

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> January  
2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Tim Hallchurch (OCC)

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Hughes (CDC)

**109. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**110. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 were agreed as drawn.

**111. Matters discussed at earlier meetings**

Cllr Byrne reported that he had now estimated the cost of a lockable external plug would be in the region of £200. The Council agreed that it wished to proceed with the work at this price.

The Clerk was asked to approach OCC to ascertain whether they had any “kill your speed” or other speed reduction signs.

The Clerk confirmed that she had now banked the cheque for the Resilience Grant.

**112. Highway and Footpath matters**

It was agreed that, as the limits of the village had been extended, there was a need for another buildout at the end of the village by St George’s Barracks.

It was reported that it was proving difficult to make contact with TVPA over Speedwatch. It was therefore agreed that PC Caroline Brown should be invited to a Parish Council meeting.

The potholes in Woodpiece Road and Green lane have been reported to OCC.

The Council noted that OCC considered that they had transferred ownership of the bus shelters to the Parish. While the Clerk is still disputing this with the County Council it was agreed that there was a need for some maintenance to be carried out. It was agreed that the original supplier should be contacted to enquire as to whether they sell any reinforced panels or fixings for the shelters.

### **113. Motocross**

Ongoing.

### **114. SSE Resilience Fund**

The Clerk reported that the cheque for the Resilience Fund had been banked and that the Parish would need to consider spending the fund.

### **115. Planning Applications**

None

### **116. Planning Decisions**

15/02024/ADV 1 illuminated and 6 non illuminated signs at Best One Arncott Supermarket – approved.

### **117. Finance**

The current financial position of the Parish Council is shown in Appendix 1.

The Parish Council considered a report on its current expenditure and projected budget for 2016/17 ( attached at Appendix 2) and agreed to ask for a precept of £14500 . As the figure on which the tax base had been calculated in 2015/16 had been increased significantly by the District Council this could be perceived as a substantial rise, but it is only £500 more than the Parish presently receives, an increase of 3.57%, and represents an average charge of less than £41.50 per household for the forthcoming year, up from £40.00.'

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Mr F Milloy	Cleaning	(101450)	£140.00
Chairman ( postage)		(101451)	£ 2.33

Glasdon UK

(101442)

£209.96

### **118. Councillor's Report**

David Hughes reported that he had had an update from officers on proposals for Woodpiece Road. It is hoped that a report with options will be available shortly. CDC are concerned that action in Arncott may be seen as a precedent for other villages, but Councillors pointed out that the problems of parking in Woodpiece Road had been made significantly worse by the actions of CDC themselves, who had built three properties on the Parish Council's former playground ( and removed street parking to do so) and permitted development of the Buchanan Court Parking area which had resulted in the loss of 46 parking spaces.

### **119. Village Hall**

The VHC has about £8500 in its savings account, and it has about 18 regular bookings generating about £400pcm.

Funds held by the former village football club have been paid into the Village Hall's bank account.

### **Parish Council Matters**

The Parish Council agreed to authorise the quote from Steve Monger for a new Noticeboard and to refurbish other village noticeboards, and also agreed to authorise expenditure on the replacement of bollards around the Village Green and the War memorial.

The Council decided not to proceed with a litter blitz this year.

It was agreed that a neighbouring parish should be invited to come to a Parish Council meeting to explain the benefits they perceived in having a neighbourhood Plan.

The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire has asked Villages to consider holding parties for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday weekend (June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) . It was agreed that this request should be considered by the Village Hall Committee.

## **120. Correspondence**

None.

## **121. Public Participation**

Members of the Public present expressed concern at the apparent variable speed limits on the road between Ambrosden and Arcott. This has been referred to OCC by the Clerk.

## **122. Any Other Business**

Councillors agreed to prepare a scheme to fence and drain the playing field – to enable them to make an application to CDC for the release of the funds held for the improvement of sports facilities in the Parish.

It was suggested that the gun noise heard recently in the village was the Gun Club at either Magnolia Farm or Jericho Farm, rather than activity of the MOD.

It was agreed that the poppy wreaths around the War memorial should now be removed, but the crosses left.

The Parish Council agreed to proceed to arrange for a gardener to maintain the War Memorial garden.

It was agreed that the Council would investigate CCTV.

## **123. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

**Chairman**

**Arccott Parish  
Council**

**Monthly  
Financial  
Report**

Parish Council Meeting 05 January  
2016

Payments processed since last meeting £818.60

01- Dec- 15	Mr F Milloy	1446	£140.00
01- Dec- 15	J Cooper	1447	£9.00
01- Dec- 15	B2B	1448	£172.80
01- Dec- 15	Chris Drewett Signs	1449	£496.80

Receipts processed since last meeting £6,807.67

29- Dec- 15	SSE	£6,803.00
29- Dec- 15	SSE	£4.67

Bank Reconciliation Statement dated 30 December 2015

Current account £122,315.48

Items not yet

cleared:

Recei pts	Transfer ex Current A/c	£75,000.00
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Paym ents	Cambridge Building Society	£75,000.00
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	<u>£122,315.4</u>
Net Total	<u>8</u>

# Arcott Parish Council

# Budget 2016/17

		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	To Date
Payments							
Personnel	Salaries		600	600	600	600	0
	Clerks expenses		400	400	400	400	0
Office	Bank Interest			0	0	0	0
	Office / stationery		215	0	130	0	133
	Insurance		1900	2000	1978	2000	1982
	Audit		100	200	300	200	200
	Data Protection			35	0	35	35
Council	RoSPA Inspection		136	150	136	150	136
	Subscriptions		0	115	117	115	135
Maintenance	Grass Cutting		4400	5000	3950	5000	3485
	Dog bin collection		291	500	412	500	495
	Play ground		0	0	1180	0	247
	Village Hall		4292	5000	15713	5000	1818
	village cleaner		990	1000	1130	1000	1002
	Trees		645	0	450	0	0
Grants	Donations/S.137		436	0	100	0	25
CLP	CLP			0	0	0	0
Communications	Website			0	0	0	0
	Newsletter		377		552	200	0
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous					0	0
Projects	Dog Bins			0		0	366
	War Memorial					9000	10489
	Solar Panels					0	13574
	Resilience						0
	Village Hall heating						0
	Bollards/gardener						0
Contingency				0		0	

		<b>0</b>	<b>14782</b>	<b>15000</b>	<b>27149</b>	<b>24200</b>	<b>34121</b>
Receipts							
Precept			11798	13250	13250	14000	14000
Bank Interest						0	0
Rent			800		0	1200	1500
Grants & Donations	National Grant			18947			1000
New Homes				10000	11194	8500	8498
Resilience						0	0
Donations			5210		0	0	42738
OCC Grass grant						0	0
CLP						0	0
Miscellaneous			55628		867	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>92383</b>	<b>23250</b>	<b>25311</b>	<b>24700</b>	<b>67773</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>77601</b>	<b>8250</b>	<b>-1838</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>33653</b>
Reserves at year end				92454		95021	



## Action register

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who by</b>
6/10/15	Ask CDC re ownership of ditch	AD
5/1/16	Return completed Cambridge Building Society forms	AD
3/11/15	Quotes for VH heating	JC
5/1/16	Install o/s plug	MB
5/1/16	Contact Carpenter re Noticeboard/contractor re bollards	JC
5/1/16	Contact manufacturer of bus stops	PW
5/1/16	Write to DH re Woodpiece Road	AD
5/1/16	Ask OCC re Reduce your speed signs	AD
5/1/16	Ask VHC members to monitor solar panels	JC
5/1/16	Ask OCC re variable speed limit?	AD