

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING
ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL, VILLAGE HALL
ON FRIDAY 15th May 2015, AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

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

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 16^h May 2014, having been circulated, were approved as drawn.

2. Chairman's Report

Attached.

3. Police Report

Rebecca Fishwick (TVPA Community Police officer) attended with a colleague . She reported that three males had been arrested for offences in Arcott village and at the Talley Ho Public House.

She acknowledged that speeding through the Village was an issue. The Police could assist the Community to set up a Community Speedwatch Group if there were 5 or 6 volunteers who were prepared to take part. They would then take down registration numbers of speeding traffic who would then receive a warning letter from the police.

Police also referred to incidents of anti social behaviour with vehicles driving over the football pitch. Having received registration details of 1 vehicle this has been issued with a s59 Notice, which means that, should there be any further reports, the vehicle can be seized.

All residents were advised to report incidents to the police and chase up for updates once they have a URN number.

If there are continuing problems the police will use ANPR to record all vehicles passing a certain spot over a specified period of time. The camera will also indicate other issues such as "no insurance". One vehicle was spotted with a driver who was driving while disqualified, and the car was seized.

Current contact details are 999 for an emergency and 101 otherwise. However TVPA are introducing a new facility to contact the police via social media or email. Details will be circulated. Residents were urged to sign up for the TVPA Alert system.

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 £97800, but £50,000 is effectively a reserve to maintain the village playgrounds. The Parish is waiting for a contribution from Sun Edison – the developer of the Windfarm site, which will cover the cost of the new roof for the Village Hall and solar heating.

Bardwell Football Club

The Chairman reported that the Club recognised what a great facility it had in the use of the playing field. They had recruited extra players, including some local children. The Club has recently formed 2 new teams – under 8's and under 9's and has half a girls' team.

There are now 10 teams aged from under 7 to 16 (and an under 16 girls only team) and they play in the Oxford Mail Youth league.

If there are any young people who want to play there is training on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Players and coaches are welcome – so please come along.

On June 6th, in the Village Hall the Club is holding its trophy day. Everyone is welcome.

5. Councillor's Report

David Hughes advised that he is both the Parish's Councillor and a local businessman..

The boundaries of the CDC wards have been changed by the Boundary Commission and from 2016 Arncott will be part of the Launton and Otmoor ward, which will have 3 Councillors to represent them at CDC. This should mean Councillors will have a wider range of skills, but there will be District elections every 3 years.

CDC are discussing sharing officers with other District Councils.

On being questioned about the parking situation in Woodpiece Road Mr Hughes confirmed that CDC were looking at ways to 1) facilitate home owners to drop their kerbs and 2) ways to create extra parking. He will keep the Parish updated on the progress of his discussions.

6. Village Hall

See report attached.

7. Arncott Community Association

Wendy Wilkins is now the Treasurer of the 300 club. Over the last year the club received payments of £1295 and paid out £540 in winnings leaving a balance of £755. This was spent on a very well received Children's party with small gifts and party bags, and a Senior's Christmas party.

The ACA may use some of its balance to buy a dishwasher for the Village Hall Kitchen.

Finally there were thanks to the villagers and the Village Hall Committee for a successful Valentine's Dinner.

8. Friendship Club

The Friendship Club has been running for about 20 years and now meets at 1.45 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. in the Common Room at Greenfields. It is available to anyone at home alone. \they have a wide variety of events suitable for every taste.

9 Any Other Business

Residents raised concerns about speeding motorbikes at about 18.00-19.00 hours, and cars on the wrong side of the road. . The parish council consider a speed indicator device gates or build outs, but volunteers to form part of the Community Speedwatch group would be useful.

Councillors advised that they did not know what would be developed on "C" site.

There was discussion about whether another contractor should complete the works on the Village Green. The meeting was advised that the Council itself was concerned

about the time the work was taking, and would consider options if it was not completed shortly.

A car was reported to be parking on the junction of Murcott/Buchanan Road. The parish Council was thanked for arranging for the firs on the corner of Hopcraft Close to be cut back.

It was agreed that a drawing of the ditch at Buchanan Court would be sent to David Hughes, for him to investigate whether it is owned by CDC or Sanctuary Homes.

All residents were asked to put any Community information onto the Parish Council's web site.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm