

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th January 2022

PRESENT: P Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Linda Hooper, Paul Hooper and, (from item 42) Daniel Cooper and Luke Collins.

APOLOGIES:

ALSO PRESENT: Calum Miller (OCC) and David Hughes (CDC).

38. Declarations of Interest

None.

39. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2021 were agreed as drawn.

40. Public participation

None

41. Councillors' report

Cllr Miller reported that currently the Omicron variant of COVID was a major issue for the County Council and leading to staff shortages.

Consultation on the council's budget for 2022/23 would close on 5th January and OCC would agree their budget at a council meeting in mid January.

He noted that there were concerns accessing the bus stops in the village due to the condition of the pavements, and confirmed that OCC were waiting for information from HS2 about usage of their offices before progressing work on the speed restrictions in Palmer Avenue. He asked residents send him evidence of truck usage along this road.

He reminded the Parish Council about the 20 mph initiative, and suggest that the Council consider registering its interest. He also agreed to ask OCC to check Palmer Avenue signage.

Cllr Hughes agreed to chase CDC for news on the transfer of play areas to the Parish Council by Bloor Homes.

42. Co-option of Councillors

The Parish council resolved unanimously that they would co-opt Daniel Cooper and Luke Collins as members of the Council.

43. Planning

21/03222/F	51 Woodpiece Road Upper Arcott OX25 1PJ	Replacement front porch and two storey rear extension
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Decisions

Refused.

44. Finance

The Financial report for January 2022 is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Invoices

Cheques were authorised as follows :

A resident	War memorial	101899	26.70
MB	Electrical work	101900	1118.06
Drayton Construction Ltd	Vh car park	101901	59821.56
Ashley Prior	Project manager	101902	3538.92
Britchford construction	Erection of noticeboards	101903	505.16
Came and co	ACA insurance	101904	344.74
Safety signs and notices	Parking sign	101905	137.29
Mrs A Davies	Salary and tax	101906	199.85
F Milloy	cleaning	101907	140.00
M Dempsey	Grass cutting	101908	4300.00
Mrs A Davies	Salary and tax	101909	199.85
Unity trust bank	deposit	101910	2000.00
F Milloy	cleaning	101911	140.00
R Hook	VH Painting	101912	620.00
M Markham	Vh Painting	101913	620.00

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £17000, which is the same sum as in 2021/22.

45. Parish Council matters

a. Village hall projects

Decorating has been completed and a claim will shortly be made to CDC for the appropriate grant. Future projects include renewing the floor, and constructing additional changing rooms. Options for the floor are wood block or vinyl and will be discussed with the Village Hall Committee shortly.

b. Village Hall Trust Deed

Ongoing.

c. Green Lane

To be considered later in the year.

d. The Council agreed to canvass residents to ascertain support for a 20mph speed limit through Arcott.

46. Correspondence

The Parish Council agreed to lend its “Speedwatch” equipment to Kingsmere village.

47. Any other business

There was concern that blocked gullies were causing flooding to the roads, and would be a hazard in freezing weather.

The Chairman agreed to contact OCC to ask that the streetlights in Buchanan court should be repaired.

48. Date of next meeting

Parish council Meeting 1st March 2022 in the Village hall.