

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd
AUGUST 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Lee Savidge (in the chair), Ade Doore, Martin Byrne Di Selby and Paul Genge.

APOLOGIES: Paul Wilson, Nicola Smith, David Hughes (CDC) and Timothy Hallchurch (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT:

26. Declarations of Interest

None.

27. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2016 were agreed as drawn.

28. Matters discussed at earlier meetings

CLlr Byrne confirmed that he had investigated suitable generators, and he recommended a generator costing £900 inclusive of delivery. There would also be a need to carry out some minor electrical work so that the generator would be available in an emergency to maintain power in the Village Hall. The Council agreed this recommendation and authorised its purchase.

29. Parish Council matters

a. MOD/DEMS

The Clerk has queried the meaning of “low level bangs” with the MOD and been advised that all explosives will be below .5kg. The MOD will continue to advise the village in advance of any activity. The Clerk was asked to advise the MOD contact that, despite the “low level bangs” houses were shaken, and ask if they had carried out a risk assessment of the potential dangers to legitimate road users.

b. Work to the playing field.

The Clerk has spoken to CDC, who have indicated that the money for “Off site sports facilities” is in the region of “12000” . This needs to be paid to them by the developer – Bloor Homes, and they will then, subject to CDC approval, forward the money to the Parish Council. It was suggested that, rather than a fence or obstruction to prevent vehicles driving on the playing field, the Council should look at a small “moat, which could be planted and become a location to enhance wild life in the Village, and which would be a more attractive feature.

c. Speeding Traffic

OCC have about £12800 held for transport infrastructure works required following the new housing development in Arncott. Councillors will be meeting a representative of OCC on 11th August to discuss the location/costings of a build out and also an extension of the 30mph limit on Palmer Avenue.

d. Verge cutting

It was agreed that a schedule of maintenance should be agreed with the Council’s Contractor.

e. Hedging and tree maintenance

IT was agreed that work to the hedge in Constables Croft should take place as soon as possible, and work to other hedges fronting Mill lane is also becoming urgent. The Clerk will send Cllr Genge contact details for some contractors.

The Parish Council agreed the extra work involved in cutting the hedge between Greenfields and Harper Close.

The Clerk was asked to request that Greensquare cut down their hedge at Harper Close by 50% and cut back the hedge to allow vehicular access to properties, as it is currently encroaching on parking spaces.

The Council noted that hedges were encroaching over the highway in Palmer Avenue, and was asked to request that OCC contact the relevant property owners to ask them to cut their hedges back.

f. Highway and Footpath matters

The pothole outside the shop has been reported.

g. SSE Resilience Fund

First aid training is being arranged. It was suggested that 27th October may be an acceptable date.

h. Bus shelter repairs

These have been completed.

i. Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group is now waiting for police training before starting. There was some concern expressed about noisy motorbikes through the village.

30. Planning Applications

Erection of two pairs of semi-detached two storey dwellings with associated parking and amenity space provision Land Adjacent To Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arcott Ref. No: 16/01379/F

The Parish Council , having considered this application, considered that 4 properties was an overdevelopment of the site, and also had concerns about the safety of the proposed access onto the highway.

Two storey side extension to provide garage & bedroom accommodation and erection of new orangery to rear 1 Buchanan Road Upper Arcott Bicester OX25 1PH Ref. No: 16/01299/F

No objections.

31. Planning Decisions

None.

32. Finance

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

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Tracey Reed (Hedge)	101501	£950.00
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Mr F Milloy	(Cleaner)	101902	£140.00
HMRC	(CI tax)	101903	£37.00
Mrs A Davies	(CI salary)	101904	£157.00
Bus Shelters Ltd	(repairs)	101905	£449.52

33. Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee have agreed to look at the storage facilities and attempt to clear them out. A weekend is to be agreed, and the Parish Council agreed that it would fund the cost of a lockable skip for any rubbish. Any sellable items would be listed on "Freecycle".

Lettings have held up well over the summer, and finances are healthy.

34. Woodpiece Road

Ongoing. The Clerk was asked to chase CDC.

35. Correspondence

None.

36. Public Participation

It was reported that there are some weeds lying by the Memorial Garden. It was agreed that these should be bagged up for disposal. There is no news of any further housing development.

37. Any Other Business

None.

38. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday September 6th 2016.

Chairman

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Aarcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	02 August 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£6,888.80
05-Jul-16	Mr F Milloy	101494		£140.00
05-Jul-16	information commissioner	101495		£35.00
05-Jul-16	Wel Medical	101496		£3,376.20
05-Jul-16	Hi vis vests	101497		£71.20
05-Jul-16	St Johns ambulance	101498		£213.60
05-Jul-16	Mr M Dempsey	101499		£360.00
19-Jul-16	Gas Heating ltd	101500		£2,692.80
Receipts processed since previous report				£1,604.00
08-Jun-16	Print Run			£100.00
20-Jun-16	SSE			£4.00
05-Jul-16	Bardwell FC			£1,500.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	29 July 2016
Cambridge BS Account				£75,000.00
Savings account				£9.64
Current account				£55,970.42
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	OALC			£170.89
	St Johns ambulance			£213.60
			Net Total	<u>£130,595.57</u>

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