

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2026

- Present:-** Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Graham Robinson, Sue Handy, , Liz Ellis, Jayne Wisely-Sharland
- Apologies:-** Bernadette Kennedy
- Attendees:-** None
- Comments from the public:-** None
- Comments from Ward Cllr.:-** Advisory letter from Shambala re risk of fires
- Declarations of Interest:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 be approved and signed with the following amendments:-
1) Correction of Cllr. Jayne Wisely-Sharland's name.
2) Receipt for grave purchase – plot 71
- Matters Arising:-** 1) Home Farm Grove light. The new lamp still hasn't been installed.
The clerk to chase E.on.
- Finance:-** a) Payments to be approved:-
It was proposed and seconded (LE/GR) the following be approved for payment.
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| Paid by direct debit:- | |
| Bank Charge (June) | £7 |
| Bank Charge (July) | £7 |
| Yu Energy (June) | £31.99 |
| Yu Energy (July) | £34.89 |
| Northants Police (community speedwatch) | £150 |
| ICO (Data Protection) | £52 |
| For Payment at Meeting:- | |
| Leics. Gardens (1 cut June) | £182.40 |
| L Partridge (clerk's Sal. A/S) | £460.98 |
- b) Receipts
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| Purchase of double grave (plot 72) | £300 |
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- Transfer £750 from savings to current a/c (any surplus to be transferred back to the savings account).
- Planning Applications:-** **New Applications:-** None
- Other Planning Matters:-** **Decisions from West Northants Council:-** None
- Burial Ground:-** The revised plans and schedules are almost ready to be signed off by the committee
- Mowing:-** 1 cut in June – this was agreed by cllrs. No further invoices have been received.
- Community Speedwatch:-** The volunteer meeting has taken place and a co-ordinator elected. The equipment is ready to be delivered when convenient.

Speed signs on Planters:-

It was agreed that signs should not be installed at the moment, whilst the Speedwatch campaign is taking place.

How to share Cllr.Information

Online:-

The meeting agreed that the website should be upgraded to include a secure Members Area at a cost of £10 per month. This will hold cllr. information and Burial Ground information securely and can easily be viewed from the website.

Hot Weather Relief For Residents:-

The meeting agreed the parish council would fund the village hall being used a 'cool space' during hot weather. The trigger temperature is 30 degrees. Cllrs. Liz Ellis and Jayne Wisely-Sharland to administrate.

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.
- 3) Repairs to the bridge at Siddoms Ford have still not been carried out.
- 4) Potholes between the railway bridge and Lodge Farm have re-opened. The clerk to report.
- 5) There are some overhanging trees on Oxendon Road. The clerk to report when photos have been received.

Consultations:-

None

Correspondence:-

Circulated by email:-

- 1) NCALC weekly mini updates
- 2) NCALC monthly E-Update
- 3) Town & Parish briefing
- 4) Highway roadworks link (Braybrooke Road)
- 5) An email was received from Emily Fox regarding a Section 50 licence to allow an electric charging cable to be put under the pavement. The clerk forwarded it to Highways for clarification and they responded directly to the resident with the response that the Highways team is currently reviewing recent government guidance on cross-pavement channels and assessing how cross pavement channels could be introduced safely.
- 6) Project 508 from Draughton & Maidwell parish council – the chairman completed the form and the clerk to return it.
- 7) Highways – re Shambala road closures etc.
- 8) National Scheme of Planning Delegation – Northants CALC e-update sent 19/8/26

At Meeting:-

- 1) Email from Rose Thomas saying the planters look great.
- 2) Voicemail from Mr. Ron Kennedy requesting a memorial for his uncle who was killed in a plane crash in WW11 (see minutes March 2021). The clerk replied asking for a map of the exact location and details of the memorial before the council can discuss it. Nothing more heard to date.
- 3) NALC Annual Conference 6th October 2026
- 4) WNC Parish Conference 2026 – Thursday 26th November, 10am – 1, The Forum, Towcester

Any Other Business:-

- 1) Shambala festival was discussed with issues concerning noise, traffic, poor internet access and power supply problems during the festival. The clerk to bring to the attention of Ward Councillor Irving-Swift

Date of Next Meeting:-

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 8pm in the village hall

Meeting closed at 9.25pm