

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING
ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL, VILLAGE HALL
ON May 23rd 2023, AT 7.30PM**

Present: Paul Wilson (Chairman), Paul Hooper, Luke Collins, Dinesh Patel and Daniel Cooper
Apologies: Alex Dean and Martin Byrne..
Also Present: Cllr C Miller (OCC)
Cllr G Coton (CDC)
9 Parishioners
Representatives of Village organisations and societies.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th May 2022, having been circulated, were approved as drawn.

2. Councillors' Report

Cllr Miller advised the meeting that the current major issue facing the county council were children's services and adult social care, but the council had allocated a sum of £45million to spend on road maintenance, and were looking to maximise the value achieved from the County Council's property holdings.

The 30mph changes in Palmer Avenue were expected shortly, and the county council was also looking at some remedial work to both streetlights and pavements. He was planning a meeting of otmoor villages with flooding concerns, and looking to involve all agencies with an involvement in the matter.

There had been concerns about the length of time taken to manage the road closure at the A41 Ambrosden turn, and he was seeking an explanation for the delay.

Cllr Coton reported that CDC were currently surveying community needs, to understand priorities for the district.

She was asked to request assistance from CDC in the removal of the white coach parked at the entrance to the village hall car park.

3. Chairman's Report

Attached.

4. Finance

It was reported that the Parish Council had a balance of £16120.38 in its Cambridge Building Society account at the end of March) It also has £13712.02 in its Barclays Bank Account, and a balance of £46601.05 in its unity trust account. Over the last few years the Parish Council has undertaken a great deal of improvement work to village facilities, including work on the Village Hall car park . Much of the funding has come through s 106 monies agreed by David Orchard during the negotiations for planning consent for housing development, and the Council confirmed its thanks for his efforts on their behalf.

The accounts will shortly be displayed on the website – any questions to the Clerk please.

5. Village Hall

. There is a new Village Hall Committee, which meets every 2 months. They have a financial balance currently of £25847.07, much of it income from lettings. The floor has recently replaced, and they thanked the Chairman of the Parish Council for his work maintaining the Hall.

6. Arccott Community Association/300 Club

Financially the ACA is sound. It held a number of social functions over the course of the year, all of which were well received, Volunteers are now running the Christmas parties, but there was little support for the village fete, which was therefore cancelled.

7.. Football Club

The club plays on the playing field and had a good year. The new season made a promising start and club is hoping to be promoted.

.

8. Any Other Business

Q Should the bench on the playing field be maintained?

A The Parish Council was advised that it should not.

Q Could the Parish Council arrange for the bin at the playground to be emptied?

A Yes.

.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm