ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 10th May 2021

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, N Lewis, A Killick and J Mills.

Apologies: Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

In Attendance:

Members of the public: 3

1. Election of Chairman

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Huw Jenkins should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2021-2022 and Cllr N Lewis should be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Parishioner's Issues

There is concern that traffic cannot see the road sign warning of road narrowing as it travels over the bridge, due to overhanging vegetation.

Could the lights of the pedestrian crossing on the b30 be turned off at night?

Grass cutting in the Parish will start on 11th May.

Roads adjacent to Orchard Close are in a poor condition and need full resurfacing – probably by the Dragon patcher.

Cars are parking on the pavements in Ardley Road and Water Lane, and causing an obstruction. Could the parish Council consider installing posts to prevent parking by Ardley woods?

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 8th March 2021

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 8th March 2021 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

5. Progress on Parish matters

a) Rural Housing

Prices of properties on the new development have now been publicised, and dshares of 25%, 50% and 75% of the properties are available.

b) Vehicle activated speed signs

On receipt of details of proposed locations, the Clerk will contact OCC for siting approval, and ask for a quote to install posts to support them.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about 20mph speed limits in Oxfordshire, and for an update on traffic calming measures including junction improvements, bus gates and traffic lights in the Parish.

c) Ardley Woods

Gate repairs have been completed.

d) Quarry Field

Concern was expressed that this area was being used by motor cycle scramble bikes. It was suggested that the council should erect a notice indicating the area was private land maintained by the parish council, and making clear that motor vehicles were not permitted.

e) The scheme will make use of funds make available by Cllr C Fulljames before she retired from OCC and currently held in the Parish Council bank account.

6. Finance

The Council noted the financial report contained in Appendix 1 and authorised the following payments:-

Cheque Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
100797	Zurich insurance Ardley with Fewcott Village Hall	PC insurance Fire alarm service	£395.93 £1312.04
100798			
100799	CDC	Dog bins	£240.56
100800	St John's A Lambourne Mcafee	Defib case Internal audit Virus software	£606.00 £23.40 £129.98
100801			
100802			
100803	Mrs A Davies	salary	£276.14
100804	HMRC	Cl tax	£68.80

The Parish Council considered the Parish Council accounts for the year 2020/2021. Having noted the internal auditor's report, it approved and authorised the Chairman to sign parts 1 and 2 of the Audit return and the certificate of exemption from external audit.

7. Cllrs Report

Cllr Ian Corkin had sent a written update for both the Annual parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting.

8. Planning

50 Somerton Road Extension and alterations (resubmission of 21/00541/F)

Ardley OX27 7NT

21/01361/F Meadowbank Somerton Road Two storey rear extension; side lean to extension; new entrance

Ardley OX27 7NS porch.

No Objections

9. Items for information or next Agenda

It was agreed that the website would be updated.

Once items for an application to the SSE Resilience Fund have been identified, the Clerk agreed to complete and send the application off.

It was reported that the village Hall was used by Emergency services when dealing with accidents/incidents on the M40.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 12th July in the Village Hall.

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