

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNCOTT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2026

PRESENT: Paul Wilson, Martin Byrne, Matt Todd and Heidi White

APOLOGIES: Danny Cooper, Dinesh Patel, Alex Dean, Cllr Gemma Coton (CDC) and Laura Goodman (OCC)

ALSO PRESENT

35. Declarations of Interest

None.

36. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2025 were agreed as drawn.

37. Finance

The Financial report for January 2026 is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

The Parish Council considered their precept requirements for the year 2026/7 and agreed to raise their precept amount by 0.5% to £17,044 which is an increase of 40p per year for a Band "D" property.

Invoices

Payments have been authorised as follows:

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| F Milloy | cleaner | 140.00 |
| P Wilson | Arccott Wreath | 50.00 |
| HMRC | cl tax | 51.60 |
| A Davies | salary | 217.29 |
| Gallagher | insurance | 2405.03 |
| Bicester Trees | Tree works | 1375.00 |
| empower | solar panels | 660.00 |
| F Milloy | cleaner | 140.00 |
| HMRC | cl tax | 51.60 |
| A Davies | salary | 206.04 |
| St Edberg church | donation | 50.00 |
| A Davies | salary | 217.49 |
| HMRC | cl tax | 51.40 |
| F Milloy | cleaner | 140.00 |

38. Planning Applications

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| <u>25/03206/F</u> | OS Parcels 7077 To 8220 Adjoining And North Of Palmer Avenue Lower Arccott | Formation of new agricultural access track |
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| <u>25/03072/CLUP</u> | HM Prison Bullingdon Patrick Haugh Road Upper Arncott Bicester OX25 1PZ | Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for ancillary facilities and associated works at HMP Bullingdon |
| <u>25/02977/CLUP</u> | Tuther Corner Brill Aylesbury HP18 9UZ | Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for construction of a 3 bay carport and log store |

No objections

39. Parish Council matters

Playground Maintenance

The Parish Council received a quote from Sovereign Playgrounds in the sum of over £13000 to carry out maintenance work to the playgrounds. The Parish council agreed that this was not acceptable in view of the limited work required, and the Chairman and other village residents will resolve the issues.

Trees including in Harper Close.

It was agreed that Bicester Tree Services would review the village trees and submit a quote for work that would include the removal of a rotten tree stump in Teale Close.

Update on the white coach parked in Harper Close.

An update from OCC is awaited.

40. Village hall – update

The Village Hall continues to be well used. The Parish council is seeking confirmation from CDC as to the remaining amount of S106 monies available to it for use for sports facilities. Once that information had been received the Parish Council agreed to proceed with investigating the possibilities of designing and constructing an additional building that would provide for another changing room and shower facility.

41. Correspondence

Some residents have expressed concern about the speed of traffic through the village and would like to revisit the option of a 20mph speed limit. The Chairman explained that at the beginning of 2022, OCC gave all villages the choice of changing the limit from 30mph to 20mph. Between March 2022 and May 2022 all of Arncott village's residents of voting age were given the opportunity to cast their vote as to whether to ask OCC to implement a 20mph limit or, alternatively, to retain the 30mph limit. The majority of voters chose to retain the 30mph limit so that is why it was not changed to 20mph.

42. Public participation

None

43. Any other business

The comment was made that residents living in the houses on Norris Road near to the Green Lane turning consider it to be unsafe when driving a vehicle off their property onto Norris Road. The reason given was that some vehicles are being driven too fast when travelling around the road bend adjacent to Green Lane. The Chairman said he would make some enquiries as to what, if any, solutions might be possible.

44. Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Meeting to start at 7.15pm with the Open Meeting starting at 8.00pm or at the end of the Parish Council meeting.