

**MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING HELD on 4th
FEBRUARY 2014
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: John Cooper, Neil Thompson, Lee Savidge and Rob Hill

APOLOGIES: Martin Byrne, and Bill McDowell.

Also Present: Tim Hallchurch (OCC) David Hughes (CDC)

Item no	Item
149	Declarations of Interest None
150	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 7 th January 2014 were approved as drawn.
151	Matters Arising It was reported that the MOD are taking action to achieve the removal of the blue container in Patrick Haugh Road. Metrorod will liaise with Neil Thompson to arrange to survey the drains. It was reported that the Fire Service will be fixing the hydrant marker, and that the worst potholes in Woodpiece Road have been sprayed green.
152	Police and Crime Update Lee Savidge reported that Caroline Brown had sent him a TVPA form for logging antisocial and fly tipping problems.
153	Highways and Footpaths Recent rains have caused deterioration of roads in the parish.
154	Councillors' Reports Councillor Tim Hallchurch (OCC) reported that OCC were in the process of finalising their budget and looking to save 40% of their current spend. It is probable that OCC will agree a tax increase of 1.99% when it meets on 18 th February, while Cherwell Dc will retain a Council tax freeze. School transport was one of the major issues. OCC have benefited from a grant under the City Deal scheme – most of this will be spent on traffic reduction measures including a new link road from the Peartree roundabout to the A40. CDC has decided to develop Graven Hill as an industrial park with residential developments. OCC are looking to improve their flood resilience with a plan for a channel to the east of Oxford. However it should be noted that 3 planning applications to CDC have been approved on appeal even though they are in the flood plain. A bridge will be being constructed to replace the level crossing coming into Bicester to facilitate the EW rail development by Chiltern Rail. There are proposals to build a roundabout from Kingsmere to connect to Graven Hill and it would seem that the new development at Arncott by the MOD will be heavy logistics. David Hughes (CDC) reported that CDC are sharing services with South Northants DC and are achieving some savings in doing so.

When Graven Hill is developed it will be important to ensure that the bypass is built and that the entrance to both Graven Hill and C site is managed to avoid any traffic issues for Arcott. He would support pressure from the Parish to ensure that any development which could affect the village will generate traffic reduction , particularly in so far as vehilces are passing through the village.

155 Planning Applications

13/01882/3 properties in Woodpiece Road – the Parish confirmed that there was no reason to withdraw its objection.

156 Planning Decisions

13/01763/LB Methodist church – residential development – approved
Isolation Centre – approved.

157 Finance

Approved to pay:
Milloy £ 90.00
Mr M Dempsey £350.00

158 Village Hall

The Treasurer and Secretary have both resigned from the Village Hall Committee with effect from 31st March 2014. Neil Thompson will be managing the lettings.

A fish and chip van will be parked in the Car park on Thursdays between 5 -9pm.

CDC have agreed that the Council's New Homes bonus - £8996 can be spent on work to the Village Hall. The Chairman agreed to arrange for a surveyor to visit and advise on appropriate remedial work and cost. It was agreed that the Parish Council wishes to make an application to Viridor for a grant for 2014/15.

159 Transfer to SSE

It was agreed that the transfer should be completed and that the Chairman and Rob Hill should sign the document.

It was also agreed that the Parish should register their title to the playing field at the Land Registry.

160 Correspondence

The Council has received a request from the football club to extend their playing season on the playing field throughout the summer with training events on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Neil Thompson noted that there was a dog training class in the Village Hall on Thursday evenings, and he would see if it was possible to find some outside space for this as well as the football club session.

The parish Council confirmed they would support the proposals but asked the Clerk to check if there was any flexibility in the evenings, and to ask the club if they would remind visitors not to drive into the car park over the verge from the chicane.

It was also suggested that the Club should be asked to produce a plan to improve the pitch to make use of the monies available from CDC for off site recreational facilities.

161 Public Participation

It was reported that some users of the car park are turnng at the chicane and driving across the verge to access the Village Hall car park.

Any Other Business**162**

It was reported that there is a sunken manhole cover at the back of the Village Hall. The Clerk agreed to report this to CDC.

It was agreed that, subject to there being no concerns expressed by Print Run and residents, the Memorial garden should be extended with additional paving slabs.

It was agreed that the ATB plumbing report should be circulated with a view to carrying out the recommended work.

The Clerk was authorised to agree to a contract with Gastech.

It was agreed that Mr Dempsey should be asked if he had any suggestions to improve the surface of the Village Hall car park.

The Clerk was asked to request that OCC cut the hedge overhanging Palmer Ave as the extent of it is causing traffic to move to the middle of the road.

163**Date of the next meeting**

4th March 2014.

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
1/10/13	Nominees for Police and Crime sub committee	BM
1/10/13	Welcome pack for new residents	all
5/11/13	Advise Lee Savidge of web content	all
4/1/14	Arrange for surveyor to advise on Vh	JC
4/1/14	Complete transfer to SSE	AD
4/1/14	Contact Bardwell Fc re summer arrangements	AD
4/1/14	Advise CDC re sunken manhole	AD
4/1/14	Ask OCC to cut back vegetation in Palmer Ave	AD
3/12/13	Complete playground transfer	AD
7/1/14	Investigate CCTV options	BM