

## **MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Tim Hallchurch (OCC) David Hughes (CDC) and Rob Hill

**Also Present:**

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Item no	Item
103	At the start of the meeting the Council received a presentation on proposals to create a Solar Farm at brook farm Lower Arncott. It was confirmed that the site would generate additional traffic of 3 or 4 vehicles a day during construction – once built it would be maintained by visits from a 4x4. Proposals would include CCTV on site, but there would be no lighting. The company would consider making a donation for community benefit – which could include a solar system on the roof of the Village Hall.
<b>104</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None
<b>105</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting of 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2013 were approved as drawn subject to confirmation that the broken wc was in the ladies toilet and the broken post was near the playground on the playing field.
<b>106</b>	<b>Motocross</b> Meetings are continuing but the site has been quiet. The Clerk was asked to ask CDC for a race schedule for 2014.
<b>107</b>	<b>Highway and Footpath matters</b> Police have confirmed that they have interviewed a suspect in respect of the damage to the War Memorial, but propose to take no further action. The Chairman has raised more questions with them The Clerk has reported that incident to the insurance company with a remediation claim of £1500 to replace stones, slabs and fencing The Clerk was asked to approach OCC to ascertain whether they would be able to give the Council a quote to repair the bus stop. The Council were advised that the “no parking signs” and the bench should be installed week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>108</b>	<b>Police and Crime Update</b> The Chairman read the update form the Parish’s County Councillor Tim Hallchurch. Bill McDowell advised the meeting that he had reported an untaxed vehicle on the public highway to the police. In the 1 hour 2 minutes it took the police to respond the vehicle was moved onto private land. 2 Burglaries have been reported in the village, one arson and one complaint of defecation in a public place. He is preparing a spreadsheet to cover incidents reported over a calendar year.

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- 109 Village Pond/Playing Field**  
The bench should be installed shortly. The Parish has received a grant of £4800 towards the cost of the work to the Village green from the Big Society Fund.
- 110 Planning Applications**  
Fire Station – no objections  
Tally Ho conversion of blocks to sheltered housing. The parish were concerned that this was expressed to be a conversion when one block has yet to be constructed and on this basis it was agreed that an objection to the proposals should be lodged.
- 111 Planning Decisions**  
Boundary Wall 20 Green Lane – approved..
- 112 Finance**  
Approved to pay:
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| Milloy                | £90.00  |
| Penny Wells (wreathe) | £20.00  |
| CDC Dog Bins          | £348.70 |
- The Clerk was asked to chase CDC for payment of the commuted sum for the new play areas and the s 106 monies for "off site sports facilities".
- 113 Village Hall**  
Report attached.  
As Penny Wells has tendered her retirement as Chairman of the Committee the parish Council expressed its thanks for all her hard work over the years, both as a Parish Councillor and in her role on the VH Management Committee.  
Bill McDowell confirmed that a plumber would be visiting the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November to survey the water installations and quote for any remedial work.  
The Chairman agreed to telephone Thames Water to ascertain whether they had any plans of the sewers servicing the Village Hall.  
Bill McDowell also suggested that British gas provide an annual service of the Village Hall heating and agreed to circulate a quote from them.  
The Village Hall Committee has been offered a grant of up to 50% of the cost of the heating and insulation at the Village Hall from Viridor. It was agreed that the Council would obtain quotes with a view to applying for this grant.  
The Sanctuary grant has been applied for.  
It was suggested that the author of the energy efficiency report should be asked to help with the specification of any contract to improve energy efficiency in the Village Hall.
- 114 Woodpiece Road Proposals**  
The Parish Council has been advised that CDC will be developing the Woodpiece Road site themselves – recent correspondence has confirmed that they are aware of the parking issues in Woodpiece Road and are looking at ways of addressing them.
- 115 Correspondence**  
The parish agreed it would like an electronic copy of the Electoral Register. Martin Byrne agreed to liaise with Play bus to see whether a visit to the village was an option.
- 116 Public Participation**  
The Parish Council confirmed that the Remembrance Event would be at 3.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> November.  
It was reported that dog walkers using Patrick Haugh Road are not clearing up after their dogs. This can be reported to the CDC Dog Warden, but it is helpful if there is a time of day when the problem occurs. Residents agreed to check and advise the Clerk accordingly.
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It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider installing a VAS in Norris Road.  
It was been noted that there is an additional gypsy caravan parked on the nearby caravan site.  
The Clerk was asked to report this to AVDC.  
A white Golf and a dark grey Sigma have both been reported speeding through the village.

**117 Any Other Business**

It was reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kits in the kitchen have been replaced.  
All councillors were asked to advise Lee Savidge of content for the web site.  
There is a meeting of the Ray Valley Focus Group at 7.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> November in Ambrosden Village Hall. The group will be looking to co-ordinate action concerning police activity and crime control, and will also focus on the warehouse development at the depot and the effects of increased traffic.  
It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Chairman of Merton parish Council to discuss the Village Plan.

**118 Date of the next meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> December 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
7/8/13	Collate reports of crimes in village	all
5/11/13	Ask OCC for quote to repair bus shelter	AD
5/11/13	Ask CDC for schedule re motocross	AD
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
5/11/13	Chase CDC for commuted sum re sports facilities	AD
1/10/13	Welcome pack for new residents	all
5/11/13	Chase CDC for transfer of play areas.	AD
5/11/13	Attend Ray Valley Focus	JC and all
5/11/13	Advise Lee Savidge of web content	all
5/11/13	Contact Chairman Merton PC	JC