

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON January 3rd 2023

PRESENT: Paul Wilson, Daniel Cooper, Martin Byrne and Alex Dean

APOLOGIES: Lee Savidge, Paul Hooper and Luke Collins (Arncott PC). and Cllr Calum Miller (OCC).

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs Angus Patrick and Gemma Coton (CDC)

2 members of the public

37. Declarations of Interest

None.

38. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

39. Councillors' report

CDC Councillors reported that CDC are currently considering the review of their Local Plan to 2040, which will be considered by their Overview and Scrutiny Committee week commencing 9th January.. CDC are also planning to hold an online session with their planning Enforcement team, which will be open for all parishes to attend.

Cllr Patrick agreed to chase the transfer of the responsibility of the Village Close play areas to the parish council, and to make enquiries of the MOD about proposals for the demolished site opposite The Plough PH.

It was suggested that OCC should be asked to improve the lighting of the verge / footway by the railway level crossing near to the 'C' site North gate, together with an update on the progress of the 30mph proposals for Palmer Ave.

40. Planning

22/03551/F - Bungalow Adjacent Green Court Kennels Clue Hill Farm Arncott HP18 9UZ - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling house. Status – under consultation.

22/03544/TEL - Telecommunication Mast CTIL 107822 Street At Corner Farm Running To The Greyhound Track At Clue Hill Farm Arncott - The removal of 3 No. antennae to be replaced by 3 No. antennae adding 0.7m to the structure, and the installation of a new transmission dish, plus ancillary work thereto. Status – no objections.

Planning decisions 22/03189/NMA - Sites B C D And E MOD Bicester Murcott Road Upper Arncott - Nonmaterial amendment to 21/03749/F (Decision Notice. Status – permitted.

41. Finance

The Financial report for January 2023 is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Invoices

Cheques and bank transfers have been authorised as follows :

03-Nov-22	HMRC	cl tax	72.00
03-Nov-22	Mrs A Davies	salary	298.65
03-Nov-22	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	140.00

42. Parish Council matters

a. Village Hall update

There is still a need to get the skirting boards painted and have quadrant beading fitted to the bottom of the skirting boards to cover up the small gaps between the flooring and the bottom of the skirting boards together with the painting / replacing the internal doors.

It was agreed that a volunteer is required to progress the changing room project.

The Parish Council agreed to support the cost of refurbishment of the men's toilets.

b. Village Playing Field Registration

The Clerk has drafted a statutory declaration and will register the land at the land registry.

c. Playground transfers

The recent update suggests that these are almost completed, but Cllr Patrick agreed to continue to chase for progress..

d. Palmer Avenue 30mph speed limit extension

The Clerk was asked to chase Cllr Miller for an update.

e. Playground

The chairman is planning to discuss ideas/proposals for the small play area on the corner of Buchanan Road / Murcott Road with a resident with experience of children with special needs.

f. Tree and hedgerow work update

This work is ongoing. The parish council agreed to pay the final bill (of about £5,500 nett) once it has been received.

g. Playground repairs.

Cllrs Wilson and Hooper have carried out most of the necessary maintenance work on the play equipment. The parish council now needs to consider options for the basketball court in the bottom right corner of the playing field. The concrete base is split and needs to be repaired. However, we have money still available from the outdoor sports grant proposals are needed to develop the area.

43. Correspondence

The Parish Council has received an email from Cllr Miller with an offer of funds to support projects in Arncott parish. He has a budget of £15,000 that he can use to support local community projects, with a deadline for applications to the fund being 31 January 2023 with all monies must be spent by 31 March 2023. Cllr Miller needs to be advised of a proposed application by Wednesday 4 January. Acceptable projects ;

- All projects must address recognised needs of local communities of Oxfordshire.
- All projects must have the support of at least one county councillor.
- OCC will only fund specific projects with clearly defined costs and timescales.
- Projects must benefit Oxfordshire communities, be inclusive and provide good value for money
- Types of activities funded include: village hall refurbishment, purchasing of equipment, community activities open to all, play equipment for playgrounds.

Arncott PC could consider support for the changing room refurbishment.

b) Easy Eat Chinese Food Truck – a request to trade next to the village hall on Sunday & Wednesday evenings. The Parish Council has agreed ed to this in principle and written confirmation has been sent by the Clerk.

44. Public participation

Residents confirmed that they did not think it would be possible to conjoin the ACA and the community Association as that may jeopardise the 300 Club.

45. Any other business

The Parish Council agreed to make enquiries about whether volunteers would organise an event to celebrate the coronation in May 2023.

46. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7th March 2023..