

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th March 2023

PRESENT: Paul Wilson, Martin Byrne Paul Hooper, Luke Collins and Alex Dean

APOLOGIES: Daniel Cooper, Lee Savidge, Cllr Calum Miller (OCC), Cllrs Angus Patrick and Gemma Coton (CDC)

ALSO PRESENT:

6 members of the public

46. Declarations of Interest

None.

47. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2023 were agreed as drawn.

48. Planning

<u>23/00551/DISC</u>	Part Of G Site HQ Bicester Garrison Palmer Avenue Lower Arncott	Discharge of condition 4 (Travel Plan) 5 (cycle shelter details) of 22/00941/F	28/02/2023
<u>22/03551/F</u>	Bungalow Adjacent Green Court Kennels Clue Hill Farm Street At Corner Farm Running To The Greyhound Track At Clue Hill Farm Arncott HP18 9UZ	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwellinghouse	31/01/2023
<u>23/00217/F</u>	51 Woodpiece Road Upper Arncott Oxfordshire OX25 1PJ	Construction of new front porch. Construction of a e single storey rear extension	26/01/2023
<u>23/00239/SO</u>	Part Of G Site HQ Bicester Garrison Palmer Avenue Lower Arncott	EIA Screening Request for proposed temporary workers accommodation within the main Bicester MOD site	

49. Finance

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

Invoices

Cheques and bank transfers have been authorised as follows :

8/3/23	HMRC	cl tax	44.40
8/3/23	Mrs A Davies	salary	227.73
8/3/23	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	140.00
8/3/23	Ambrosden PCC	graveyard	418.95

8/3/23	OALC	subscription	200.18
8/3/23	Spanglefish	web	103.00
17/2/23	L Fennell	VH toilet area refurb	145.00
7/2/23	Mrs A Davies	salary	176.68
7/2/23	Mr F Milloy	cleaning	140.00
7/2/23	HMRC	CI tax	44.00
7/2/23	L Fennell	VH toilet repairs	1170.00

50. Parish Council matters

a. Village Hall update

There is still a need to complete the skirting boards painting 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. The necessary plumbing work to the toilets has been completed. Changing room refurbishment – the current changing rooms require a re paint and tidy up. However the football club is currently active and would benefit from more substantial improvement works. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Football club would discuss options, and the Chairman would make enquiries about a suitably skilled project manager to oversee any substantial works.

It was reported that the light on the rear of village hall required attention.

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

b. Village Playing Field Registration

Documents to register the title of the playing field have been lodged with the Land registry.

c. Playground transfers

Completion of the transfer of these pieces of land is moving slowly forward, with the council due to be paid over £179,000 for ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that the Parish council should take advice on appropriate banking for this sum of money...

d. Palmer Avenue 30mph speed limit extension

The signs indicating a reduction in the speed limit were installed on 17/18 February.

e. Playground

The chairman is planning take advice on the creation of an area for children with special needs on the land at the corner of Buchanan Road / Murcott Road.

f. Tree and hedgerow work update

Bicester Tree Services still need to finish off the scheduled programme, which should be completed shortly. The leylandii trees on the playing field along the fence of the Hopcraft Close gardens will also be pruned back. The council agreed in principle, to replace the trees that were cut down with similar (younger) species.

g. Village hall waste bin storage

The council agreed to secure the waste bins to posts at the back of the carpark. This will increase accessibility, and secure the bin contents.

h. Non street light issue at level crossing adjacent to C Site North entrance gate

There have been concerns raised that the lack of a street light at the level crossing is a major safety issue for pedestrians. The matter has been raised with OCC, and the Clerk was asked to chase to see if there was a response.

51. Correspondence

The Parish Council has received a request for support for the creation of a footpath from the Oakview Park caravan site to the entrance / exit of the village at Upper Arcott. As this would cross the Bucks / Oxon county boundary the parish council advised the resident from Oakview Park applicant to seek the help, support and advice of Cllr Miller.

52. Public participation

Residents living next to the football field attended to raise concerns that recent tree works have left their gardens vulnerable to incursion of footballs, possibly resulting in damage or injury to people using the garden or to property. The Chairman explained that the parish council had a duty to ensure that trees on parish land were maintained and safe, but suggested a meeting with concerned residents to discuss possible solutions.

There was also concern expressed about the amount of dog faeces on the playing field, which presented a health hazard to players. The Clerk confirmed that if a culprit was identified she would report any incidents to the dog warden.

53. Any other business

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

54. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting 23rd May 2023.