

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd January 2024

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

APOLOGIES: Paul Hooper, Luke Collins, Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC) and Cllr Calum Miller (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gemma Coton (CDC)

Declarations of Interest

None.

31. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

32. Councillor's report

Councillor Coton reported that CDC were now planning their 2024/5 budget and a new chief Executive was about to start. She confirmed that CDC were planning to sell Bodicote House and move staff into castle Quays in Banbury.

On behalf of OCC she advised that OCC were looking at options for a pavement in Norris Road, and confirmed that Cllr Miller would chase OCC and the MOD for progress on the streetlight at the level crossing.

33. Planning Applications

HM Prison Bullingdon Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arccott Bicester OX25 1PZ

Non-material amendment to 21/04216/F - Interior and exterior design changes to approved ancillary buildings

23/03249/DISC

HM Prison Bullingdon Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arccott Bicester OX25 1PZ

Discharge of Condition 11 (drainage) of 21/04216/F

23/03091/NMA

Zone 3a Home Zone 2 & 3 Graven Hill Upper Arccott Bicester Oxon

Change in layout of the rear path and level changes (proposed as non-material amendment to 21/03654/REM)

23/02974/NMA

OS Parcel 6086 Adjacent And North West Of Railway Line Ploughley Road Arccott Removal of condition 17 (Delivery Partner certificate) and text amendments sought to Conditions 16 (organisational licence) and 18 (GCN Mitigation Principles) to correspond with new GCN licence

(proposed as non-material amendment to 20/00285/F amended by 21/00924/NMA)

Application Permitted

23/02856/F

South View Old Arccott Road Ambrosden Bicester OX25 2LTNew 3 bedroom detached dwelling to the side of existing house

Application Permitted

After the October Parish Council meeting when the occupiers expressed concern at possible development the following application was received:

23/02772/PIP

Land Adjoining And To The West Of No 42 Green Lane Upper Arccott

Permission in Principle application for the erection of up to 2 No dwellings

Following discussion the Parish council objected to this application which has now been Refused

23/02663/DISC

BGSU St Georges Barracks Arncott Wood Road Arncott Bicester OX25 1PP Discharge of Condition 8

(replacement tree planting) of 23/01459/F

Application Permitted

23/02624/NMA

HM Prison Bullingdon Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arncott Bicester OX25 1PZ

Non-material amendment to 21/04216/F - Interior and Exterior design changes to the houseblock

Application Permitted

34. Finance

The Financial report for January 2024 is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Invoices

Payments have been authorised as follows :

F Milloy	cleaning	140.00
HMRC	cl tax	44.00
Mrs A Davies	salary	176.68
P Wilson	wreath	50.00
St Edburges Church	donation	50.00
HMRC	cl tax	24.00
Mrs A Davies	salary	273.73
F Milloy	cleaning	14.00
F Milloy	cleaning	126.00
Bank		18.00
Mrs A Davies	salary	201.68
HMRC	cl tax	47.60
F Milloy	cleaning	140.00
Ambrosden PCC	burial ground	480.00

The Parish Council, after discussion, agreed to set a precept for the year 2024/25 of £17989, which keeps the payment per band "d" property at the same level as 2023/4 of £56.53 per annum.

35. Parish Council matters

Buchanan Rd / Murcott Rd small play area

The Parish council has discussed this site on a number of occasions. It would like to turn it into a sensory / quiet area for children who do not like a lot of noise / crowds.

The council agreed to discuss options for this to progress at its next meeting.

War Memorial garden

The Council agreed to a maintenance budget for the garden around the War memorial in the sum of £300 for 2024/25.

Street light problem at C site level crossing

The chairman has not been updated on any further action since meeting on site in September with an officer working for OCC and Cllr Miller.

Update on white coach parked in Harper Close

On 18th December, Mr Christopher Cundy from the CDC Environmental Protection and Enforcement department emailed the Parish Council and advised it thus ; “ Good morning Mrs Davies. I was trying to call you regarding the bus as it is not a simple problem. It is a parking issue that does not fall squarely into anyone’s individual remit. Cherwell can only deal with truly abandoned vehicles and as there is an owner living in the bus, it is owned. To date the antisocial behaviour coming from the owner has not been bad enough for our Community Wardens or police to act on. Our environmental enforcement team has concerns about his waste but would need evidence to take anything forward and that still will not address the parking issue. The police will only intervene if the bus is obstructing the road enough to be considered a hazard. As our refuse freighters can get by, they will not remove it. The bus is current on tax and MOT so the DVLA will take no action. The County Council’s parking folks have looked at it and it does not meet any of their criteria to issue a FPN for parking and they would not be able to remove it anyway. The owner of the bus does not identify as a traveller, so the Traveller Liaison Officer is unable to assist with regards to the illegal encampment. The owner of the bus has been offered accommodation in the past but has declined that offer. CDC have consulted with the Director of Highways Operations for Oxfordshire County Council. We are planning on setting up a meeting with all stakeholders in the new year to work out what can be done and who will take the lead on that action. Another issue that we have is that the owner of the bus has a history of moving his bus along to another location and causing similar issues wherever he goes. Any action we take will also need to address that behaviour “

Based on that information, the Parish council noted that the bus can remain where it is for as long as the owner wants to leave it there and there is absolutely nothing that can be done to legally get it removed.

Grass cutting

The council’s grass cutting contractor will begin his cutting schedule as usual around the end of March/ beginning of April. The Buchanan Court verge and the Village Close play areas were added into his schedule during last year’s cutting season after the parish council assumed responsibility for maintenance of those grass areas.

Possible new speed watch campaign

The Parish council has the speed watch equipment. It was agreed that the proposal to organise a Speedwatch group would be posted on the Village Facebook page, in the Spring, when the evenings are lighter.

36. Village hall

It was noted that the outside lights required attention, as did the thermostat in the Village Hall.

37. Correspondence

The email from CDC referred to above together with general updates.

38. Public participation

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the schedule for the emptying of the dog bins, as it was noted that, at times they were not emptied and spare bags were left (presumably when the contractor was away on holiday).

39. Any other business

The streetlight in Buchanan Road is not working and needs to be reported to OCC..

40. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7th May 2024.