

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th February 2025

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

APOLOGIES:, Paul Hooper, Cllr Gemma Coton (CDC) Cllr Julian Nedelcu (CDC) Cllr Alisa Russell (CDC) and Cllr Calum Miller (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT:

Declarations of Interest

None.

32. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

33. Finance

The Financial report for January 2025 is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Invoices

Payments have been authorised as follows:

Bank	Service charge	2.40
CDC	cl tax	61.40
A Davies	salary	246.35
P Wilson	Remembrance	50.00
K Forrest	war memorial	32.00
F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
Bank	Service charge	6.60
Empower	Solar maintenance	660.00
A Davies	salary	199.55
HMRC	cl tax	50.00
F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
St Edburg's church	donation	50.00
Bank	Service charge	6.75
wel medical	defib pads	339.54
Ambrosden PCC	burial ground	480.00
F Milloy	cleaner	140.00
HMRC	cl tax	50.00
A Davies	salary	199.65
Bank	Service charge	6.90

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £17000 for the year 2025/6 which recognises that the current investment will cover some maintenance costs for the play spaces.

34. Planning Applications

Reference No.	Location	Proposal/ Description	Validated	Status
25/00172/DISC	BGSU St Georges Barracks Arncott Wood Road Arncott Bicester OX25 1PP	Discharge of Condition 5 (DREAM Construction Certificate) of 22/02567/F	23/01/2025	Under Consultation
24/03329/F	The Bungalow Clue Hill Farm Arncott HP18 9UZ	Replacement dwelling (self-build)	18/12/2024	Under Consultation
24/03238/HED	Os Parcel 0006 South Of Widnell Lane South West Of Football Ground And Arncott Road Piddington	Removal of 30m hedgerow to facilitate overhead line refurbishment	10/12/2024	Application Permitted
24/03239/HED	Street Record Street At Corner Farm Running To The Greyhound Track At Clue Hill Farm Arncott	Removal of 20m hedgerow to facilitate overhead line refurbishment	10/12/2024	Application Permitted
24/02767/TEL	Mast 531M From New Park Farmhouse And 4M From Murcott Road Upper Arncott OX5 2FE	Remove 3 no antenna and 2 no cabinets to replace with 3 no antenna, 1 no cabinet, add 1 no GPS node, along with associated equipment works	16/10/2024	No Objections
24/02376/NMA	OS Parcel 6086 Adjacent And North West Of Railway Line Ploughley Road Arncott	Dimensions changes to the approved transformers at the site (proposed as non-material amendment to 20/00285/F)	02/09/2024	Application Permitted
24/02323/F	HM Prison Bullingdon Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arncott Bicester OX25 1PZ	Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 24/00159/F - Design amendments to the Workshops, Admin, Programmes and Houseblock buildings	27/08/2024	Application Permitted
24/02306/DISC	BGSU St Georges Barracks Arncott Wood Road Arncott Bicester OX25 1PP	Discharge of Conditions 10 (LEMP) and 11 (cycle parking) of 22/02567/F	23/08/2024	Application Permitted
24/02280/DISC	Sites B C D And E MOD Bicester Murcott Road Upper Arncott	Discharge of Conditions 31 (Construction Environment Management Plan) and 32 (Construction Management Travel Plan) of 21/03749/F	20/08/2024	Application Permitted

35. Parish Council matters

Trees in Mill Lane

On 4th December last year, a company named Property Risk Inspection Ltd emailed the parish council to ask about the ownership of the grass verge running down the side of Mill Lane between the road and Constables Croft as two of the current have got a property subsidence issue. Their home insurance company arranged for Property Risk Inspection Ltd to carry out a survey and assess that issue. Property Risk Inspection Ltd has emailed the parish council with a report of the site survey and that survey implicated some trees on the grass verge adjacent

to both Mill Lane and the property as being involved in the subsidence damage. The trees need to be removed to prevent further damage occurring. Property Risk Inspection Ltd will arrange for the tree removal and the cost of that will be covered by the home insurance company. Before removal can take place it's necessary to try and establish ownership of the land. The parish council advised Property Risk Inspection Ltd that the land is not in the ownership of the parish council so the company undertook a Land of Unknown Ownership enquiry and has since advised the parish council that ownership of the land cannot be established. That being the case, the company has sent out letters to nearby residents and will also arrange put up notices to inform people about the work that must be done.

Defibrillator maintenance

On 10th December last year the defibrillator unit located at the village hall was used by a resident and / or the ambulance service. As a consequence of that happening, a new set of defibrillator pads have been purchased to replace the set that was used. At the same time, a new battery was purchased for the unit located at The Plough Inn as the battery level dropped to 50% capacity.

Update on coach parked in the village

On 26th November the Chairman attended a VHMC meeting. The owner of the coach parked by the village Hall car park also attended the meeting to discuss both the issue of the parked-up coach and also to request permission to park his car in the village hall car park. The meeting was advised that steps were being taken to relocate the bus to a friend's property and it was hoped that the coach would be moved within the next few months. It was also noted that the car would be parked in front of the play park in order not to take up one of the valuable parking spaces in the village hall car park. The Parish Council was advised that the owner of the coach is hopeful of being moved into Bicester, in which case the coach would be relocated.

Update on Land transfer

Bloor Homes has emailed the land registry documents for the Village Close play areas to the parish council.

Footpaths

OCC have repaired a small section of the footpath along Norris Road opposite to Patrick Haugh Road but no more. Following on from the Chairman's walkabout with OCC's Highway Officer in July, he reported that he had emailed her a couple of times to ask when things are going to get done. At the time of the walk about it was suggested that that she would look into getting Mill Lane resurfaced, getting all the village footpaths repaired where necessary and get arrangements made to put in dropped kerbs at Teale Close and Hopcraft Close. On 4th November received an emailed reply to his request for an update

1 – The CAT 3 has been raised for Mill Lane but as stated in our site meeting this can take some time to be processed, measured, priced up and then actioned, so in the meantime please keep using FixMyStreet to log any new defects in need of fixing.

2 – The above also applies for the footway slurry, there will be no fast action with these two requests.

3 – The dropped kerb request was sent over to our schemes team so I will email them to see if we have had any progress on this.

I'll update you as and when I hear back

36. Village hall - update

There was no update on Village Hall issues, but the Hall needs a door stop for the main entrance doors, as the one currently in situ broke when the door was opened during high winds as the door was blown back with sufficient force as to damage the door stay.

The solar panel maintenance contract was renewed at the beginning of last December. The nett cost was £550 which was the same as the previous year. This cost has been split 50 / 50 between the Parish Council and the AVHMC.

The chairman reported that he had attended the VHMC meeting on 26th November to discuss the option of a gate / barrier being put up across the car park entrance. After some discussion, the Village Hall committee decided it was not a matter they wished to pursue.

37. Correspondence

A resident attended the October meeting to raise concerns about the intensity of the new MOD lighting from the C site level crossing to the Palmer Avenue roundabout. The Chairman reported that he had since emailed and phoned (twice) staff at the MOD to ask if the lights could be angled down so that they do not shine into the face of pedestrians walking along Norris Road from Green Lane towards the level crossing.

Another resident, who lives in Mill Lane opposite to where the tree work is planned emailed the Parish council to ask if, as far as possible, the sight barrier and ecosystem provided by the hedge line can be preserved. However, he confirmed he did not have any objection to the removal of a few of the Elms as they are getting to the height where they die off anyway.

CDC has advised the parish council that cost of emptying the dog poo bins will be increased from 1st April. Cost will go from £1.80 + VAT to £1.90 + VAT per bin. The Clerk was asked to request a detailed breakdown of cuts in the village over the last 12 months, and more detail of CDC's bin emptying schedule

38. Public participation

None

39. Any other business

The Clerk was asked to report the pothole on the railway line on "FixMyStreet".

The Parish Council agreed a budget of £500 to maintain the garden at the War Memorial.

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedge adjacent to The Plough Public House.

40. Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 6th May 2025. Annual Parish Meeting 6th May 2025.

Arncott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report		
			Parish Council Meeting	04 February 2025	
Payments processed since last meeting				£3,409.85	
	23-Oct-24	CDC	B/P	£555.98	
	23-Oct-24	HMRC	B/P	£47.60	
	23-Oct-24	A Davies	B/P	£201.68	
	23-Oct-24	F Milloy	B/P	£140.00	
	31-Oct-24	Bank		£2.40	
	04-Nov-24	CDC	B/P	£61.40	
	04-Nov-24	A Davies	B/P	£246.35	
	04-Nov-24	P Wilson	B/P	£50.00	
	04-Nov-24	K Forrest	B/P	£32.00	
	04-Nov-24	F Milloy	B/P	£140.00	
	30-Nov-24	Bank		£6.60	
	02-Dec-24	Empower	B/P	£660.00	
	02-Dec-24	A Davies	B/P	£199.55	
	02-Dec-24	HMRC	B/P	£50.00	
	02-Dec-24	F Milloy	B/P	£140.00	
	02-Dec-24	St Edburg's church	B/P	£50.00	
	31-Dec-24	Bank		£6.75	
	09-Jan-25	wel medical	B/P	£339.54	
	+ 5 more			£480.00	
Receipts processed since previous report				£1,490.91	
	02-Dec-24	AVH		£275.00	
	24-Dec-24	SSE		£4.00	
	31-Dec-24	Bank		£1,165.63	
	28-Jan-25	SSE		£46.28	
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	01 February 2025	
			Unity Trust Current account	£36,639.36	
			Barclays Current account	£14,327.43	
			Unity Trust Savings account	£186,461.73	
			Cambridge Savings account	£16,120.38	
	Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None			
	Payments	None			
			Net Total	£253,548.90	
Of which:					
Allocated reserves		Playground reserve		£186,857.66	
General reserve				£66,691.24	