

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- Present:-** Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Graham Robinson, Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy, Liz Ellis
- Apologies:-** None
- Resignation:-** Michael Kennedy has tendered his resignation due to leaving the area. The clerk to put a notice on the board and advise WNC
- Attendees:-** None
- Election of Chairman:-** It was proposed (SH) and seconded (LE) that Lesley Sanderson be chairman for the coming year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman:-** It was proposed (LS) and seconded (LE) that Bernadette Kennedy be vice-chairman for the coming year.
- Comments from the public:-** None
- Comments from Ward Cllr.:-**
- By email:-**
- 1) To WNC Planning re Golden Stables
- a) Large gates have been installed and it is doubtful that these should be allowed. A proper planning application has been requested which should go before the planning committee and which will be strongly objected to.
- b) The situation concerning the overflowing on to the road is getting worse,
- 2) To WNC Planning re Golden Paddock application 2025/4949/FULL
- I oppose strongly this application.
- The position of the utility block will not be subservient to the nature of the open countryside. Please could you look at the various appeals which made clearly this point.
- So, as the ward councillor, I do believe that this application, if granted, would result in an overdevelopment of the site.
- If you were minded to grant this, is it still possible to put it in front of committee? The parishes of the ward have been making representations for so long that they are a bit dispirited. With all the issues still pending with the previous applications and various visits from officers since to dispense conditions from the previous applications on this site (of course, this is not a matter that concerns this application), you might allow them to vent their frustration.
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed.
- Matters Arising:-**
- 1) Planters – The licence has been received from WNC and agreed by cllrs. via email. As advised by WNC the adjacent landowners have been contacted with no objections. The PC liability insurance will cover any incident, but only if the PC is found to have been negligent. Therefore a regular risk assessment should be carried out to ensure we are compliant. The chairman and clerk met with the resident to ensure the planters complied with WNC regulations. The planters will be installed within a few weeks with only one planter now being installed near Daffodils Nursery.

2) Damaged Lamppost, Home Farm Grove – the claimant’s insurance company has written to the PC asking for a breakdown of the quote – this has been sent to Eon. When they have received the breakdown the claim will be actioned. The PC now has a direct contact with the claimant’s insurance company.

**Finance:-**

a) Payments to be approved:-

It was proposed and seconded ( ) the following be approved for payment.

Paid by direct debit:-

Bank Charge (Feb)	£6
Bank Charge (March)	£7
Yu Energy (Feb)	£53.72
Yu Energy (March)	£51.36

For Payment at Meeting:-

ZURICH INSURANCE	T1	£	241.00
PARISH ONLINE	T2	£	43.20
EON (LIGHT MAINT) OND 25	T3	£	47.40
EON (LIGHT MAINT) JFM 26	T4	£	47.40
ARTHING. VILLAGE HALL	T5	£	70.00
ARTHING PCC	T6	£	5.00
LPARTRIDGE (CLERK'S SALARY A/M)	T7	£	460.98
HMRC EMPLOYER'S NI	T7	£	6.60
NCALC (SUBSCRIP TO 31/3/17)	T8	£	240.29
YU ENERGY (MARCH POWER)	DD1	£	51.86
YVONNE TINKLER (AUDIT)	T9	£	20.00

b) Receipts

Bank Interest (J/F/M) £54.65

Transfer from savings to current a/c £1200 (any surplus to be transferred back to the savings account).

Direct Debit set up for Hugo Fox (website & email)

Eon do not accept direct debits. It was agreed to ask for an annual invoice

**Clerk’s Salary:-**

The salary P60 for the year ended 31/3/25 was incorrect. The error was, in some part, because the submissions were made to try and avoid Employer’s NI. This resulted in too much tax being deducted from the clerk’s salary. This will now be amended by paying the salary without any deductions until the error has been corrected.

The internal auditor is aware of the error.

**Acceptance of the Accounts for year end**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2026:-** The clerk presented the accounts and it was proposed (SH) and seconded (GR) that these be accepted by the council

**Acceptance of Annual Return for year end**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2026:-** It was agreed that the Annual Return be accepted by the meeting. The chairman and clerk duly signed the forms

**Risk Assessment:-**

The Risk Assessment was presented to the council and discussed. There was an additional item stating the planters should be inspected regularly. The meeting agreed this was in order and the chairman signed the form.

**Planning**

**Applications:-** **New Applications:-** None

## **Decisions from West Northants Council:-**

### **2026/0064/FULL**

Swallows Barn Kelmarsh Road Arthingworth

Proposed side extension and alterations

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Begun within 3 years
- 2) Carried out strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) External materials shall match those existing

### **Other Planning Matters:-**

None

### **Burial Ground:-**

- 1) Clerk to inform a resident the cost of a double plot is now £3000 (from 1<sup>st</sup> January) and to raise an invoice if the resident still wants to go ahead.
- 2) The site plan still needs some work to identify all the plots and will need further checking. Once this is complete and signed off there are various schedules to be completed and reconciled. The committee to be formally formed at the next meeting.

### **Speed Prevention:-**

Community Speed Watch information sent by email

Self Purchase Vehicle Activated Signs information sent by email

The meeting agreed that the Community Speed Watch should proceed. This will be advertised on the website, noticeboard and social media and hopefully will create enough interest for the project to progress.

### **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) Broken pipe under Oxendon Road – From Highways – A new job has been raised for excavation to repair or replace the drainage with an estimated date of September.

### **Consultations:-**

None

### **Correspondence:-**

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

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NCALC monthly E-Update
- 3) Town & Parish briefing
- 4) CAN Champions from NALC
- 5) WNC - Interim support for households relying on heating oil
- 6) WNC - Information re listing the 2 tunnels on Brampton Valley Way – This was briefly discussed and it was decided there was no real evidence the PC could find to justify the tunnels being listed.
- 7) WNC – Local Transport Plan
- 8) West Northamptonshire Road Safety Strategy

**At Meeting:-** None

### **Any Other Business:-**

- 1) Dog fouling in the village continues to be a problem.
- 2) There is a fallen tree in a gateway on the Brampton Valley Way which will be removed as soon as possible

### **Date of Next Meeting:-**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 8pm in the village hall

**Meeting closed at 9pm**