologies:-** Councillors Sue Handy (illness), Michael Kennedy
- Attendees:-** None
- Comments from the public:-** None
- Comments from Ward Cllrs.:-** By email From Cllr. Irving-Swift – The Enforcement Officer is in discussion with the agent for Golden Stables. He is hoping that the conditions which were imposed with the planning application will be adhered too. He will update us in January. He also saw the caravan on land at Kelmarsh Road and is starting to investigate. The process is quite lengthy but the important thing is that it is going to be investigated.
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded (GR, LE) that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November and extraordinary meetings held on Wednesday 20th November and Monday 9th December 2024 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-** None
- Co-option of new Cllr.:-** To be advertised in the newsletter – the clerk to forward details.
- Finance:-**
- a) Payments to be approved:-
 - Paid by direct debit:-

Yu Energy (Oct)	£46.38
Yu Energy (Oct)	£9.20
Yu Energy (Nov)	£53.22
Yu Energy (Nov)	£9.10
Bank charge (Oct)	£5.40
Bank charge (Nov)	£6
 - For Payment at meeting:-

Leics. Gardens (Oct/Nov)	£456
E.on (Light Maint O/N/D)	£51.60
 - b) Receipts

Bank Interest (Dec)	£78.30
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- Transfer £1000 from savings to current a/c
- Clerk's salary rise from NALC to be back-dated to April 2024
- Final Budget:-** It was proposed (BK) and seconded (LE) that the draft budget with a precept of £7000 be accepted. The precept form to be signed by clerk and chairman
- Planning Applications:-**
- New Applications:-** None
- Decisions from West Northants Council:-** None
- Other Planning Matters:-** None
- Village Flooding Issues:-** The meeting agreed that any flooding in the village should be reported immediately to WNC (with photos if possible) and a log maintained.

Village

Maintenance:-

- 1) Water running down Kelmarsh Road from a natural spring. Gully to take the water has been requested from Highways – need photo when the water is running again
- 2) Ivy from the churchyard obscuring the noticeboard. There is also an Ash tree which needs attention. The clerk to contact the church warden.
- 3) Blocked drain and road breaking up in Oxendon Road - the clerk to report to the Highways Liaison Officer explaining that it is pointless having the road repaired until the underground pipe has been properly cleared.
- 4) Church Farm Way - Light needing repair – Lamp number, fault description and part to be provided
- 5) Footpaths very mossy – the clerk to report and ask for a routine maintenance visit

Consultations:-

Government Consultation -Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England
Clerk to reply

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NCALC monthly E-Update
- 3) Town & Parish briefing
- 4) Weekly list of received and determined planning applications
- 5) Information from Cllr. Irving-Swift re Wormslade Anaerobic Digester
- 6) Information from Alpaca Communications re Wormslade Anaerobic Digester
- 7) WNC – Gt. Oxendon N/Plan proceeding to referendum
- 8) Tom Cooper (Leics. Gardens) – request for a reference – clerk to write

At Meeting:-

- 1) Devolution - as per NALC Friday updates etc. This needs to be watched as further devolution appears to be imminent.

Any Other

Business:-

- 1) Reported by farmer - A vehicle has smashed the gates and posts on Brampton Valley Way by Old Gt. Oxendon Station. A padlocked barricade has been put in place, temporarily, by the farmer, but, at present, pedestrians can't get through. Reported to BVW wardens.

Date of Next

Meeting:-

Full Meeting – Tuesday 4th March at 8pm in the village hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm