

**MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD on 1st October 2013
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: John Cooper, Neil Thompson, Bill McDowell, Rob Hill

APOLOGIES: Tim Hallchurch (OCC) David Hughes (CDC) Martin Byrne, and Lee Savidge

Also Present:

Item no	Item
98	Declarations of Interest None
99	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 3 rd September 2013 were approved as drawn.
100	Motocross There have been no complaints recently.
101	Highway and Footpath matters Councillors confirmed that the vegetation on Norris Road has now been cut back. The width is now better for pedestrians. So far as the accident at the War memorial is concerned the police have confirmed that they will be taking no further action as they believe that the evidence is insufficient. Neil Thompson has bought some replacement plants. The Chairman agreed to write to Thames Valley Police to see if he could obtain answers to some of their unanswered questions. The Clerk confirmed that an application had been made to OCC for them to fund the replacement of the bus shelter and to enquire whether the parish Council could re instate the bus shelter in a form less susceptible to vandalism. Councillors agreed to check the existing shelter to see if an d-i-y repair is possible as there was concern that the state of the bus shelter is now a hazard.
102	Police and Crime Update Councillors have been made aware of a number of incidents in the Parish. Bill McDowell agreed to formulate a spread sheet with details and the police URN. He also agreed to liaise with other Parish Councils to develop a comprehensive list of incidents in the neighbourhood that would be made available to the Police and crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. The Council agreed that it should create a Police and Crime Sub Committee to progress this work. Bill McDowell reported that he had attended a neighbourhood Watch briefing at CDC and would be looking for residents interested in being involved becoming members of this sub committee.
103	Village Pond/Playing Field The Council is waiting for the bench to be installed, and is also waiting to hear the outcome of the Big Society funding application. It was noted that there are untaxed vehicles parked on the parking area at the Village Green. The Chairman confirmed that Heads of Terms for the new transfer of land to Southern and Scottish Electricity had been agreed , and formal documents now need to be sent to the Clerk.

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- 104 Planning Applications**
13/010380/F 20 Green Lane – reduce the height of the boundary wall.
- 105 Planning Decisions**
13/01089/F Solar Panels – approved.
- 106 Finance**
Approved to pay:
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| Milloy | £90.00 |
| Playsafety | £163.20 |
| BDO | £120.00 |
| Came and Company | £1900-03 |
| Neil Thompson | £ 109.94 |
- 107 Village Hall**
Report attached.
Lettings have increased ;Bardwell Football Club are now playing both days at the week end. The Parish Council agreed to put up a polite notice asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs.
- The parish Council agreed that they should develop a welcome pack for new residents.
It was reported that the toilet in the ladies changing room is backing up and the sink tap is leaking.
It was agreed that the VHC should obtain a quote to clear the drain and repair the leaking tap.
- 108 Woodpiece Road Proposals**
It was confirmed that any development of the former Woodpiece Road Play Area would require planning permission from CDC.
- 109 Correspondence**
None.
- 100 Public Participation**
Ragwort is still a problem in the Village. The Clerk agreed to report this to OCC.
- 101 Any Other Business**
The VHC will be arranging for the Fire extinguishers to be serviced.
Concern was expressed at the amount of petty vandalism around the Village Hall – it was agreed that the Police and Crime Sub Committee should consider whether CCTV is an option.
There is a broken post at the bus stop on the Playing Field. Councillors agreed to inspect and decide whether it could be repaired or removed.
It was agreed that all councillors would look for tradesmen to assist in minor repairs and also to look for contractors offering to quote for grass cutting. The Clerk agreed to ask CDC if they have contractors who would be interested in quoting for this work.
Neil Thompson confirmed that the spare tiles from the ceiling are stored in the shower area of the Village Hall.
It was agreed that the list of sponsors for the Village fete should be put into the parish news.
The Chairman advised that a number of Parish Councils – Blackthorn, Piddington, Ambrosden Merton and Arncott are looking at forming the Ray Valley Focus. It was suggested that the Councils could look to having a joined up village fete occasionally.
The Chairman confirmed that the Royal British Legion will attend the Memorial service at 3.00pm on 10th November with a standard bearer. The service will be led by Rev Howe of Bicester.
- 102 Date of the next meeting**
5th November 2013.
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ACTION REGISTER

Date	Action	By
2/4/13	Liaise with police	BM
2/7/13	Advise CDC of breaches re motocross	all
1/10/13	Write to police re War memorial accident	JC
7/8/13	Collate reports of crimes in village	all
1/10/13	Ask OCC re options for replacement bus shelter	AD
1/10/13	Check shelter to ascertain repair required	all
1/10/13	Contact neighbouring PCs re crime statistics	BM
1/10/13	Nominees for Police and Crime sub committee	BM
1/10/13	Deal with transfer to SSE	AD
1/10/13	Notice re dog fouling	MB
1/10/13	Welcome pack for new residents	all
1/10/13	Report ragwort to OCC	AD
1/10/13	Inspect broken bus shelter to agree repair	all
1/10/13	Contact other PCs to form Ray Valley Focus	JC
1/10/13	Look for contractors for minor maintenance and consider invitation to tender at next meeting	all
1/10/13	Ditto for grass cutting	all