

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st MARCH
2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

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

APOLOGIES:

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Hallchurch (OCC) David Hughes (CDC)

Chris Kidd (TVPA)

142. Community Speedwatch

Chris Kidd (TVPA) attended the meeting to outline options for a Community Speedwatch group. He commenced by confirming that Thames Valley Police had visited Arccott to carry out speed checks on 25th January when they had observed 5 people travelling between 35 and 37MPH, 3 between 38- 40mph and one car without insurance or car tax.

Despite this visit TVPA have limited resources to carry out speed checks, and therefore they need community groups to carry out their own speed checks and then advise the police of the location of particular “hotspots”. The group chooses appropriate locations and sends details to TVPA of vehicles exceeding 35mph (if in a 30mph limit). The registered owner of the vehicle receives a letter from TVPA, and, if more than 3 events are recorded, will also receive a visit from Roads Policing officers.

The Council was advised that the group should choose locations in any area covered by 30 or 40mph speed controls and erect “Community Speedwatch” signs either side of their chosen location. They should ensure that they do not cause an obstruction, and are advised not to operate at times of bad visibility.

They need to record Time, Date, Location, effective speed limit, recorded speed and vehicle registration number, together with make and model of the car if possible. They need to purchase an approved speed gun, but, as the action does not result in formal enforcement, there is no requirement for the speed gun to be calibrated.

They may also report reckless/careless driving for investigation by the Police.
Once a group is set up Chris Kidd will carry out some formal training for them.

143. Declarations of Interest

None.

144. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2016 were agreed as drawn.

145. Matters discussed at earlier meetings

The application to the Cambridge Building Society is now ready for submission.

Councillors considered the quote for the Village Hall heating replacement and agreed to proceed with the quote received from GHS heating, subject to the installation taking place at a time convenient to the Village Hall letting schedule.

The plug outside the Village Hall will be fitted shortly.

The Council considered two options for its bus shelters. It could 1) purchase an anti-vandal shelter for £2300, or 2) refurbish the shelter outside the Village Hall at a cost of about £550 with some “anti kick panels” and redo the glazing beads, clean the shelter outside the Tally Ho and carry out minor refurbishment to the shelter outside Print Run. The Council agreed to proceed with option 2.

The Clerk was advised that the rubble behind the new houses in Woodpiece Road had been left by FSG Builders of Milton Keynes.

The Council agreed that it was not ready to proceed to develop a Neighbourhood Plan at the moment.

146. Highway and Footpath matters

Vehicles parking on the corner of Woodpiece and Buchanan Road are still a problem – the Clerk was asked to write to PC Caroline Brown for assistance.

Potholes in the village have been filled, and the Harper Close sign and the street light have been repaired.

The build out in Ploughley Road has been damaged – the Clerk will report it on “Fix my street”.

Cllr Byrne agreed to see if he could obtain quotes for 10 hi visibility vests.

147. Motocross

A Meetings schedule is now on the Parish Council’s web site.

148. SSE Resilience Fund

An advertisement for people interested in defibrillator/first aid training will be placed on the web site.

149. Planning Applications

None

150. Planning Decisions

S & S Motors Rear Of 63 Ploughley Road Arccott Bicester OX25 1NY

Ref. No: 15/02353/OUT - refused.

151. Finance

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

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Steve Monger carpentry (Noticeboards)	(101458)	£1615.00
Glasdon Uk Ltd (Dog bins)	(101459)	£ 252.10
Tetbury Accounting (payroll)	(101460)	£120.00
HMRC (clerk tax)	(101461)	£120.00
Mr F Milloy (cleaning)	(101462)	£140.00
Mrs A Davies (salary and expenses)	(101463)	£936.00
OALC (subscription)	(101464)	£170.89
Piddington PC (refund of error)	(101465)	£2000.00

Cambridge Building Society	(deposit)	(101466)	£75,000.00
AVHMC	(sponsorship)	(101467)	£25.00

152. Council Documents

The Council confirmed its agreement to its Standing orders, Financial regulations, Safeguarding Policy, Asset register and Risk register.

153. Councillor's Report

Tim Hall Church's report (OCC) was circulated by the Clerk. He reported that the Graven Hill development is progressing and will lead to a substantial increase in the population of Bicester.

OCC has agreed a coalition budget, which will see an increase in council tax of 3.99%.

OCC are reviewing its Children's centres.

He confirmed that, despite rumours to the contrary, London Road Bicester will not close permanently.

154. Village Hall

The VHC has over £9000 in its savings account, and it has about 28 lettings in March. There was a profit of £100 from the Valentine's Dinner on 13th February.

Bardwell FC have been asked to keep the changing rooms tidy and put the lawn mowers away.

The Council agreed to sponsor a race at race night on 12th March.

Cllr Byrne agreed to look into a suitable hand dryer for the Village Hall toilets.

155. Parish Council Matters

Cllr David Hughes reported that an updated report on Woodpiece Road will be going to CDC's "Build Board". Once the date is fixed he will also attend in support.

156. War Memorial

The Council considered quotes of hourly rates from 2 gardeners and agreed to appoint Tracey Reed as gardener to maintain the War Memorial. It asked John Cooper and an interested resident to meet with her to agree a planting scheme. It also agreed a budget of up to £250 to cover the cost of the purchase of plants and the planting work required.

157. Correspondence

There is a meeting at TVPA Headquarters on 16th March to discuss local policing issues.

The Chairman agreed to circulate information he had received about a regular maintenance contract with Empower for the Solar panels.

158. Public Participation

None

159. Any Other Business

The Chairman advised the meeting that he was not intending to seek re-election to the Parish Council at the forthcoming Parish elections in May.

160. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th April 2016.

Chairman

Arcott Parish Council

**Monthly
Financial
Report**

Parish Council Meeting

01 March 2016

Payments processed since last meeting

£3,123.40

02-Feb-16	Mr M Dempsey	1454	£1,180.00
02-Feb-16	Mr F Milloy	1455	£140.00
02-Feb-16	Protect signs ltd	1456	£188.40
	Cancelled	1457	
16-Feb-16	Steve Monger	1458	£1,615.00

Receipts processed since last meeting

£2,000.00

05-Feb-16	Gigaclear		£2,000.00
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Bank
Reconciliation

Statement
dated

26 February
2016

Current account

£118,431.90

Action register

Date	Action	Who by
1/3/16	Return to Cambridge Building Society all ID	AD
5/1/16	Install o/s plug	MB
1/3/16	arrange bus shelter repairs	PW
2/2/16	Chase CDc removal of rubble	AD
2/2/16	Quote 10 Hi Vis vests	MB
2/2/16	Order speedwatch gun	AD
1/3/16	Monitor MD to change location of dog bin by VH and order/install dog bin in Lower Arccott	AD
1/3/16	Chase OCC re extended speed limit and build out	AD
1/3/16	Advertise for volunteers for defib/ist aid training	AD/LS
1/3/16	Report damaged build out	AD
1/3/16	Appoint gardener	JC
1/3/16	Investigate hand dryer for VH toilets	MB