

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** P Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Ade Doore, Russell Todd

**APOLOGIES:** Linda Hooper, David Hughes (CDC) and Dan Sames (OCC)

**ALSO PRESENT:** 6 residents.

**35. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**36. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were agreed as drawn.

**37. Planning**

None

**38. Finance.**

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

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

5/11/19	Tracey Reed	gardening	101749	40.00
5/11/19	Came and co	insurance	101750	344.74
5/11/19	Green Oak	posts	101751	827.96
5/11/19	Oxford Direct Services	Goal posts	101752	861.78
5/11/19	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	101753	140.00
5/11/19	Mrs A Davies	CI salary	101754	164.50
5/11/19	HMRC	CI tax	101755	38.80
5/11/19	RBL	wreathe	101756	50.00

**39. Village Hall**

Lettings are going well and financially the VH is in a strong position.

Concern was expressed that Bardwell FC had not removed their equipment form the garage. The Chairman agreed to pursue this.

The Clerk was asked to check the agreement with regard to charges for the use of the hall by scouts and cubs.

The parish Council is still pursuing quotes for a substantial extension to the Village to provide additional changing facilities.

The Committee will obtain a quote to clear the guttering around the hall.

**40. Parish Council matters.**

**a. Playground update**

Quotes for repairs are awaited.

**b. VAS**

The Chairman has been advised that OCC have agreed that the Westcotec VAS unit should be fitted and hard wired into the street lamp post just after the Murcott Road build and virtually opposite to the entrance to Village Close. The cost of installing an electrical isolator to the street lamp post will be £75.00 +VAT. The parish Council must unmetereed connection agreement with Southern Electric

Power Distribution. When this is completed the VAS unit can be ordered from Westcotec and OCC will fit the street lamp isolator. Including the data download via Bluetooth option, the VAS unit will cost £2450 +VAT. The VAS unit comes with a 6 year warranty.

**c. Extension to Village Hall**

The Council is awaiting information from Portacabin.

**d. PA for the Village Hall**

Now installed.

**e. Posts on Village Green**

The old posts have been removed by DM Fences. The chain link is the chairman's garden and will be re-used. He reported that he had placed an order with Briants on 25<sup>th</sup> October for 36 new oak posts at a cost of £689.97 nett (£827.96 inc VAT) with a delivery date to be advised. Posts will be stored in the garage next to village hall until weather and ground conditions are favourable, DM Fences will install the new posts and level out the area as best as can be achieved at a cost of £2604 inc VAT.

**41. Public Participation**

None

**42. Correspondence**

VHMC has received a letter from a company called Dunlop Heywood, who suggest that they may be able to recover an overpayment in business rates of £9,911.20 from CDC dating back to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. However, as the Village hall is held as part of the charitable trust it pays no council tax, and the offer will not be progressed.

CDC have emailed re Members allowances. It was agreed that no allowances would be claimed.

CDC will be reducing their Council Tax Support Grant from 2020/2021. The grant to the parish will be reduced by 50% in 2020 / 2021 and no grant will be paid in 2021 / 2022. This will reduce the parish council's income by £1000 a year.

Training exercises

The MOD will be carrying out training on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

CDC have been asking for information about a fly tipping incident in Buchanan Road.

**43. Any Other Business**

It was suggested that the VH window cleaner should be approached to clean the village road signs.

The Chairman has been pursuing a start date for phase 2 of the Woodpiece road parking scheme.

The Clerk was asked to reclaim the cost of the VH audio equipment from CDC.

**44. Date of Next Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

Arcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	05 November 2019
Payments processed since last meeting				£5,479.72
	01-Oct-19	cancelled	101738	
	01-Oct-19	CDC	101739	£988.42
	01-Oct-19	Playsafety	101740	£250.80
	01-Oct-19	A lambourne	101741	£30.00
	01-Oct-19	F Milloy	101742	£140.00
	01-Oct-19	Mrs A Davies	101743	£164.50
	01-Oct-19	HMRC	101744	£39.00
	01-Oct-19	S Monger	101745	£300.00
	01-Oct-19	dat	101746	£2,151.00
	01-Oct-19	dat	101747	£1,416.00
	01-Oct-19	cancelled	101748	
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 August 2019
		Cambridge BS Account		£75,405.20
		Savings account		£9.64
		Current account		£54,330.62
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None		
	Payments	cancelled		£0.00
		H and C heating		£276.00
		Mr F Milloy		£140.00
		HMRC		£38.80
		Bicester tree services		£540.00
		Mrs A Davies		£164.70
		Came and co		£1,956.43
		cancelled		£0.00
		CDC		£988.42
		Playsafety		£250.80
		+ 8 more		£4,240.50
			Net Total	£125,390.31

