

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th February 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: P Wilson, Martin Byrne, Russel Todd.

APOLOGIES: Lee Savidge, Linda Hooper, Ade Doore, David Hughes (CDC) Dan Sames (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT: 1 resident.

66. Declarations of Interest

None.

67. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2020 were agreed as drawn.

68. Planning

None

69. Finance.

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

Cheques were authorised as follows:-

14/1/20	OCC	VAS connection	101766	90.00
5/2/20	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	101767	140.00
5/2/20	Mrs A Davies	CI salary	101758	164.50
5/2/20	HMRC	CI tax	101769	39.00

70. Village Hall

The Parish Council needs to discuss options for the Village Hall Trust.

71. Parish Council matters.

a. Playground update

An on-site meeting with the Caloo representative will take place at 9:00am on Feb 7th. A similar meeting will be required with the HAGS representative as CDC will require at least two quotes to secure funding from the grant money.

b. VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed sign)

The unmetered energy supply certificate has been received from SSEN, and a cheque for £90 sent to OCC to cover the cost of the installation of the lamp post isolator. The Chairman has contacted 4 energy companies with a request for an unmetered supply quotation – (Ecotricity, EON, SSE, & EDF). Ecotricity has not as yet replied and the EDF auto emailer said someone would reply but he is still waiting, SSE replied and want £388.89p per annum, EON replied and want £4.88p per annum. The difference is because SSE want a monthly standing charge of £32.17p and EON do not require a standing charge. Having spoken with EON who have confirmed the annual cost to him, the Chairman has agreed that the Parish Council will pay EON by cheque at the end of March each year. The Westcotec VAS unit will cost £2450 + VAT for the unit and data collection via Bluetooth from the VAS unit to an Android device – and the app is on Google play store.

The Parish Council agreed to accept the contract offer with EON, and to place an order with Westcotec for the VAS unit when the energy contract with EON is in force.

c. Additional shower / changing facilities ~~Extension to Village Hall~~

No progress has been made this month regarding building options, although CDC have now confirmed the sum available, which is substantially greater than originally believed..

d. Posts on Village Green

The new oak posts have now been delivered and will be installed by DM Fences when the weather and ground conditions permit.

72. Public Participation

None

73. Correspondence

Solar Farm proposal – a new application will be submitted shortly to CDC.

There has been an email from a parishioner asking activities at the MOD bus park area. The small hut has been knocked down and the track over the railway line has been widened. Cllr Hooper is investigating.

74. Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from CDC on 20th January advising that the Woodpiece Road phase 2 parking plan has been cancelled. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the parking situation in Woodpiece Road and raise the matter again should a problem be apparent.

There has been some concern over the position and strength of security lighting at “C” site. Cllr Savidge has raised this with the MOD.

The Council agreed to ask Bicester Tree services to quote to prune back the trees by the alley in Woodpiece Road.

The Clerk was asked to send through the insurance documents for the ACA and advise them of details of the PC’s internal auditor.

The Chairman will attend the meeting at Merton village hall on Feb 10th to discuss options for Parish Matters. Councils have recently been asked for pro rata donations according to size of parish.

The chairman confirmed he would be attending a Garrison / Parish Council meeting at the MOD Officers’ mess in Ambrosden on Tuesday 11th February.

The Parish Council has been given a print of the artist’s sketches and designs used when he was creating the oak bench on the playing field. The Council agreed that it should be framed and displayed.

Cllr Savidge reported in correspondence that he had followed up with OCC Highways about the growing pothole on the speed hump by Hopcraft Close. He reported it on the 21st Jan and followed it up on 29th January and told them it is growing and dangerous and needs attention.

Cllr Savidge has asked the Garrison Adjutant for an update on the fly tipping which they said was going to be removed on the 24th Jan

OCC Highways seem to have taken action about the flooding that happens in Lower Arcott. There is some sludge on the side of the road and there is no puddling.

The shop owner in Woodpiece Road has expressed concerns about residents parking over his dropped kerb. The Parish council agreed to ask residents to monitor the situation.

Cllr Savidge will speak to Sanctuary about the grass area at the beginning of Woodpiece Road, which has been destroyed.

There is no update about the white line junction demarcation lines on the junction of Orchard Close and Murcott Road.

75. Date of Next Meeting

3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

Arcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	04 February 2020
Payments processed since last meeting				£343.50
	07-Jan-20	Mr F Milloy	101763	£140.00
	07-Jan-20	Mrs A Davies	101764	£164.70
	07-Jan-20	HMRC	101765	£38.80
Receipts processed since previous report				£1,502.39
	14-Jan-20	sse		£43.89
	23-Jan-20	hmrc		£1,458.50
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated		30 January 2020
		Cambridge BS Account		£75,405.20
		Savings account		£9.64
		Current account		£54,123.38
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
			Net Total	<u>£129,538.22</u>

