

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

<b>Present:-</b>	Councillors Lesley Sanderson (chairman), Michael Kennedy, Graham Robinson, Sue Handy, Bernadette Kennedy
<b>Apologies:-</b>	Councillor Liz Ellis - reason approved.
<b>Attendees:-</b>	None
<b>Comments from the public:-</b>	None
<b>Comments from Ward Cllr.:-</b>	<p><b>From the quarterly report:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Could I impress upon everyone to get involved. In order to be able to act, WNC needs to know the issues. So please, report them on the WNC App, or on fixmystreet.com for complaints about the roads. If the council fails to respond, send an email directly to me at <a href="mailto:cécile.irving-swift@westnorthants.gov.uk">cécile.irving-swift@westnorthants.gov.uk</a> and we shall work towards a solution.</li><li>2) WNC Chairman for the year 25/26, Cllr Alison Eastwood, has chosen to raise funds for Maggie's (Maggies.org). "If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with cancer, Maggie's can help." Maggie has just opened a walk-in centre next to Northampton General Hospital. They are there to provide support. You might know of families who could benefit from their help, especially at this time of celebrations,</li></ol>
<b>Declarations of Interest:-</b>	None
<b>Previous Minutes:-</b>	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 be approved and signed.
<b>Matters Arising:-</b>	1) New email addresses for clerk and chairman in progress. This will be done when a direct debit is set up to pay for the website at the next due date.
<b>EV Charging point at Village Hall:-</b>	The Parish Council discussed this at length but clrs. felt they could not support the installation of a charging point at the village hall for the following reasons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) No information was given on the number of potential users</li><li>2) No information was given on whether there would be sufficient charging capacity for the number of users</li><li>3) No information was given regarding the administration of the points i.e. an adequate booking system and method of cash collection.</li><li>4) No information was given regarding the arrangement of parking when waiting for a charging point.</li><li>5) No information regarding the number of car parking spaces being lost to accommodate queuing for the points and using the points.</li><li>6) It is surely inevitable that some car parking spaces will be lost which will lead to more parking on the already congested roads.</li></ol>
<b>Speed Restrict on Kelmarsh Road:-</b>	A complaint was received at the last meeting regarding speeding vehicles on Kelmarsh Road in the village. A request was made to extend the speed restriction zone but requests have been made previously to WNC. The requests have been presented to a panel including Police, Highways etc. and there has to be considerable evidence before a case is presented. A speed restriction in the village would not be considered as it also would not be enforceable. The meeting agreed to investigate hand held speed cameras (Community Speed Watch) which will involve village volunteers to take part or purchasing a fixed speed camera (Vehicle Activated Sign) which will require fund raising. To be discussed further at the next meeting when details are available.
<b>Finance:-</b>	a) Payments to be approved:-

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

Paid by direct debit:-

Yu Energy (Oct)	£56.76
Yu Energy (Nov)	£61.61
Bank Charges (Oct)	£6
Bank Charges (Nov.)	£6

For Payment at Meeting:-

WNC Election Charge	£64.50
L Partridge (clerk's salary Dec/Jan)	£460.98

b) Receipts

Bank Interest	£64.41
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Transfer from savings to current a/c £500

**Final Budget:-**

The draft budget was finalised and the precept set at £7500 for the coming year. The precept form was duly signed.

**Planning Applications:-**

**New Applications:-** None

**Decisions from West Northants Council:-**

**2025/2606/FULL**

**Golden Stables Braybrooke Road Arthingworth LE16 8JW**

**Enlargement of existing pond**

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until a remediation strategy detailing how this contamination will be dealt with has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.
- 4) Prior to commencement of works, a landscape scheme shall be submitted.. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree or shrub, they, or any planted in replacement for them, are removed, uprooted or destroyed or die (or becomes in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective) another tree or shrub of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.

**2025/3946/FULL**

**Ise View Oxendon Road Arthingworth**

**Construction of a single-storey front extension and loft**

**Conversion**

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) External materials strictly in accordance with the submitted plans

**Other Planning Matters:-**

Golden Stables lights are clearly visible from the village at night. This is a breach of the conditions made some time ago.

The clerk to write to Ward Cllr. Irving-Swift and the Enforcement Officer to ask when enforcement can be expected.

**Burial Ground Administration:-**

The Parish Council is the principal burial authority for the burial ground and clrrs are responsible for the administration and ensuring all mandatory and statutory documents are maintained.

It was agreed that in order to comply with regulations a new plan of the ground was necessary.

The clerk to arrange.

**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) The trees on Kelmarsh Road are overgrown and need to be cut back. – 8118356 expected completion by 6/3/26 -
- 3) Very dangerous pothole on Desborough Road by the last cattle grid going out of the village – 8609439/435/442/462. Repairs within 7 days
- 4) Dangerous pothole on Kelmarsh Road (on left going out of the village, just past the building) – the clerk to report

**Consultations:-**

- 1) From WNC:-
  - a) Draft Active Travel Strategy
  - b) Draft Mobility Hub Action Plan
  - c) Draft Rail Action Plan
- 2) West Northamptonshire Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople call for Sites  
Replies by 27<sup>th</sup> January

**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) Notes from the Parish Liaison meeting
- 6) WNC Community Resilience Project

**At Meeting:-** None

**Any Other Business:-** Note to go in the newsletter regarding the parking on Oxendon Road.

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 8pm in the village hall

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm**