

**MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd JUNE 2015 IN THE
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: John Cooper (in the chair), Lee Savidge, and Rob Hill.

APOLOGIES: Martin Byrne, Neil Thompson, David Hughes (District Councillor) and Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

16 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

17 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th May 2015 were agreed.

18 Presentation by Manor Oak Homes

The meeting was attended by representatives of Manor Oak Homes, who are proposing developing land off Buchanan Road in Arccott. They indicated that Cherwell District Council does not at present have sufficient consented housing land in its land bank, and therefore the proposed development will not need to comply with the Council's Local development Framework. The proposal is therefore for a low density scheme of 25 houses per hectare – 12 per acre of 105 properties incorporating a variety of housing styles from 1 – 5 bedrooms and some affordable dwellings.

Further public consultation will take place when the Developer holds an Open meeting in the Village Hall on 18th June.

Q Why is this development taking place on Green belt land

A The land is not designated as Greenbelt in planning terms. However there is a shortage of brownfield sites.

Q The plan appears to suggest potential for other development

A Manor Oak Homes are not interested in any other land in Arccott, but it would be possible for the development to facilitate further development in the area.

Q Is there demand for more housing

A Yes – last year only 119000 houses were built in the UK, of which 33,000 were self build.

Q There is no shortage of brownfield sites locally

A No other sites are available at the moment

The developer's representative then explained that any application would be deemed to be a major application and CDC would need to decide it within 13 weeks. It would be decided by the CDC Planning Committee, and the Developer would have the option of appealing should the decision be made to refuse the applications.

Q How does this application relate to CDC's Local plan

A The proposal is not compliant with the local plan, but as CDC does not have a 5 year supply of housing land its policy is out of date and therefore an application can be submitted.

Q Did your firm develop the land at Launton – do you think it looks crammed in?

A I think it works quite well.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the CDC Local Plan is not out for consultation, with responses due by 8th June. Arccott is shown as a category "A" village, with a bus route and a shop.

Q What happens about the need to increase the number of school places?

A OCC will assess need and may require the Developer to make a contribution towards the cost of additional places.

The Developer was asked to produce an item for the Parish news letter – with a deadline of 13th June and to prepare a leaflet to be delivered to all the residents in the Village.

Parishioners were reminded that there will be a consultation event in the Village Hall on 18th June.

19 Matters Arising

Drains in Norris Road have been marked for repair, but there are also two drains in the layby that require attention. The Clerk was asked to ask OCC to carry out a speed survey in the Village.

The location of Orchard Close was confirmed as being off Murcott Road.

The Clerk was asked to raise the issue of the maintenance of the ditch in Buchanan Court with Sanctuary Housing.

The Chairman reported that he had analysed the OCC grass cutting schedule, and it appeared that there were some areas missing. He agreed to email the Clerk with details.

The Council agreed that, in principle, they would be interested in taking over responsibility for the maintenance of the verges in the Parish, subject to confirmation that additional funds would be available as more new roads were adopted, and clarification of the “missing” areas.

20 Highway and Footpath matters

Ongoing.

21 Motocross

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

22 Planning Applications

15/00316/F 20 Green \Lane – amended plans

No Objection.

23 Planning Decisions

None.

24 Finance

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Mr F Milloy - £140

M Dempsey - £360

25 Village Hall

The Chairman reported that 7 trustees had been appointed to the Village Hall trust/Committee. Their finances were very healthy , with just over £7500 in the bank. The ACA was in a similar financial position.

4 parties are planned for June. It was agreed that the Council would look at installing solar panels/storage heaters in the Village Hall when the money arrives from Sun Edison.

26 War Memorial

Ground work for the War memorial will start in the last week of June. The Sub Committee is looking for a simple stone obelisk with plaques, at a cost of approximately £4500.

27 Correspondence

The Council agreed that they did not want to join The Oxfordshire Playing Field Association this year.

The Chairman reported that there would be a service of celebration at the Church of St Mary the Virgin on 18th June at 7.30pm.

28 Public Participation

- The Clerk was asked to re instate the action register in the minutes of the meeting.
- It was agreed that OCC would be asked to cut the hedge on the right of Mill Lane between 35 Mill Lane to the top of the road, and opposite the Fire Station in Palmer avenue.
- A request was made for speeding signs as seen in Ambrosden. The Chairman explained that, having raised this issue with OCC, he had been advised that the streetlights in Arcott were sufficiently close together

to enable drivers to recognise it as a built up area, therefore it would not be appropriate for more signs to be put up, and OCC would not consider a 20mph speed limit either.

- The Chairman reported that he had complained to the Garrison about uniformed soldiers speeding through the Village. Although he has not received an acknowledgment, his impression was that things had improved.
- Residents commented that motorbikes speeding through the Village were still a problem.

29 Any Other Business

Fly tipping Including a fridge freezer , at the coach park has been reported to CDC.

It was reported that a Peugeot van parked in the Village had been broken into and its tools stolen.

The Council is waiting to hear from Chris Kidd (TVPA) about Community Speed watch.

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from the CDC arborial expert about the proposed tree planting in Woodpiece Road.

30 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2015.

Chairman

Action register

Date	Action	Who by
2/6/15	Ask OCC for speed survey	AD
2/6/15	Confirm location of Orchard Close	AD
2/6/15	Ask Sanctuary about maintenance of ditch	AD
2/6/15	Confirm grass cutting	JC
2/6/15	Confirm with OCC Parish Council's acceptance of grass cutting in principle	AD
2/6/15	Ask OCC re hedge in Mill Lane	AD