

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2010 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT S Handy (Vice Chairperson)
A Knott
L Sanderson
M Osgood
N Audley (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE Y Tinkler, M Hulme, M Roe, C Lunt, P Maybank, S Turner, J Milne, M Milne.

1. APOLOGIES

D Newton, K Handy.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010 were approved and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

MGWSP: Nothing to report. The Clerk will re-report the water on the road, and advise that there is now a pothole forming. The Clerk was also requested to report the large potholes that have formed at the first cattle grid on the Braybrooke Road. Clerk to also inform that all posts have now gone from the middle of the road at all 3 cattle grids and have left holes in the middle of the road, which need attention. Clerk also to enquire who would be responsible for replacing the 'gates' along this gated road.

Burial ground. J Kirby to chase Mr Doody.

Play area. Nothing to report.

30 Limit/SLOW signage. Nothing to report.

Village Hall Tree. The Clerk has spoken to Moulton College, and they are unable to help us with just one tree. The contact will furnish the clerk with details of reliable and trustworthy tree surgeons known to her.

Village Hall Lease. Nothing to report.

Shambala. The meeting D Newton was again cancelled. The Estate will hold a meeting and advise D Newton on the outcome.

Planning. Regarding the 'marquees' on Mr Burston's land, the Clerk has nothing to report but will chase the planning dept to find out what is happening.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated between meetings

- EMDA news Winter Edition
- NCC My County Council Newsletter

- ACRE Village Viewpoint magazine.

Presented to the meeting

- S Turner. Enquiring re minutes on the website. (Clerk's computer and personal email account has been down), and re Village Hall Trees – answered in Matters Arising.
- NCC Tree Warden scheme – AK to possibly attend conference.
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine (x 2).
- DDC Register of Electors – alteration.
- East Midlands fire and Rescue, update on Rescue Control Centre
- DDC 'Time for Action' on climate change booklet
- Ncalc Update on training
- Alzheimers Society, befriending scheme – to be put on notice board.
- NSPCC. Re child protection
- Marshalls – sales literature re paving of front gardens
- NCC Agenda re meeting 2nd February 2010
- Leaflet re Northants Touring Arts
- Charles Lawrence. Sales speculative letter re tennis courts.
- DT Leisure. Sales literature.
- DDC. Register of Electors.
- NCC re parish grass mowing. Cheque due for £145.15.
- NCC Agenda for meeting 25th February 2010.
- HFM. Re article regarding village life. Letter passed to FRC.

6. FINANCE

Statement of accounts:

Community a/c	£ 284.49
Business Premium a/c	£2177.93
Street lighting fund a/c	<u>£2539.86</u>
Total	£5002.28

Income received since last meeting:

VAT £229.31, £101 re burial fees banked, VHC grass mowing £300.00

Expenditure:

P Courtney (website) £59.40, Overman Son & Co Ltd £1110.38, Village Hall Lease £5.00, Clerk Honorarium £200.00. It was proposed by L Sanderson and seconded by A Knott to pay these invoices, and a transfer of funds of £1200 was proposed by S Handy and seconded by A Knott.

7. PLANNING

Nothing to report.

8. KELMARSH AND HARRINGTON WIND FARMS

It has been reported that the Harrington application has been turned down at the council planning meeting, but that the electricity company is due to appeal.

Re Kelmarsh Wind Farm. As there were a number of villagers attending to observe the meeting, S Handy opened this item up for comments from the

floor (see Clerk for notes on this). Following this, the following observations were sent to DDC:

Application Number: DA/2010/0100

Description: *Construction of a wind farm comprising five turbines with a maximum height of 126.5 to blade tip and two turbines with a maximum height of 121m to blade tip, control building, anemometer mast and ancillary infrastructure.*

Location: *Land to the south of the A14 and north of Haselbeck, Kelmarsh, Northamptonshire.*

The Parish Council would like to reiterate our observations made in the scoping report letter dated 10th November 2008 and wish to add the following observations on the current proposal:

- 1. Construction phase. We calculate there will be 5,000 additional lorries above normal traffic load. When the A14 is closed there is currently total congestion on the A508 as well as the surrounding back roads. Consider!*
- 2. Carbon footprint. When the construction phase is taken into consideration there is no argument for carbon savings.*
- 3. Noise. Please find attached a recent newspaper article regarding noise nuisance caused by wind turbines. We are therefore very concerned this will affect Arthingworth.*
- 4. Visual effect. We note there are no graphics concerning the visual effect on Arthingworth. We therefore enclose a photo taken on 6th May 2009 indicating the height of a proposed turbine by an orange balloon (small dot in centre of picture). This photograph was taken at Hall Farm Buildings, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth.*
- 5. Listed buildings. Listed buildings within the parish will suffer from impaired vistas of this tranquil rural area.*
- 6. The flicker effect on motorists on the East to West A14. We fear this will cause motorists problems.*

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Harrington Road – Rabbit Hill. Apparently some rubbish has been tipped at this location. Clerk to advise DDC, along with reporting Leylandii clippings tipped on the Braybrooke Road, and the Xmas trees that are in the Village Hall grounds.

River Ise. Although reported, this has yet to be addressed. Clerk to chase, as Environment Agency advised at the time that this could be the responsibility of the land owner.

Tree Preservation Order. Has been requested for trees on the Estate land, as a prospective buyer of a house on Hall Farm Grove requested if they could be cut down should they buy the house! This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Braybrooke Road Verges. These are currently in a bad way due to the winter weather and inconsiderate driving. A discussion arose over whether a kerb should be put in to reduce this, or enquire into the possibility of putting in another passing place. The Clerk will enquire.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 26th April at 8pm in the Village Hall. The AGM will be held on 4th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall – all villagers are invited to attend and observe.

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**THE NEXT MEETING OF ARTHINGWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2010
AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**** All parishioners are welcome to attend and
observe ****

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Correspondence
6. Finance
7. Planning
8. Tree Preservation Orders
9. Kelmarsh and Harrington Wind Farms
10. Chairman's Report
11. Any Other Business
12. Date of Next Meeting