

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING
ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL, VILLAGE HALL
ON Tuesday 7th May 2019, AT 7.30PM**

Present: Paul Wilson (Chairman), Lee Savidge (Vice Chairman), Martin Byrne, Andy Poppitt and Linda Hooper

Apologies: Ade Doore and Peter Barnard

Also Present:

7 Parishioners
Kevin Jessop (Garrison Adjutant)
Christine Dunkin (Craft Club and Friendship Club)
David Hughes (CDC)
Representatives of Village organisations and societies.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 1st May 2018, having been circulated, were approved as drawn.

2. Chairman's Report

Attached.

3. Finance

It was reported that the Parish Council has a balance of £75,405.20 in its Cambridge Building Society account at the end of March 2019 (which includes some interest when £50,000 of this money is to cover maintenance costs in the new playgrounds that have been transferred to the Parish Council by CDC) It also has £51941.82 in its Barclays Bank Account. The Parish Council now has a project (led by Cllr Peter Barnard) to improve the facilities for the playing field and village Hall, which will utilise some of the money held and will also use the £50,000 or so held by Cherwell District Council to improve "off-site sports facilities" in the Village.

4. Councillor's Report

Cllr Hughes reported that CDC are currently de-coupling from South Northants, concentrating on IT and Governance, and beginning to work in partnership with OCC. On the whole staff are staying with the Authority, although Bob Duxbury (Senior Planner) will be retiring shortly.

HS2 are looking at using the MOD railway lines to access one of their storage sites, and the District is waiting for more information about possible Ox/Cam routes.

5. Garrison

Kevin Jessop, the Garrison Adjutant, explained that his was a liaison role. He confirmed that the unit at St David's Barracks is likely to move to Catterick by 2021, and then it is hoped that it will be replaced by another unit as a relief barracks.. He expects Ambrosden to be retained, and, as there will be a need to accommodate families moving back from Germany A site may be rebuilt/expanded.

Q Is more storage planned for G site?

The site belongs to the DIO, but it is believed the order has been signed.

HS2? No decision has been taken yet

Traffic through "C" site? There are plans to run traffic through Graven Hill, which are currently being discussed with the DIO.

The MOD promised the village some time ago that they would liaise on traffic plans. The Parish Council will make a formal request to the Garrison adjutant.

6. Village Hall

See Chairman's report attached. The Village Hall Committee, which meets 11 times a year, is now in need of volunteers.

7. Arccott Community Association/300 Club

Financially the ACA is sound and profits are put towards the following Christmas parties ;

Children's Christmas Party

This lovely event was organised by three mums from the village and she expressed thanks to these residents for giving up some of their precious time to organise this very well attended party. 60 children from Arcott and another 10 from outside the village (who paid a small fee) all joined in the fun at the Party. Thanks also goes to the wonderful Father Christmas and the entertainer. £380 was used from the 300 Club with donations from both villagers and the owners of the Moto Cross to whom thanks were extended, and the cost was also offset by the £120 tombola takings.

Senior Citizen's Lunch

This was organised by the VHMC and the ACA jointly this year. Thanks to residents for all their help alongside VHMC and ACA members. There were 48 guests and the excellent food was provided by an outside caterer.

The group have also held a series of indoor sales, and a Carol Concert, held in the Village Hall, with the Army Cadet band. £100 was raised for crisis at Christmas.

The 300 Club continues with members paying 50p per month and a top prize of £20.00. There are 4 active Committee members – more volunteers are needed.

8. Friendship and Crafter's Club

The Friendship and Crafters Club now meet in the Village Hall. There will be a recruitment drive in July with entertainment from Jackie Fay.

9. Any Other Business

A resident queried the future of the Meeting room at Greenfields. Councillors confirmed that no further proposals had been received so it would remain a Common Room, but it would help safeguard its future if it was used more extensively.

There is also an option to use it as temporary accommodation for visitors. Sanctuary have been reluctant to discuss any proposals.

A resident asked what the plans were for a new boundary around the Village Green. Cllr Poppitt agreed to look into options and quotes to be placed before the Parish Council at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.32pm