

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st March 2022

PRESENT: P Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, and Daniel Cooper and Luke Collins.

APOLOGIES: Linda Hooper, Paul Hooper and David Hughes (CDC)

ALSO PRESENT: Calum Miller (OCC).

48. Declarations of Interest

None.

49. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 were agreed as drawn.

50. Public participation

None

51. Councillors' report

Cllr Miller reported that OCC have now agreed their budget, and this will include making provision for the cost of implementing 20mph zones through villages.

OCC are investigating issues with pavements and bus stops, but part ownership by the MOD is likely to complicate matters.

He has noted issues with regard to increased numbers of HGVs along Palmer Ave, and is waiting to be updated on the request to move the village speed limit to encompass village properties in Palmer Ave.

52. Planning

22/00194/DISC - Land West Of Ploughley Road, Arccott
Discharge of condition 7 (bin storage details) of 21/02845/F

No objection.

Decisions

None.

53. Finance

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

Invoices

Cheques and bank transfers have been authorised as follows :

Unity trust bank	deposit	101914	£15,000
Mr M Milloy	cleaning	b/p	£140.00
Mrs A Davies	Salary and tax	b/p	£199.85
F Milloy	cleaning	b/p	£140.00

Mrs A Davies	Salary and tax	b/p	£195.85
HMRC	CI tax	b/p	£40.00
OALC	membership	b/p	£195.86
P W (Spanglefish)	Web hosting	b/p	£29.95

54. Parish Council matters

a. Village hall projects

The new toilet area ceilings, main hall and toilet area fans, lighting and decorating complete. Money has been refunded from the village hall improvement grant funding held by CDC. The next project is a new floor in the main hall, which can be paid for out of the indoor sports grant money held by CDC. VHMC has asked for a meeting in the hall with members of the Parish Council on Tuesday 15th March to get a decision made as to what floor system to go for. Options are a replacement wood block floor (which was considered last year) or the preferred option of good quality, hard wearing vinyl. The current wood block floor is still giving problems now and again due to expansion / contraction. Vinyl would be quicker, easier, cheaper and more stable than wood. A decision is also needed on when / who / how / what improvements should be made to the changing room? It is probable that the Parish Council / VHMC would need to fund this as there is no money left in the village hall improvement grant and CDC is unlikely to allow the money held in the indoor sports grant to be used for this, but the Chairman will enquire again. Electrical testing and subsequent certification is required. There is also a request for an additional light about half way down on the rear of the village hall to provide better lighting for the far end of the carpark.

b. Village Hall Trust Deed

On receipt of contact details, the Clerk will raise the issue with EMW Law in Milton Keynes.

c. Green Lane

It is recognised that this project will be difficult to do. Providing continued vehicle access to Green Lane residents whilst work to widen the lane is being done will not be straightforward. The council will maintain a liaison with the project engineer and look to establish the total cost of the project, how the work can be done and what financial contribution from OCC would be forthcoming.

d. OCC 20mph vehicle speed limit proposal

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

e. Trees and hedges

The Parish Council has received an email from a resident expressing concern about some damp problems in his house which his surveyor has suggested are due to drainage issues on the playing field adjacent to his property. The resident was, on several occasions, invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to give him the opportunity to present any authenticated / professional document(s) / information

that he would like the Parish Council to consider. However, the resident did not respond to the invitations sent to him and he did not attend the meeting.

An occupant of a property in Green Lane has recently emailed the parish council to comment on the hedge line that exists between the side of her property and the playing field, and requesting that the Parish Council assist with the management of the hedge line such that it is not so high and intrusive. It was agreed that the Chairman, or another councillor, would with the resident and Matt Steele (Bicester Tree Services) to try and establish the best way forward. The Clerk was also asked to obtain Office Copy Entries of the property.

55. Correspondence

An Arcott resident from Orchard Close has emailed the Parish Council to ask about the work that is going on at the MOD site behind the property, requesting information as to when the work will be completed. The Chairman has requested an update from the MOD.

56. Any other business

Buchanan Court street lights - OCC has finally confirmed responsibility for the upkeep of these lights (and the lights came on again on January 31st after 12 months of not working).

The water leak in Woodpiece Road has been investigated by Thames Water who have advised the Parish Council that, in their opinion, it is not a mains water leak due to the absence of chlorine in their test samples.

CDC has emailed through a document giving the details for Parish Councillors' remuneration for 2022 / 2023. For this year the allowance is £229.80p per year for a councillor and £344.64p per year for the chairman. Historically, no Arcott parish councillor has claimed this allowance. If anyone wants to see the full document / claim his / her allowance then please speak with the Clerk.

The VHMC Chair successfully claimed for £2,667 for the VHMC from the Omicron Hospitality Grant.

CDC waste services have been notified as to the size and types of waste bins kept at the village hall. Dewain Clarke from CDC has issued us a "free of charge" contract for the village hall green and blue bin collections.

The March issue of the Parish Matters magazine was the last one. Publication has ceased mainly because costs outweigh income.

57. Date of next meeting

Parish council Meeting 3rd May 2022. Annual Parish meeting either 10th or 24th May 2022 in the Village hall.