

MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD on 3rd September 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: John Cooper, Neil Thompson, Martin Byrne, Bill McDowell Rob Hill and Lee Savidge

APOLOGIES: David Hughes (CDC)

Also Present: Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

Item no	Item
82	Declarations of Interest None
83	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 7 th August 2013 were approved as drawn.
84	Motocross Lee Savidge has down loaded a noise meter application for his phonce. It was suggested that all residents should be urged to report noise form the Motocross site to the Environmental health Department at CDC.
85	Councillor's Report Tim Hallchurch (OCC) reported current activity at Oxfordshire County Council and agreed to meet the Chairman of the Parish Council on 12 th September and make a visit to problem areas within the Parish. Other members may accompany the Chairman. He confirmed that work will start in October on the construction of the new Chiltern Railway station at Water Eaton for the new Bicester rail link.
86	Highway and Footpath matters The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the damage to the War memorial to the Council's insurance company and will respond to the questions raised by sending them the information which has been supplied by the Chairman, who has reported the crime to the police and been given a URN. The Chairman and Bill McDowell agreed to obtain quotes for the restoration of the War memorial and repair of the fences surrounding it. The Clerk reported that OCC have agreed to consider the Parish request for a 20mph speed limit through the village. It was reported that 30mph speed limit in the village has now been extended to cover the road by the new housing development. The Clerk confirmed that she has approached OCC for funds to repair the bus shelter. It was reported that BT had cut back some of the vegetation on Norris Road, but there was still no room for a wheelchair on the footpath. The Clerk confirmed OCC's response that the path had been put on the "haters' list".
87	Police and Crime Update The Police Neighbourhood Action Group meets every two months, so an update on activities will be presented in September. It was agreed that all issues in the Village should be collated, and then presented in detail to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was agreed that the Parish case would be assisted by residents reporting crimes so that there was as much evidence of criminal activity as possible.

88 Village Pond/Playing Field

Martin Byrne confirmed that he had received one quote in the sum of £200 for the creation of a barrier to prevent parking on the Village Green. He is waiting for the results of further enquiries. He also confirmed that he would be painting "keep clear" on the road by the Village Hall car park. It was reported that one post of the fence around the playground has been knocked. The Clerk was asked to request a quote to replace it from Mr Dempsey.

89 Planning Applications

13/01089/F 1040 Solar Panels – no objections

The Clerk reported that the application to renew the temporary planning consent relating to the residential gypsy site is shown on the AVDC web site as "being monitored".

90 Planning Decisions

30 Norris Road – extension – approved.

91 Finance

Approved to pay:

Milloy	£90.00
CEF	£957.00

92 Village Hall

Report attached.

Bill McDowell confirmed that a plumbing contractor has been approached to inspect the plumbing at the Village Hall. It is expected that the inspection will have been completed by the end of November.

Concern was expressed that the toilets were badly stained. Martin Byrne agree to obtain quotes to remove the toilet pans.

The Chairman reported that an application for funding had been made to the Sanctuary Fund. It was suggested that Julie Collins should be approached to assist with additional information about village hall bookings to populate the Village Hall web site.

93 Woodpiece Road Proposals

Ongoing..

94 Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he was meeting SSE on 12th September

He reported his correspondence with the Depot concerning depot vehicles and vehicles containing depot personnel driving through the Village.

It was reported that a representative of Oxford Mind Wellbeing (Cherwell and West Oxford) has approached the Chairman with a view to attending a Parish Council meeting to make residents aware of the work of his organisation. It was agreed that, at this stage, it would be more appropriate to support the organisation through an article in the Parish news.

95 Public Participation

It was reported that the former Woodpiece Road Play area was growing ragwort. The Chairman agreed to report this to CDC as the land owner.

Concern was expressed that the hedge at the junction of Murcott Road on leaving the village was overgrowing and creating problems with visibility for road users. There was also a report of an overgrown hedge at Bridge Farm on Palmer Avenue. The Clerk agreed to report both these issues to OCC.

96 Any Other Business

Neil Thompson reported that he had removed most of the fly tipped material form the Playing Field. In response to an enquiry it was confirmed that the Parish would like some winter pansies. It was

noted that 5 trees around the War memorial had been damaged and needed to be removed. Neil Thompson agreed to replace these with Rugosa roses.

The Royal British Legion have confirmed that a representative will attend the commemoration service in November, but it is possible that they will not be able to supply a standard bearer.

It was confirmed that the web site is up and running.

All Councillors were asked to email content for the web site to Lee Savidge.

The Council discussed the availability of allotments, and thought that, while it has a power to supply these, anyone wanting an allotment should apply to Ambrosden in the first instance.

A fixture list displaying the Bardwell Football Club fixtures will be put up on the web site.

97 Date of the next meeting

1st October 2013.

ACTION REGISTER

Date	Action	By
2/4/13	Liaise with police	BM
2/7/13	Advise CDC of breaches re motocross	all
7/8/13	Provide information re Village Green damage to insurers	AD
7/8/13	Collate reports of crimes in village	all
7/8/13	Obtain quotes re post on Vg	MB
7/8/13	Paint "keep clear" for VH car park	MB
7/8/13	Ask Mr Dempsey for quote to repair playground fence	AD
7/8/13	Obtain quote for new toilet pans	MB
7/8/13	Ask for information re VH bookings	LS
7/8/13	Obtain quotes for restoration of War memorial and repair of fence	JC/BM
7/8/13	Report ragwort to CDC	JC
7/8/13	Report overgrown vegetation to OCC	AD