

**MINUTES OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th JULY 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 (Cherwell District Council)

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

31 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

32 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd June 2015 were agreed.

33 Matters discussed at earlier meetings

It was reported that six – eight people have shown interest in being part of a Community Speedwatch group. Chris Kidd from Thames Valley Police will advise the Council on its formation.

32 Highway and Footpath matters

It was reported that the highway drain by the bus stop has now been filled.

The Council will seek and estimate from Mr Dempsey of the cost of replacing the broken bollard by the play area outside the Village hall.

The Chairman will be driving round the village with Mr Dempsey on 12th July 2015 to look at the areas of verge that need cutting. Martin Byrne agreed to join him.

Potholes in the village, the loose kerbstone in Woodpiece Road and the cobble stone in Greenfields have all been reported.

The Clerk reported that she had chased up her request for a speed survey.

33 Motocross

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the planning officer at CDC who had confirmed that no new information regarding the use of the land had been received from the site operator.

34 Planning Applications

None

35 Planning Decisions

15/00316/F 20 Green Lane – approved..

36 Finance

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Mr F Milloy - £140

M Dempsey - £390

Electrical repairs - £256.00

The Council approved its annual governance statement and authorised the Chairman to sign the same.

37 Councillor's Report

Councillor Tim Hallchurch reported that the Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council will retire at the end of September 2015.

Oxfordshire had a small underspend in 2014/5 and this year is investing over £40M in its roads.

High speed broadband should be available in Arncott from September for those properties that do not have it.

The development of Graven Hill has been delayed due to an ongoing dispute between the MOD and its tenant farmer. Greater crested newts will need to be cleared from the site and development will not therefore start before March 2016. There will be an open day for parties interested in Graven Hill in the Tally

Ho PH on 10th July. It is expected that the developments around Bicester will generate 2000 new jobs and apprenticeships.

He suggested that the Parish should ask Network Rail for compensation for the disruption caused by the roadworks during the work on the train line.

When asked about suggestions of a new motorway junction he confirmed that he had no new information, but, if possible, would circulate anything he did receive.

38 Village Hall

Bookings are good, although some regular users are not using the hall over the summer. A music aerobics class is now using the hall 2 evenings a week for the next three weeks.

The Council considered a suggestion that the Village Hall Committee would like to buy a glass dishwasher, which would be funded by the Arcott Community Association. It was agreed that, provided it was paid and fitted by the Community Association, the installation could go ahead.

The Council confirmed that , subject to a suitable estimate, they would replace the garage door on the store room.

The Council agreed to the Village hall committee's proposal to place a road sign and a name sign on the Village Hall.

39 War Memorial

Ground work for the War memorial will start shortly. The Council is still waiting for quotes from stone masons.

40 Correspondence

None.

41 Public Participation

- David Hughes has been shown the state of the ditch in Buchanan Road.
- There is overgrowing vegetation by the empty house at the top of Mill Lane.

- Two residents attended the Parish Council to discuss their proposal to start a Youth Club in the Village. It was suggested that an approach should be made to the Oxfordshire Youth Club Association for support/training etc.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the project in principle, and would await further details.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council needed a Safeguarding Policy, and the Clerk was asked to draft the same.

42 Any Other Business

Gigaclear have indicated an interest in discussing Broadband needs with residents.

The abandoned car in Teale Close will be removed and it was reported that the homeless man had moved on.

There was damage to a car parked in Woodpiece Road. Councillors are following this up.

Discussions have taken place about the works to the old playground. To rotovate, level and seed is estimated at £750, to turf rather than seed at £1500. The contractor has confirmed that all the work will be completed by 30th September.

Councillors agreed to proceed to have the land turfed, but suggested that there should be a penalty if the work is not completed in the agreed timescale.

Councillors agreed to finalise the locations of the village dog bins.

43 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th August 2015.

Chairman

Action register

Date	Action	Who by
7/7/15	Agree location for speed survey	AD
2/6/15	Ask Sanctuary about maintenance of ditch	AD
7/7/15	Draft safeguarding policy	AD
7/7.15	Agree work on Village Green	JC
7/7/15	Agree locations of dog bins	MB/LS
7/7/15	Finalise grass cutting including new road areas	JC
7/7/15	Raise compensation with network Rail	AD