

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd September 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: P Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Ade Doore, Russell Todd and Linda Hooper

APOLOGIES: Andy Poppitt and David Hughes (CDC)

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Sames (OCC)

7 residents.

25. Declarations of Interest

None.

26. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2019 were agreed as drawn.

27. Planning

19/01684/SO

Os Parcel 6086 Adjacent
And North West Of Railway
Line Ploughley Road
Arncott

Proposed solar farm, batteries
and associated infrastructure

Agents for the application introduced the proposals and explained their plans. The Council agreed that, provided there was no significant increase to traffic on local roads, it was unlikely that there would be a problem.

28. Finance.

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

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

3/9/19	HL Plumbing	Certificate and check	101732	276.88
3/9/19	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	101733	140.00
3/9/19	Mrs A Davies	CI salary	101734	164.50
6/8/19	HMRC	CI tax	101735	38.80
6/8/19	Bicester tree services	Trees and hedges	101736	540.00
3/9/19	Came and co	insurance	101737	1956.43

29. Village Hall

The VHMC have offered to pay 50% of the bill for the solar panel cleaning / inspection. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer, as from the next maintenance payment.

The Committee have cancelled their plan to get the existing hall floor cleaned as they are looking into the options for getting a new floor put into the village hall by using some of the

improvement grant money currently held by CDC. They are also considering getting new external fire doors fitted. Other suitable improvements are required.

The Parish council, as landlords of the Village Hall, has received an invoice from H&L Plumbing for the VH gas safety inspection, including, 3 new CO alarms and repairs to broken gutter and bracket on the rear of the hall. Amount is £276 inc VAT.

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30. Parish Council matters.

a. Playground update

New safety reports were issued on August 23rd for the village hall, Buchanan Road and Orchard Close play areas. It was agreed that, following a discussion at the next meeting, the Council would get quotes from HAGS and Oxford Direct Services to carry out remedial work.

Cllr Todd is investigating outdoor gym equipment, and there will be a need to agree on areas to site new play equipment and outdoor gym equipment – which could include grass area behind Murcott Road football goal and maybe grass area in between the benches ?

CDC are also holding money towards indoor sports facilities, which could be incorporated into a bigger building next to the village hall to incorporate new changing room / showers / referee's room, storage room and floor area for indoor sports

b. VAS

The Chairman has been in touch with OCC's Consultant with a request that he advises the parish Council of next steps. He will get prices from OCC's term contractor for some of the work, and a separate quote from Westcotec (or another supplier if the Parish Council prefers) to supply and fit the electronic signage to the lamp column, subject to OCC Street Lighting Section approval. The Council already has approval from the principal officer for traffic schemes in our area. The Parish Council has been asked if it wants to go for the additional 30mph carriageway marking on Murcott Road.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would go along with whatever work the Consultant recommends., including Westcotec for the VAS unit, which the Council would hope they can supply and fit to the lamp post , together with carriageway markings as suggested.. the Council agreed not to proceed with a second unit in Lower Arcott at the present time..

c. Extension to Village Hall

The Chairman will be meeting with Antony Lune from Hawkins Projects on 5th September at 9:00am to discuss the new building. His company offer a different type of construction to the one offered by L&M but this will yield another quote for the work, which will then need to be put together and sent to CDC.

d. PA for the Village Hall

The Chairman is. Looking to get a new quote from DAT to include another microphone unit – maybe a tie clip type rather than hand held ? Any new quote will be checked with CDC to ask for the funding. There is also a need for a secure box / cupboard made to put the equipment in. and for agreement as to where the secure box is going to be fixed in the hall.

e. Posts on Village Green

The Chairman will be meeting with DM Fences on 5th September at 4:30pm to discuss options and costs. Including the installation of oak posts – 1000 x 100 x 100 at £13.99 each nett = £90 delivery. As the road is narrow with cars parked on side of houses lorries are pushing back the edge of the green forming a bank. It was suggested that the posts should be placed 1 metre from the road, and the chain should be sandblasted and replaced.

f. HS2

The Chairman met with Chris James of Eiffage Kier on 14th August to ask about his company's plans regarding the use of land within the MOD perimeter. And received the following response "Eiffage Kier (EK) are the civil engineering company that are due to carry out the main works for HS2 in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. EK are exploring with the DIO/ MOD opportunities to utilise some areas of MOD Bicester for a range of activities such as office, logistics, materials storage and training facilities. These discussions are still taking place and the exact extent and nature of these activities has not yet been finalised. Eiffage Kier have recently started to meet with local parish councils to update them of these plans and we can confirm the following:

The use of site G and use of railway to transport aggregate is something that has been explored, however, current plans do not involve either the use of site G or use of the railway for aggregate distribution. In the event that the plans were to change then engagement with county, district and parish councils will be undertaken.

Eiffage Kier are using part of site H as a small compound for early works activities. Low levels of vehicular traffic is involved in this use and the route being used is from the A41 along the B4011 turning right towards Arcott. This route follows the designated MOD HGV route and avoids traffic passing through the villages of Piddington or Ambrosden.

g. **Chicken Farm application**

The Clerk explained that the Officer's report into this proposal had recommended the application be refused on the grounds that the proposal would be visually intrusive in open countryside.. The application was then withdrawn by the Applicant.

31. Councillor's Report

Cllr Sames attended to update the Parish Council on Oxfordshire County Council matters.

32. Public Participation

In response to the query as to why there had been no development at the bottom of Patrick haugh Road, it was explained that the land had been found to be contaminated and remedial work was now required.

33. Correspondence

OALC update.

34. Any Other Business

Woodpiece Road parking – phase 2

Alex Rouse from CDC has advised the Chairman that the separation of the formerly shared council services between CDC and South Northants is now complete. He apologises for the bureaucratic nature of the delay with the project and says that this project needs to be finished. From the 3rd stage report, 'Phase 2' of the works will include a minor redevelopment / reorganisation of the site off Buchannan Court, and also the conversion of some of the area to the east of the shop, and the current layby, on the north side of Woodpiece Road. He will now work on moving the second phase of this project forward, and he will endeavour to provide the Chairman with monthly updates towards the end of each calendar month in time for our Parish Council meetings at the beginning of the month.

Trees and hedges

Bicester Tree Services have completed the planned tree and hedge work.

35. Date of Next Meeting

1st October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Arcott Parish
Council**

**Monthly
Financial
Report**

Parish Council
Meeting

06 August 2019

Payments processed since last meeting

£1,181.50

02-Jul-19	Mr F Milloy Information	101721	£140.00
02-Jul-19	commissioner	101722	£40.00
02-Jul-19	Mrs A Davies	101723	£164.70
02-Jul-19	HMRC	101724	£38.80
02-Jul-19	Ambrosden PCC	101725	£798.00

Receipts processed since previous report

£4.00

19-Jul-19	SSE		£4.00
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Bank Reconciliation

Statement dated

30 July 2019

Cambridge BS Account	£75,405.20
Savings account	£9.64
Current account	£56,078.26

Items not yet cleared:

Receipts None

Payments None

Net Total

£131,493.10