

**MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** John Cooper (in the chair), Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne and Neil Thompson

**APOLOGIES:** Rob Hill, David Hughes (District Councillor) and Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

It was unanimously agreed that John Cooper should be elected Chairman of Arncott Parish Council for the year 2015/6 and that Lee Savidge should be Vice Chairman.

### **1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **2 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed.

### **3 Matters Arising**

The Clerk advised that David Hughes had spoken to her about the siting of the trees in Woodpiece Road. He appreciated the Village's concern that they blocked three car parking spaces but he had been advised by CDC officers that they were appropriate for the type of development.

The Clerk confirmed that she had ordered two dog bins from Glasdon.

### **4 Highway and Footpath matters**

It was reported that the drains in Norris Road are full of mud; the Parish is waiting for CDC to replace the outer cover on the waste bin on the corner of Woodpiece and Buchanan Road. The damage by the bus stop has now been repaired by Thames Water.

The overhanging tree on Hopcraft Close has now been cut.

It was agreed that the disabled parking space by the Village Hall should be repainted with hatching to stop the access to the playground being obstructed.

**ACTION- Martin Byrne to re -spray parking space.**

As OCC do not appear to believe that the hole by the bus stop at the playing field is their issue it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for the hole to be filled up. It was reported that the drain in the layby at the bus stop also floods.

**ACTION - Martin Byrne to fill up hole**

**Clerk to report drain in layby to OCC.**

**5 Motocross**

It was reported that the company appear to be sticking with the schedule agreed by CDC.

**6 Planning Applications**

None.

**7 Planning Decisions**

15/00338/F Shop extension – approved.

**8 Finance**

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Mr F Milloy - £140

Cherwell DC - £174.35

M Dempsey - £960

Glasdon -£439.20

**ACTION - Clerk to send cheques**

The Clerk handed round the Parish Council accounts for the year 2014/5

**9 Councillor Reports**

David Hughes had sent his apologies, but had promised to circulate an update on the trees in Woodpiece Road.

## **10 Village Hall**

Neil Thompson reported that the Village Hall was entering into a quieter spell with regard bookings, although regular bookings are still taking place. June has 4 parties book and a dog agility day.

He thanked Martin Byrne for sorting out the Village Hall lights.

The Parish Council agreed that the damaged manhole and surround should be repaired as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would appoint John Cooper and Neil Thompson to be its trustees on the Village Hall Trust. There will also need to be appointments of representative of other village organisations.

## **11 War Memorial**

The overhanging oak tree has now been removed, and ground work for the Memorial will start in June. The sub committee is now looking at choosing a Memorial 9 which will be less than 6 ft high and therefore does not require planning permission).

## **12 Correspondence**

John Cooper and Neil Thompson agreed to attend the CDC Parish Liaison meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## **13 Public Participation**

- A resident asked if the oak tree trunk could be moved to a safer position
- It was reported that OCC have cleared out the highway drains and left the residue over the speed humps.
- A resident expressed concern about the removal of the hedge between Orchard Close and Village Close over the weekend. This has been replaced by a high wooden fence. It was suggested that concerns about the height of the fence should be reported to CDC Planning enforcement.
- The Parish Council was also asked to ascertain when Orchard Close would be adopted by OCC as currently drains and water meters have sunk and one streetlamp does not work

- **ACTION – The Clerk to write to OCC to clarify the position with regard to the adoption of Orchard Close.**
- A resident queried why there appeared to be archaeological excavations taking place in the field behind his property in Buchanan Road.
- **ACTION The Clerk and Chairman to make some enquiries.**
- Residents confirmed that the leylandii in Hopcraft Close had now been cut.

#### **14 Any Other Business**

It was reported that Bardwell Football Club are holding a presentation day in the Village Hall in June.

The Chairman again expressed his thanks to the people who had helped with the litter picking.

The parish Council agreed to support the setting up of a Community Speed watch group. The Police will attend the Open Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May to give more details.

**ACTION – Lee Savidge to investigate a mini pa system.**

#### **15 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

**Chairman**