

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th MAY 2024

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

APOLOGIES: Dinesh Patel, Luke Collins Cllr Gemma Coton (CDC) and Cllr Calum Miller (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC) Cllr Alisa Russell (CDC)

1. Election of chairman and Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Paul Wilson would be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2024/5 and Cllr Martin Byrne was appointed Vice Chairman.

2. Co-option of councillor

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to co-opt Danny Cooper to the vacancy on the Parish Council, following the recent uncontested election.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024 were agreed as drawn.

5. Councillor's report

Councillor Nedelcu reported that, following the recent local elections, the Liberal democrats were now the largest party on Cherwell District Council. He was hoping things would be clearer by the time of the first Council meeting on 22nd May. He also introduced the new Liberal democrat Councillor for the area – Cllr Alisa Russell.

6. Finance

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

Audit

The Parish Council reviewed the Internal Auditor's report, reviewed and approved its Annual Governance Return and agreed its end of year accounts. It also authorised the Chairman to sign the documents forming the Annual Governance and Accountability return.

Invoices

Payments have been authorised as follows:

A Davies	salary	190.23
M Dempsey	grass	4675.00
HMRC	cl tax	3.80
F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
A Lambourne	internal audit	43.75
A Davies	salary	201.68
F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
CDC	dog bins	555.98

7. Planning Applications

Reference No.	Location	Proposal/ Description	Validated	Status
24/00866/F	30 Woodpiece Road Upper Arncott Bicester OX25 1PJ	Installation of air source heat pump at the rear of property within boundary line	26/04/2024	Under Consultation
24/01142/DISC	Sites B C D And E MOD Bicester Murcott Road Upper Arncott	Discharge of Conditions 29 (comprehensive intrusive investigation) and 30 (scheme of remediation) of 21/03749/F	25/04/2024	Valid Applicaton Received
24/01042/F	Bungalow Adjacent Green Court Kennels Clue Hill Farm Arncott Aylesbury HP18 9UZ	Creation of residential garden	17/04/2024	Under Consultation
24/00597/NMA	Sites B C D And E MOD Bicester Murcott Road Upper Arncott	Non-material amendmenet to 21/03749/F - plans amended to correct the wording of the decision notice	04/03/2024	Under Consultation
24/00290/NMA	Land At Brook Farm Ploughley Road Arncott Bicester OX25 1NY	Alterations to the design details of equipment, positioning of equipment and layout of ancillary equipment that operate alongside the generators (proposed as non-material amendments to 20/00756/F)	06/02/2024	Application Permitted

8. Parish Council matters

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had circulated an update on agenda items for councillors. These were noted as below:-

Small play area on corner of Murcott / Buchanan Road

On a few previous occasions, the parish council has agreed that this area could become a “quiet play” area for children – somewhere where they can just sit and chill out. The current size of the area very much restricts the type of play items that could legally be put into it, and the Clerk was asked to check Land registry documents to see where the current boundaries lie.

War Memorial garden – maintenance

As shown in the January minutes, the council agreed a budget of £300 for the continued upkeep of the memorial garden for 2024 / 2025. The owner of Print Run has recently purchased a seating bench for the parish to be sited at the Memorial Garden. The parish Council agreed that a small

plaque that will be fitted to the bench and suitably engraved should be ordered to inform residents of the bench's sponsorship.

Street Light problem at C site level crossing –update

The MOD has recently informed the Parish Council that lighting at the level crossing will be installed within the next few months as part of a MOD lighting upgrade program that is taking place across the MOD estate.

Update on coach parked in the village if any

There is concern as current searches show that the coach is not taxed, does not have a MOT certificate and should not be on the road.

Possible new speed watch campaign

The Parish Council will consider asking via Facebook if there are any volunteers in the Village who would like to run a Speedwatch group.

9. Village hall Car park

In the light of concerns over the security of the Village Hall car Park, the Parish Council agreed to investigate, and install suitable secure barriers at the entrance.

10. Correspondence

As above together with general updates.

11. Public participation

None

12. Any other business

The Norris Road footpath has been in a state of disrepair for a very long time. The Clerk will report the matter to OCC Highways.

13. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 2nd July 2024.

Arccott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	07 May 2024
Payments processed since last meeting				£6,009.57
07-Mar-24	Mrs A Davies	B/P		£190.43
07-Mar-24	HMRC	B/P		£47.60
07-Mar-24	F Milloy	B/P		£140.00
07-Mar-24	OALC	B/P		£208.75
07-Mar-24	Spanglefish	B/P		£108.00
07-Mar-24	WEL Medical	B/P		£287.76
31-Mar-24	Bank			£18.00
03-Apr-24	A Davies	B/P		£190.23
03-Apr-24	M Dempsey	B/P		£4,675.00
+ 2 more				£143.80
Receipts processed since previous report				£11,497.48
03-Jan-24	SSE			£44.09
16-Feb-24	HMRC			£1,837.98
10-Apr-24	OCC			£615.41
10-Apr-24	CDC			£9,000.00
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated		06 May 2024
		Unity Trust Current account		£223,017.92
		Barclays Current account		£14,327.43
		Cambridge Savings account		£16,120.38
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts		0		£0.00
Payments	None			
			Net Total	<u>£253,465.73</u>
Of which:				
Allocated reserves	Playground reserve			£189,766.41
General reserve				£63,699.32