

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th JULY 2023

PRESENT: Paul Wilson, Paul Hooper, Alex Dean, Martin Byrne and Dinesh Patel.

APOLOGIES:, Daniel Cooper Luke Collins Cllr Calum Miller (OCC) and Cllr Gemma Coton (CDC)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC)

11. Declarations of Interest

None.

12. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2023 were agreed as drawn.

13. Councillor's report

Councillor Nedelcu introduced himself and confirmed that he would be the first point of contact with Cherwell District Council. He explained that, following the recent election. Cherwell District Council was governed by a cabinet comprising members of the minority Conservative party.

14. Planning

Applications

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| <u>23/01704/DISC</u> | BGSU St Georges Barracks
Arncott Wood Road Arncott
Bicester OX25 1PP | Discharge of Condition 4 (schedule of materials and finishes - external walls and roof(s)) of 22/02567/F |
| <u>23/01459/F</u> | St Georges Barracks
Arncott Wood Road Arncott
Bicester OX25 1PP | Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 22/02567/F - Layout amended to create additional bedroom on each floor, addition of an internal draught lobby at entrance area to ground floor, building height amended to suit typical build-ups, ceiling heights and service voids, introduction of louvres within windows, curtain walling with openable windows changed to a floor to ceiling glazing with openable windows, traditional brick wall side screen to be replaced with timber cladded side screen |
| <u>23/01467/DISC</u> | Bgsu St Georges Barracks
Arncott Wood Road Arncott
OX25 1PP | Discharge of Condition 7 (Arboricultural Method Statement) of 22/02567/F |
| <u>23/01356/F</u> | 6 Constables Croft Upper
Arncott Bicester OX25 1PG | Single storey extension to rear and side. Single storey gable extension to front |

No objections.

15. Finance

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

Invoices

Payments have been authorised as follows :

3/8/23	A Davies	CI salary	176.68
3/8/23	HMRC	CI tax	44.00
3/8/23	F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
6/7/23	K Forrest	War Memorial	115.00
6/7/23	HMRC	CI tax	44.00
6/7/23	Information commissioner	registration	40.00
6/7/23	A Davies	CI salary	187.73
6/7/23	F Milloy	cleaner	140.00

16. Parish Council matters

Playground Transfers

Completion of the transfers to the parish Council and the transfer of the commuted sum should take place shortly. The parish Council agreed to ask Mr Dempsey to cut the grass in the new playgrounds.

Trees

The parish council agreed the recent quote from Bicester Trees and agreed all the work proposed, including trimming the hedgerow and cutting back the field maple.

Football Field

The Parish Council considered the recently highlighted problem of children kicking footballs against fences of properties adjoining the football field. The Chairman agreed to raise the issue with the football club, and the parish Council also agreed a suggestion that the council purchase of a small goal which would be outside the main football area, and available for the children to use.

Ditch between Orchard Close and Greenfield.

A resident has requested that the parish Council consider taking a transfer of the land fronting the ditch at the rear of houses in Orchard Close. After discussion the council suggested that the first approach should be to Sanctuary Housing, who own and maintain the land on the other side of the ditch.

Road side cutting of ditch at Buchanan Court

The chairman has been approached by a resident concerning the verge cutting. Buchanan Court. As this has now been adopted by OCC as public highway, it will fall for the parish Council to arrange for the verge to be maintained. The Council's grass cutting contractor has been asked to include this verge in his regular schedule.

Buchanan Court streetlights

A resident has requested support in raising the issue of the non – working streetlights in Buchanan Court. The Council will raise this with OCC as FixMyStreet does not appear to accept a report of the problem.

Buchanan Rd / Murcott Rd small play area

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with making this area a quiet play area, working to ensure that it remains safe for users.

War Memorial garden

Residents have used the grant from the Parish Council to buy plants to put in to replace those lost during the winter, and ensuring that the garden will look its best in November. Thanks are also due to Print Run for allowing the use of the water supply to the premises to water the garden.

Village hall works – alternative to wooden / upvc quadrant beading

The Chairman advised the Council that the VHMC are looking at quotes to get doors and skirting decorated. The decorator will eliminate the gap between the skirting boards and the new floor by using decorators caulking before painting.

Possible new speed watch campaign ?

A resident has expressed concern at the speed of traffic past the entrance / exit to Village Close. The Council agreed to invite residents to form a Speedwatch group, as it has the necessary equipment.

17. Correspondence

The Parish Council agreed to a request from the Mayor of High Wycombe to wear his chain of office when visiting recruits in St George's barracks.

The Council agreed to refuse the request to use the football pitch for a veterans game at the end of July, as Arncliffe Football Club have recently repaired and re-seeded the goal areas in preparation for the coming season.

18. Public participation

None

19. Any other business

The Chairman has spoken with Cllr Miller about the proposed on-site meet at C site level crossing to discuss the installation of streetlights put in near to the level crossing. The existing lights do not work, and there is no electricity supply available. The Parish council suggestion is to replace the existing lights with solar lights.

He has also spoken with Cllr Miller again about the coach parked up in Harper Close. As Cllr Miller has asked for pictures of the coach, which will be sent. The Chairman commented that he had spent a considerable amount of time on this parking issue, and it was now difficult to know what action could be taken.

Cllr Miller has also been requested to ask OCC to cut back the hedgerow at the rear of gardens in Greenfields backing onto Murcott Road.

Village Hall – solar panel system maintenance plan. The Empower renewal quote for this year is £545.74 excluding VAT. Despite a request Empower will not reduce the amount due, but the Village Hall Committee have agreed to pay 50% of the renewal cost as they receive the feed in tariff payments.

The Clerk will try reporting the parked coach to the Transport commissioners.

20. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 3rd October 2023.