

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council held on
Monday 10th May 2021 in the Village Hall, Ardley.**

Present: Cllr. H Jenkins – Chairman of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council
Cllr. A Killick
Cllr J Mills

Apologies: Cllr N Lewis
Cllr I Corkin (OCC/CDC)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence

Those present noted apologies as detailed above.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 2nd May 2019 were approved as drawn.

4. Update on Parish projects from the Chairman of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council

The Chairman reminded the meeting that there had been no Annual parish Meeting during the Covid lockdown of 2020. He then referred to the following key village projects over the past year:-

A. Rural affordable housing

Construction of the new houses is now progressing.

B. Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan

The Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan is playing an active role in proposed new developemnts.

C. Traffic Calming and work to the junction with the B430

Traffic calming options are still under discussion..

D. Ardley Field and Woods

The Parish Council has now carried out some maintenance of Ardley Field and Woods.

F. Speeding traffic

The Parish Council has carried out some speed monitoring and installed a vehicle Activated Speed sign.

4. Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor.

5. Reports from Parish Groups

A. Village Hall

The last year has been a difficult one for the Village Hall, as there was no income from lettings, although they did receive a Covid grant of £10,000. The committee will shortly have its first meeting of the current year, and will be looking at the wish list of improvement projects, including a new kitchen and bar area, a new barbeque area and the replacement of the hall and front doors.

The Hall will formally re open on June 21st and there are now bookings in July – October including the mother and toddler group, and a wedding booked for 2022

B. Playing field Committee

The recent playground inspection report has highlighted some high risk issues, which need to be addressed as soon as possible. The Committee is considering making changes to the safety surfacing of the playground , and , possibly, the installation of a Multi use games Area.

C. Ardley with Fewcott Environment Committee

This committee has been planting more primroses and other wild flowers.

D. Allotment Trust

This group is a charity comprises 5 trustees, with funds from the sale of land, which are made available to provide support to residents, including pensioners (with vouchers at Christmas) and people in education or starting employment.

7.Finance

The Clerk reported the end of year accounts, which will shortly be presented to the internal Auditor.

6. Thanks

Finally the Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Councillors who had attended meetings remotely during the lockdown.
residents in the Parish for their support during 2018/19.including all those who cut grass, maintained verges, supported village organisations and groups or provided support for neighbours.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

