

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING  
ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL, VILLAGE HALL  
ON FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014, AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** John Cooper (Chairman), Neil Thompson Lee Savidge and Rob Hill.

**Apologies:** Bill McDowell , Martin Byrne, Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

**Also Present:** David Hughes (CDC)  
21 Parishioners  
Thames Valley Police

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013, having been circulated, were approved as drawn.

**2. Chairman's Report**

Attached.

**3. Police Report**

Community Police officers attended . They confirmed that their patrol plan covered 38 villages in the Bicester Rural Area. They had carried out a number of speeding operations and traffic police had used information supplied by the rural community. They need assistance from residents of time date and location of incidents.

They confirmed that they were aware of a white vehicle "racing around Arncott" and know where it comes from – police require registration numbers which they will pass onto roads policing for appropriate action. The police are aware of potential Anti Social Behaviour and will maintain late evening and early morning patrols to monitor activity.

All residents were urged to attend police "have your say" meetings.

During the meeting the police apprehended some youths who were kicking a ball against a village hall window.

Finally residents were urged to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch and the Thames Valley alerts.

**4. Finance**

The clerk confirmed details of the Parish Council's accounts to the year ending 31/3/14. Due to the monies in respect of the new play areas the Council now has funds in excess of £90,000.

**5. Councillor's Report**

David Hughes advised that Cherwell District Council had saved over £1,000,000 per annum by sharing services with South Northants. They are now looking at sharing IT systems with other district councils.

CDC has a relatively healthy financial position from housing sales. It has facilitated the Bicester Town centre Redevelopment and the Graven Hill development on land CDC has bought from the MOD.

There is a new eco town being constructed between the M40 and Bicester but CDC has recently lost some planning appeals because it does not have sufficient 5 year housing supply.

He advised the meeting that C site were tendering the work on a design and build basis, but there is still a possibility that the MOD will move to Telford.

Bicester is improving its infrastructure and the new Community Hospital will retain its 12 bed facility.  
CDC is providing match funding to upgrade the district to superfast broadband.

**6. Village Hall**

The Committee have resigned, but supporters of the Village Hall are meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May to consider options other than being on the Committee.

**7. Arcott Community Association**

The 300 club continues with 229 members. The balance of £863 was used for the Children's Christmas Party and the Seniors' Dinner. 50 children attended the Christmas party; the Seniors party was, as is usual, held in January. A volunteer is needed to run the ACA.

**8. Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club has been running for 18 years and now meets in the Common Room at Greenfields. There has been an increase in membership. . Next events are a cream tea and a summer lunch. The next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm.

**9 Any Other Business**

Major concern was expressed about the lack of parking in Woodpiece Road. Residents also expressed concern that the grass is not being cut appropriately in Woodpiece Road. Residents enquired when the Woodpiece Road development was about to start and why it had taken Sanctuary Housing 8 weeks to let No 9 Woodpiece Road.

It was reported that the garden of no 37 Buchanan Road is full of old cars, with 1 overhanging the pavement. The Clerk agreed to report this to OCC.

Lee Savidge agreed to liaise with BT to improve the broadband service to the Village.

It was reported that a drain cover was broken on the corner of Palmer Avenue.

The bus shelter is still damaged.

Delivery trucks are damaging posts on Green Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm