

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd May 2022

PRESENT: Paul Wilson, Lee Savidge, Martin Byrne, Paul Hooper, Daniel Cooper, Luke Collins and Alex Dean.

APOLOGIES: Calum Miller (OCC).

ALSO PRESENT: David Hughes (CDC) and 5 parishioners.

1. Election of Chairman and Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was agreed unanimously that Paul Wilson should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2022/23 and Martin Byrne was appointed Vice Chairman.

2. Co-option of councillor

The parish Council agreed unanimously to co-opt Alex dean as a Councillor to replace Linda hooper who has resigned.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2022 were agreed as drawn.

5. Public participation

Representatives of the Football Club had been invited to attend to express concerns raised in email correspondence. This was mainly about the condition of the goal mouths, and the fact that a number of junior teams and a seniors' team were also using the pitch. The council stressed that the football club must approach the Parish Council for assistance – rather than contacting the VHMC. The parish Council is prepared to consider appropriate improvements to the goal areas, but needs to understand what level of involvement the football club wants to provide? the current understanding with regard to the pitch being hired out is that is that 2 boys' teams and a veteran's team want to train on the pitch but not use the goal areas. However, it is probable that the pitch now needs to recover for the next season. It was agreed that the matters would be discussed further at a meeting between representatives of the football club and the Parish Council.

The meeting also needs to consider options for the changing rooms, and dates when improved facilities will be required.

6. Councillors' report

Cllr Hughes asked to be advised of issues of concern in the area.

7. Planning

20/03634/F – The Poplars – 13 Mill Lane. Re-submission of application 20/01846/F – application changed from 4 properties to 3 properties. Under consultation. Decision to be delegated.
22/00938/SQ – St Georges barracks – Request for environmental impact screening assessment

22/00941/F – G site HQ – temporary re-use of hard surface for materials store, wagon parking, link road, vehicular parking and other associated development – Under consultation.

Decisions

None.

8. 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 :

CDC	grass	b/p	£494.21
Mr M Milloy	cleaning	b/p	£140.00
HMRC	CI tax	b/p	£48.20
Mrs A Davies	Salary	b/p	£193.56
D Cooper	gravel	b/p	£88.00
F Milloy	cleaning	b/p	£140.00
Mrs A Davies	Salary	b/p	£168.74
HMRC	CI tax	b/p	£40.60
A Lambourne	Internal audit	b/p	£32.00
Bicester trees	report	b/p	£420.00
A resident	Memorial garden	b/p	£72.00

The parish Council noted the report by the Internal Auditor, agreed its end of year accounts and authorised the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the same.

9. Parish Council matters

a. Village projects

The Council agreed to consider whether to install car charging points outside the village hall at a later date.

The next project is the work to upgrade the changing rooms – the Council will need to consider options

OCC offer for 20mph speed limit has been rejected by a village vote. Cllr Miller has been informed. However, the parish Council still needs to get the Palmer Avenue 30mph signs moved further down the road, to the edge of the built up part of the village.

The Council will now also consider turning the play area on the corner of Murcott Road / Buchanan Road into a sensory area for children who need time-out. The existing “play house” needs to be replaced or re-roofed

b. Village Hall projects

The new flooring will be the Karndean Art Select Morning Oak LVT flooring range. The Chairman had received three quotes to date, with another one due shortly. Once they are in an application will be made to CDC for funding support.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to accept the quote from Carpet trader unless a lower quote was received.

A testing process for damp has been carried out at 2 locations on the floor and no damp problems with the existing floor have been identified. An invoice is needed for the electrical safety testing in the village hall and for the issue of the safety certificate.

c. War Memorial

A resident is now maintaining the garden surrounding the war memorial. The Chairman is looking for a contractor to clean the memorial stone.

d. Village Hall Trust Deed

Ongoing.

e. Green Lane

The Chairman agreed to make a contact with a project manager to progress this..

f. Grant funding

The Council is expecting shortly to receive additional monies to support 2 new playgrounds in the village.

g. Trees and hedges

The Parish Council has received a further report from Bicester Tree services It was agreed that they should be instructed to carry out the recommended work.

10. Correspondence

Residents were reminded that the Ambrosden road will be closed until the Autumn.

11. Any other business

The Clerk was asked to raise concerns about the apparent sewage that is leaking across the road from the traveller site.

12. Date of next meeting

Parish council Meeting 5th July 2022. Annual Parish meeting 24th May 2022 in the Village hall.