

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> July  
2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Paul Wilson (Chairman), Ade Doore, Martin Byrne.

**APOLOGIES:** Lee Savidge, Nicola Smith and Di Selby.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leaders of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ambrosden Scout group

**21. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**22. 1<sup>st</sup> Ambrosden Scout group**

The meeting started with a presentation from the leaders of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ambrosden Scout group, which has recently started and is meeting in Arccott Village hall. They explained that they had now recruited another scout leader, which gave the group capacity to take up to 24 scouts, and they were also hoping to be able to start a cubs group for 8-10 members shortly.

Their current outgoings are hall hire and activities for the children to do at Scouts. Income is £25 per child per term, and they have also applied for an option to accept gift aid.

They are looking at spending about £4500 on equipment, for which they are looking at donations and sponsorship.

The Village Hall has reduced its hire fee to £7 per hour , which means that annual hire costs will be £504.

For the group to be fully set up they would also need a Committee of trustees, although at present they are receiving support from the regional scout organisation in this respect.

After some consideration the Parish Council confirmed that they were anxious to support this initiative, and they approved a donation to the scouts of £252 – which would cover half their rent on the Village Hall for 12 months.

## 23. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were agreed as drawn.

## 24. Planning Applications

Erection of two pairs of semi-detached two storey dwellings with associated parking and amenity space provision - Re-submission of 16/01379/F


Land Adjacent To Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arccott

Ref. No: 17/01345/F

Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Development for a garage for classic car storage

71 Ploughley Road Arccott Bicester OX25 1NY

Ref. No: 17/01206/CLUE

Change of use of accommodation Blocks 2 and 3 (bedroom accommodation) (Use Class C1) to 9 No one bedroom retirement homes (Use Class C3 (a)) with 9 No ancillary parking spaces 

The Tally Ho Inn 45 Ploughley Road Arccott Bicester OX25 1NY

Ref. No: 17/01079/F

No Objections

## 25. Planning Decisions

None.

## 26. Finance.

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

Cheques were authorised as follows :-

Information Commissioner	(registration)	101578	£35.00
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Mr F Milloy	(cleaner)	101579	£140.00
Mrs A Davies	(cl salary + expenses)	101580	£157.94
HMRC	(cl tax)	101581	£37.20
A Lambourne	(internal audit)	101582	£29.95
Mr M Dempsey	(grass)	101583	£1430.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Ambrosden Scouts	(donation)	101584	£252.00

## **27. Report from Village Hall Committee**

VHMC meeting

The Finances are :- VHMC £14173.80 as at 13/6/17, ACA Savings Acct £7,303.74, current acct £1,290.44 as at 31/5/17.

Painting the outside of the Village Hall will start shortly, but there will be no other new projects until after the fete .The Committee will be approaching local businesses for donations to the raffle, and the Fire Brigade will be approached to request a Fire appliance to be placed on site.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee has asked parish councillors to volunteer to help with the Village fete.

## **28. Parish Council matters**

### **a. Work to the playing field.**

Ongoing.

### **b. Parking update**

CDC's executive have agreed to work being started to create more parking in Woodpiece Road.

### **c. Speedwatch**

The Speedwatch group has met on 2 occasions and logged 20 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. However, to be truly effective more volunteers are needed.

### **Speeding Traffic – Murcott Road Build out**

The Clerk will chase OCC.

#### **d. Road repairs**

The Council is still waiting for work to start on the faulty streetlight by The Plough, and new lights that have recently been installed need to be connected up to mains electricity. New street lights are required in Mill Lane and Murcot Road.

Most of the pot holes in Woodpiece road have now been repaired, but there are still concerns about the state of the road surface in Ploughly Road, Lower Arcott. It was also reported that the speed humps are worn and further damaging the road.

OCC have contacted the Council indicating that they would like to move the bus stop at the Plough. After discussion the Parish Council confirmed it would agree to the proposal, provided that access to the farm field was maintained.

#### **e. Art Contribution**

The Parish Council thought that a sensible use of the Art project Fund would be for an artistically designed fence to be put up to block access to the Playing field. It was agreed that a Notice to this effect would be put up on the Council's Facebook page.

#### **f. Rural Policing group**

The Council agreed to ask Cllr Savage to attend on behalf of Arcott.

## **29. Correspondence**

The ROSPA inspection of the play areas will take place shortly.

### **30. Public Participation**

There has been no update on the problem with rats. The Clerk will chase the Garrison for a response.

A resident of Harper Close attended to ask for permission to plant shrubs on the playing field to protect his fence from footballs etc. the Parish Council agreed to look at the terms of a cultivation licence and consider the request at its next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to chase OCC for them to cut the hedges opposite the fire station in Palmer Ave.

It was suggested that shrubs should be planted to make the approach to the Village Hall more attractive. The scout leaders suggested that this was something their group could take on, and it was agreed that they would liaise with the Village Hall Committee.

### **31. Any Other Business**

The Clerk was asked to enquire as to who cuts the grass in Woodpiece Road and to check the conditions on the planning consent for the flat above the shop.

It was also reported that some fences in Harper Close are propped up with planks on the Playing field.

### **32. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Chairman**



Arccott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	04 April 2017
Payments processed since last meeting				£879.00
07-Mar-17	Empower	101549		£420.00
07-Mar-17	Mr F Milloy	101550		£140.00
07-Mar-17	HMRC	101551		£37.00
07-Mar-17	Mrs A Davies	101552		£157.00
07-Mar-17	BALC	101553		£125.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£8,497.83
08-Mar-17	CDC			£8,497.83
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 March 2017
			Cambridge BS Account	£75,000.00
			Savings account	£9.64
			Current account	£45,893.71
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	OALC			£170.89
			Net Total	<u>£120,732.46</u>