

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th July 2020 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: P Wilson, Martin Byrne, Russel Todd, Lee Savidge, Linda Hooper.

APOLOGIES:

ALSO PRESENT: David Hughes (CDC) Dan Sames (OCC)

The Chairman advised the meeting that Ade Doore had resigned as a Parish Councillor.

12. Declarations of Interest

None.

13. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2020 were agreed as drawn.

14. Councillors' reports

Cllr Sames reported that OCC now have a schedule of highway works which included the white lines at Greenfields. Dates for the works are still to be agreed.

15. Planning

None relevant

16. Finance.

The Parish Council noted that its accounts had been re stated for the end of the year and agreed the year 2019/2020 and the Parish Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Cheques were authorised as follows :

Mr F Milloy Cleaner £140.00

Mrs A Davies Clerk £155.70

HMRC Clerk tax £38.80

The Information Commissioner £40.00

Eon (Vas electricity supply) £1.47

17. Village Hall Car park Project

CDC has agreed that the Parish Council can use a Project manager to manage this project on its behalf and the Council has reached agreement with Ashley Prior to do this. He has submitted a proposed plan to CDC for an informal opinion as to whether or not planning permission will be required and he will update the Parish council as necessary. The project will be financed from village hall improvement grant. Held by CDC.

18. Parish Council matters

- a. **Playgrounds / play areas** - The annual inspection by RoSPA will be completed shortly, and is likely to be the same as per last year and for 2018. The Chairman has spoken to Michael Carter (the project Manager appointed for this project) about getting play area improvements done at the village hall. This will need to be paid for from Parish funds as CDC does not consider that play area improvements qualify for outdoor sports grant funding. The Parish Council received over £100,000 some years ago to support the playgrounds in the Village, and should receive a further £125,000 once the final areas have been transferred from Bloor homes to the council. The Parish Council agreed to proceed and to look at minor improvements to the playground in Buchanan road.

b. Outdoor gym equipment

The Parish Council agreed to instruct Michael Carter of Sports and Play Consulting to project manage the sourcing, liaison with CDC and eventual installation of the outdoor gym equipment at a fee of £2,250. He has sent out a tendering document to five companies and has advised that four of those companies are interested in this project. He will update the Parish Council as necessary. The project will be financed from the outdoor sports facilities grant.

c. Extension to Village Hall – including project management

This will also require a Project Manager.

d. . Green Lane boundary

Work is scheduled to start on 16th July 2020. .

e. Trimming of hedges

Bicester Tree Services has been asked to advise the Parish Council as to when work could be carried out on the hedge lines at the Orchard Close play area, the Buchanan Road / Murcott Road corner & play area, Constables Croft, at the top of the alley between Murcott Road and Woodpiece Road and one of the willow trees next to the pond on the village green. The Chairman has also asked for advice about the small tree that is leaning over near to the Buchanan Road / Murcott Road corner. While he has received an acknowledgement, he has not yet received a confirmed date or quote. Mill Lane ditch was cleared out on Friday 3rd July. The contractor did a great job but will not be back as he had all his tools stolen whilst he was finishing up.

f. Let of playing field

The Parish Council agreed to make its playing field available for use free of charge until March 2021, when it will review the policy. Councillors agreed they would like to show support for small projects and increase the awareness of availability for outdoor use of open land.

8.Public Participation

None

9. Correspondence

None.

10. **Any Other Business**

The "Tally Ho" defibrillator unit needs to be removed and re-sited as it is no longer possible for the public to enter the car park to get access to it. It was agreed Cllr Savidge would contact Gerald Knight the agent of Bahía and ask for arrangements to be made to get it removed and given back to the Parish council. The landlord at the Plough Pub has previously suggested that he would consider the defibrillator unit being installed on an outer wall of his pub.

Village hall trust deed –

The Clerk has requested legal assistance from CDC via Cllr Hughes

Village Hall Floor

The VHMC are getting quotes together for a new floor, some decorating, suspended ceilings and lights in toilet areas and ladies toilet area hand basins. A Changing room refurbishment also needs to be carried out. The floor can be paid for from indoor sports facilities grant. Other work will be paid for from village hall improvement grant. The Parish Council and the VHMC might have a socially distanced meeting in the village hall to discuss all of this.

Broken manhole Covers

It was agreed that a Contractor should be instructed to carry out repair/replacement work.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

1st September 2020 at 7.30pm.