

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JULY 2021

PRESENT: P Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Linda Hooper and Paul Hooper.

APOLOGIES: David Hughes (CDC)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr C Miller (OCC) and 1 resident.

17. Declarations of Interest

None.

18. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 were agreed as drawn.

19. Public participation

A resident attended to draw attention to the need for the 30mph in Palmer Ave to be extended to the MOD fire station, particularly as the HS2 depot and other developments have led to an increase in traffic along the road. The Chairman explained that this had been the subject of correspondence with OCC some 5 years ago, but the quoted cost was excessive for the Parish Council to consider at that time. The Chairman agreed to send copies of the earlier correspondence to Cllr Miller and asked the resident to contact Cllr Miller direct as he would then take the matter up directly with OCC.

20. Planning

There were no current applications.

21. Finance

Invoices

Cheques were authorised as follows :

Mrs A Davies	salary and expenses	101855	199.85
Mr F Milloy	cleaning	101856	140.00
PW(Pennine stone bollards)	Bollards for field	101857	820.94
DM Fences Ltd	installation	101858	528.00
Mrs A Davies	Tax and salary	101859	199.85
Mr F Milloy	cleaner	101860	140.00
LAMPS (MB)	VH lighting	101861	1803.26

22. Parish Council matters

a. Play areas

This project commenced on Monday June 21st and should be completed by the start of the school summer holidays. The Council's Project Manager (Sports & Play Consulting) is managing this project. Nett cost is £32,500 to be paid from parish reserves. The Parish Council is also due to receive in excess of £100,000 for taking on the upkeep of additional play areas. The Chairman has spoken with the Project Manager about the idea of amalgamating the Orchard Close and Village Close play areas into one. This would enable the development of a small play area on the corner of Buchanan Road being turned into a relatively quiet sensory area under 5's to give those who need space, quiet and chill out options. Further work to combine play areas is possible, provided that residents of Orchard Close and Village Close agree.

b. Village Hall new car park project

The Council's contractor has obtained the three necessary quotations, which have been sent to CDC. Although she has advised that there is £36.40 less in the actual remaining grant funding than previously advised, she has actioned the application and the Council will need to wait for the funding agreement approval to be given before the matter can progress further. The Parish will receive £36,163.24. The cost to pay Drayton Construction will be £41,770.58. Arcott Parish will need to contribute £5,607.34 to settle the invoice from Drayton Construction. A further £4,479 will be needed to pay for all other expenses – total of £10,086.

It was agreed that work should proceed in full, with the balance being paid out of Parish funds.

c. Village Hall floor

This is awaiting the necessary quotations. The VHM will organise the work, which will be financed from the indoor sports grant.

d. Village Hall Trust Deed

As there has been no progress, the Clerk will instruct another firm (HMG Law) to progress this.

e. Green Lane

The Council's Project Manager has been and is still talking with OCC and its approved contractor about this work. OCC might agree to finance 50% of the estimated cost of £15,000 with the balance from Parish reserves.

f. Playing field and Village Green vehicle defences

Following the recent incursion onto the Village Green by travellers, concrete bollards will be installed on Friday July 9th. The Chairman is also working with a Village Close resident, to come up with removable steel barriers to attach to the village hall and garage side. The estimated cost will be around £1500 for everything. A resident - Ashley Hollis's held a go-fund-me initiative. The fund raised £345 (of which £40 was taken by the "go fund me" site) and £305 has been transferred into the parish council bank account.

g. Memorial garden

Immense thanks to three residents for their brilliant efforts tidying the garden. The council had agreed a budget of £250 which sufficed.

h. Parish notice board replacement

The Council agreed to replace the noticeboards in the Village with boards.

23. Correspondence

MOD works – C site North gate update on re-opening

MOD advised that this will not now happen until mid July or end of July at the latest.

Any other business

There have been concerns about the state of the old play area on Woodpiece Road. Cllr Savidge agreed to send details of fly tipping to CDC.

The Clerk was asked to report the rubbish in Buchanan Road as fly tipping.

Cllrs Wilson and Savidge agreed to visit the Bahai centre.

24. Date of next meeting

Parish Open Meeting 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm. Parish council Meeting 7th September 2021.