

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Paul Wilson (Chairman), Lee Savidge , Ade Doore , Nicola Smith, and Di Selby

**APOLOGIES:** Martin Byrne, David Hughes (CDC)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Timothy Hallchurch (OCC)

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**52. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed as drawn.

**53. Matters discussed at earlier meetings**

It was confirmed that news of the generator is still awaited.

**54. Councillors' reports**

Cllr Hallchurch reported on activity at OCC. He explained that the matter of immediate interest was the proposal (from the Highways Agency) to look at a road route connecting Cambridge, Oxford and the channel ports. This could involve the construction of a road interchange near Merton, although he stressed that plans were at an early stage.

He updated the proposals on Unitary Authorities in Oxfordshire, and also advised the Parish Council that he would not be standing for election to Oxfordshire County Council in the 2017 County elections.

**55. Planning Applications**

None.

**56.Planning Decisions**

None

## 57. Finance.

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

Cheques were signed as follows :-

Cherwell District Council	(Dog bins)	101522	£576.58
HMRC	(CI tax)	101523	£36.60
Mrs A Davies	(CI salary)	101524	£157.40
Mr F Milloy	(cleaner)	101525	£140.00

## 58. Report from Village Hall Committee

See report attached.

## 59. Parish Council matters

### a. MOD/DEMS

Immediately after the last meeting the Clerk received notification from the MOD that exercises involving explosives were planned for 31<sup>st</sup> October. A resident confirmed members of his family had attended, and raised a number of health and safety issues with the MOD.

### b. Work to the playing field.

The Clerk has been advised by CDC that they should be in a position to confirm the situation to the Parish Council within the next two weeks. As soon as the information is to hand she will pass it on to Cllr Selby.

### c. Trees

The Parish Council agreed to instruct an arboricultural consultant (Jeremy Sasha) to carry out a survey of its trees and report on any suggested action. Once the survey has been completed this should inform the programme of work of a tree surgeon over the next five or

so years. The parish Council agreed that work to trees in the hedge line of Mill Lane should be carried out as a priority.

**d. SSE Resilience Fund**

There was very successful defibrillator and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training held in the village by Ian Jones of South central Ambulance Services. Following this one defibrillator has now been installed on the wall of the Village Hall, and Cllr Smith agreed to make enquiries of the Talley Ho to see if they wanted the Parish Council to make installation arrangements.

It was suggested that, if there was sufficient interest, another 1<sup>st</sup> Aid event would be held in 2017.

News of the generator is awaited.

**e. Parking update**

CDC are now carrying out a detailed evaluation of Woodpiece Road, with a view to preparing a report into detailed options in mid December.

**f. Speedwatch**

The group has eight volunteers and all necessary equipment. Cllr Savidge has agreed to chase TVPA again for training, ideally once the evenings are lighter in the Spring 2017.

**g. Speeding Traffic – Murcott Road Build out**

OCC have now responded with costings (including a 40% contingency) . They have also confirmed both that they would expect the cost to be reduced once they begin detailed design work, and that the County Council is holding over £12800 of section 106 monies which can be made available towards the cost of improvement schemes on the highway network. Once the Council confirms that it wishes to proceed, design work will begin.

Information about a change of the speed limit in Palmer Ave is awaited. The Parish Council authorised the Clerk to confirm that it would wish to proceed with the proposals, and also confirmed that it would be happy to be involved in OCC's Consultation process.

**h. Road repairs**

There are currently no outstanding potholes repairs, but concern was expressed about the road surface in Mill Lane.

## **60. Correspondence**

The Parish Council noted receipt of a letter from CDC asking if they wanted to increase their number of Parish Councillors. Councillors felt that 7 was still an appropriate number of Councillors for the village.

## **61. Public Participation**

A number of members of the public suggested that OCC should be asked to repaint the mini roundabouts by palmer Ave, and also to repaint the triangles on the speed humps in Ploughley Road. It was agreed that, initially, these could be reported on "Fix my Street".

It was reported that some of the paving slabs at the War memorial are unstable.

A resident reported that he and his family had recently walked the public paths around Arccott, and found many styles rotten, and the gated access to the footpath by the solar farm locked. It was agreed that he would send a pan with the problems clearly shown, and the Clerk would forward them onto OCC.

## **62. Any Other Business**

The Parish Council authorised the Clerk to serve notices on the owner of Arcnote Park asking them to cut back the hedge overgrowing the highway.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Paul Genge had resigned from the Council as he was leaving the village. The Clerk advised the process for advertising the vacancy, and notices of a Casual vacancy will be put up in the Village.

## **63. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Chairman**



Aarcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	01 November 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£958.48
04-Oct-16	Mr F Milloy		101516	£140.00
04-Oct-16	HMRC		101517	£37.00
04-Oct-16	BDO		101518	£396.00
04-Oct-16	Mrs A Davies		101518	£157.00
04-Oct-16	JML Hardware		101519	£228.48
04-Oct-16	EP Barras		101520	
Receipts processed since previous report				£7,865.41
31-Aug-16	OCC			£615.41
15-Sep-16	Cherwell DC			£7,250.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	29 September 2016
Cambridge BS Account				£75,000.00
Savings account				£9.64
Current account				£57,889.13
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	OALC			£170.89
	Royal british legion			£25.00
	EP Barras			£0.00
			Net Total	<u>£132,702.88</u>

