

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Paul Wilson (Chairman), Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Ade Doore, Andy Poppitt and Peter Barnard.

APOLOGIES: Di Selby, Dan Sames (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT: David Hughes (CDC)

39 Residents and representatives of the 1st Ambrosden Scout Group.

Open Discussion :- Anti Social behaviour

A resident attended to explain that young people in the Village felt that they did not have anything to do to entertain themselves in the evenings and at weekends and holidays, and he suggested that he had a separate meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss options to develop suitable activities.

Representatives of the Scout group advised that, if there was demand and adult support, they would look at starting a group of Endeavour Scouts (for teenagers). They are currently running groups on 2 evenings a week in the Village Hall – currently for Cub Scouts (8-10, boys and girls) and Scouts (11-14, boys and girls), and there has been interest expressed in a Beaver Group (all children aged between 6-8), which would require a greater cadre of adult helpers.

Cllr Hughes, addressing the meeting, explained that CDC may have grant funding available to assist in making provision for youth activities, and very strongly advised that the village start the preparation of a Community led Plan.

He also asked for suggestions for the use of the disused land at the back of the new houses in Woodpiece Road.

Cllr Savidge explained to the meeting that the Parish Council has, on a number of occasions, asked for ideas of what should be done in the village, and acknowledged that there were plenty of play parks for younger children, and the Parish should now be looking at facilities for older age groups. He stressed however that the Parish Council needed both ideas and people who could provide support for any proposed new activity.

Suggestions were made that the scrub land at the end of the football pitch should be improved, and the drainage of the pitch itself could also be improved, as it did not drain well in wet weather. In its present condition, the pitch is not always suitable for the heavy use from adult football matches due to waterlogging although it could (and was) being used for junior football teams. The Chairman explained that the parish council had received an estimate for the replacement of the pitch drainage system at a minimum cost of £31,250. However, the parish council was concerned that spending this large amount of money to get the drainage system replaced would not, in itself, guarantee that there would be any improvement to the surface of the playing field. The Parish Council did have some money available to it to improve the facilities, and was currently looking at improving changing and storage facilities at the Village Hall. The Scout representatives explained that, if the Parish

Council was interested in developing a youth Facility, they could probably assist with by applying to the Scouts National Organisation for additional funding.

Finally Cllr Barnard advised the meeting that he had had experience in Football of setting up a Youth Council to give the young people in the Village a voice. He suggested that representatives of the Youth Council would meet with the Parish Council to agree plans for extra facilities in the Village.

At the end of this discussion the Clerk was given a list of contact details of people who would be prepared to help with providing support for teenage activities in the Village.

93. Declarations of Interest

None.

94. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018 were agreed as drawn.

95. Councillor's report

Cllr Hughes was asked about proposals for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. He explained that there are currently 3 possible routes – 1 to the south of Oxford to Thame and Aylesbury, 1 to the east with a junction with the M40 on Otmoor, and then running to Calvert and Winslow and 1 to the north of Bicester to the A4421 and then joining the Finmere bye pass. Highways England are hoping to have a decision about the route by Autumn 2018.

96. Planning Applications

None relevant

97. Planning Decisions

None Relevant

98. Finance.

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

Cheques were authorised as follows :-

Payee	reason	Cheque number	amount
OCC	Speed monitor	101618	£200
Mr F Milloy	cleaning	101619	£140.00
HMRC	CI tax	101620	£74.40
Mrs A Davies	CI salary + expenses	101621	£157.94
OALC	Course	101622	348.00
Drewett Signs	Village Green parking	101623	£87.60
M Byrne	Electrical equipment	101624	£380.00

99. Report from Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee met on 30th January 2018. It was reported that current balances are

VHMC – Credit £14292.70

ACA – Business Savings Account credit £7305.02

Community Account (300 Club) credit £871.57

A further £433.50 was reported as 300 club for the current month takings with the recent recruitment drive resulting in a pleasing increase in participants.

1. Village Hall Trust Deed –

The VHC was briefed on the history of the Arncott Village Hall trust deed which is due to expire in 2021. The original deed contained a clause relating to establishing a new deed and the alternative of vesting in the official custodian for charities. Legal advice and advice from the Charity Commission as to the way forward will be obtained, and, in the meantime, Parish Councillors Peter Barnard and Paul Wilson would be co-opted onto the Village Hall committee.

2. Bardwell Football Club – The Committee discussed the use of the facilities by the Bardwell Football Club, and agreed that they would set up an online calendar to clarify bookings and would ask the MoD fire Service to do a Fire Safety Risk Assessment of the hall.

3. The Scout group has requested space in the porch for a notice board and storage changes in the ladies.

4. Christmas events 2017.

1. Childrens' Christmas Party.

2. Christmas Fayre.

2. Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

5. **Lettings** –

There was a good level of lettings for February.

6. **Future Events** –

The Committee have approached the Military wives choir about the potential of putting on a concert on 28th April with a small bar will be operated.

Local elections are 03rd May 2018

The Summer Fete is proposed for 15th July 2018

A race night in November is currently being considered.

A member of the VHC Committee will liaise with the Parish Council about the use of the Hall in an emergency.

100. Parish Council matters

a. Response to Build out consultation

OCC are now proceeding to make arrangements for the contract for the build out work to be let. The Parish Council hopes that a start date is April/May 2018.

b. Work to the playing field.

Cllr Barnard suggested that the Parish Council should consider looking at constructing a free standing changing room/hall facility adjacent to the Village Hall, as this would avoid a need for expensive investigations into the fabric of the Village Hall, and the need to move any drains currently in situ as to do so would require Thames Water approval. It was agreed he would make enquiries about a suitable architect who could assist in plans for the proposals. CDC are currently holding a substantial sum of money to facilitate this. Cllrs Barnard and Selby agreed to look into potential development opportunities further.

c. Parking update

CDC have now applied for planning permission for stage 1 of the parking development at Woodpiece Road, and a disabled bay will be put in during this stage. Once completed CDC will look at stage 2 of the parking proposals, which should include a revamp of the Buchanan Court carpark and the inclusion of a disabled parking bay in that carpark.

d. Speed monitoring

Speed monitoring information has been sent to the Clerk, and will be considered in detail at the next Parish Council meeting.

e. Road Repairs

Cllr Savidge has again raised concerns with Oxfordshire highways about potholes in Ploughley Road at Lower Arncott, Woodpiece Road and on the corner junction at the bottom of Woodpiece Road and Buchanan Road. The condition of the stretch of road between the entrance to the village at Lower Arncott and the Palmer Avenue roundabout was looked at by Oxfordshire highways on 1st February and the info has since been passed onto the highways assessment team. There are two streetlights near to the Plough pub that are not working.

f. Art Contribution

CDC have arranged to visit the site with a local artist – Will Glanfield - on 15th February. Cllrs Savidge and Wilson have agreed to meet them on site.

g. Dog Fouling

There are ongoing concerns about the extent of dog fouling in the village. After discussion it was agreed that the Village should buy another dog bin (making 3 new bins) in an attempt to ensure that there were sufficient facilities for dog waste to be deposited.

h. Parking on the Village Green

The sign for the Village Green carpark has been collected from the sign makers and will be erected.

i. Village Hall – Emergency use

The parish council thanked Cllr Byrne for organising the installation of the necessary wiring and electrical sockets in the village hall that are needed for electricity to be supplied from the emergency generator. The Parish Council agreed to purchase 6 snow shovels and 2 salt spreader

machines to assist in clearing pavements and paths in the village should there be heavy snow. A number of residents attending the meeting agreed to volunteer to assist in the event of a power cut or other village emergency. After discussion the Council agreed not to purchase any roadside salt bins.

j. Motocross

The Clerk was asked confirm to Cllr Hughes that the Parish Council supports measures to reduce the noise in the village from Motocross, but would not in any way agree to any possible future proposal(s) for increased motor cross activity on the site.

k. Anti-social behaviour

There was concern expressed about anti-social behaviour in the village, with balls being kicked against doors and interference with hirers of the Village Hall. The Council strongly advised anyone experiencing problems to telephone the police and report the issue. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would look into CCTV monitoring.

l. Benches.

One bench has now been taken away, and the plaque in memory of Les Honour has been removed so that it can be fitted onto a new bench. Another bench held an inscription to Fred Harvey. The parish Council agreed to have a similar plaque made up in memory of Mr Harvey, and the Chairman asked residents to let him know any relevant details of Mr Harvey while he lived in the Village.

m. General Data protection regulations

The Parish Council noted that new Data protection regulations come into force in May 2018, and agreed that Cllr Savidge should attend a training course on the implications for Parish Councils.

101. Correspondence

The Council noted a letter from the Shelswell Parishes advising that a Shelswell History event will take place in 2019 and asking if the Parish Council would like to be involved. The Council agreed that it would be happy to help publicise the event, and also suggested that the organisers contact the Garrison, as they played a significant part in the recent history of Arcott.

102. Public Participation

A resident raised concerns at the number of apparently abandoned cars in Buchanan Court. The Council noted that this was a regular occurrence, with Cherwell DC taking action for the cars to be removed, only to find that more take their place. The Clerk agreed to write to CDC suggesting that they obtain an injunction against the car owner to prevent this activity in the future.

There was concern that traffic is speeding through the Village. The Chairman explained that the OCC speed survey suggested that the number of drivers travelling in excess of 35mph was relatively few. However the Parish Council will look into purchasing a Vehicle Activated Speed

sign. The local Speed watch group will meet again once the evenings are lighter, and this may also have a detrimental effect.

Residents queried the 30mph speed limit through the village, as there were no repeater signs. The Chairman explained that this is not necessary in a built up area, and the 30mph speed limit starts at the 30mph sign on entry to the village, and continues until the derestricted speed sign is displayed.

103. Any Other Business

None.

104. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting : Tuesday 6TH March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Chairman

Arcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	06 February 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£297.94
10-Jan-18	Mr F Milloy	101616		£140.00
10-Jan-18	Mrs A daves	101017		£157.94
Receipts processed since previous report				£358.99
31-Dec-17	Cambridge BS			£112.73
18-Jan-18	HMRC			£201.66
23-Jan-18	SSE			£44.60
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 January 2018
			Cambridge BS Account	£75,266.73
			Savings account	£9.64
			Current account	£55,146.28
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	Mr F Milloy			£140.00
			Net Total	<u>£130,282.65</u>