

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council held on
Monday 14th May 2018 in the Village Hall, Ardley.**

Present: Cllr. H Jenkins – Chairman of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council
Cllr. N Lewis
Cllr. D Peat
Cllr P Johnson
6 Parish residents

Apologies: Cllr R Corkin
Cllr J O'Neill
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

There being no record of Minutes having been prepared from the Parish Meeting on 8th May 2017 the meeting agreed to proceed in their absence. Should any become available they will be circulated and put up on the Notice Board.

4. Matters Arising

As above

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

The Chairman referred to the following key village projects over the past year:-

A. Rural affordable housing

The Parish Council has been working with CDC and the Waterloo housing Group to develop a rural housing scheme. Good progress has been made, land owners are participating and very few issues have arisen. Provided there are no problems with the application for planning consent building work should start in about 2 years' time.

B. Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan

The project has been some 2-3 years in development. It has recently been published on the CDC website, and hard copies are available for inspection locally. After being subjected to scrutiny and subject to sufficient public support the process could be concluded by the end of 2018.

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

The Parish Council are hoping to obtain support for these projects through the mechanism of payments made under s 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

D. Liaison with Viridor

Regular meetings have now been established, and there are improved channels of communication.

E. Ardley Field and Woods

The Parish Council is seeking quotes for more tree work – mainly to tackle branches overhanging adjoining properties and adjacent roads.

F. Grass cutting

Grass cutting in the Parish has recently commenced (having been delayed due to the recent wet weather) and will take place twice a month until September.

G. Speedwatch

This group is to be re instated

H. Liaison with Village Hall Committee

Regular liaison takes place as Cllr N Lewis sits on the Village Hall Committee.

6. Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor.

7. Reports from Parish Groups

A. Playing field Committee

The Chairman of the Playing field Committee reported that the Committee was in a strong financial position, holding funds sufficient to cover expenditure for a year. Since the last meeting the Committee had re-laid the patio at the front of the Hall, erected new goal posts, carried out ongoing repairs to the playpark equipment and removed the mounds (which were wearing away). The Committee is now planning to build additional storage at the back of the village Hall, re do the kitchen, looking for volunteers to assist in redecorating the Hall, and looking at erecting a barrier at the entrance to the Car park to deter travellers looking for a temporary camp site.

B. Ardley with Fewcott Environment Committee

This committee requires 7 members, but at its recent meeting there were only two people who attended. The Committee is now looking for volunteers, including people who can offer advice on particular issues without necessarily attending meetings regularly.

One of the Committee's plans is to install three benches on the Quarry – with an expected cost of about £400 per bench. The Committee would expect to make an application to Viridor/TOE for funding support, but asked whether the Parish Council would be able to provide the requisite 10% third party funding to unlock the additional funds.

The next stage is to make enquiries as to whether planning permission is required, and seek consent from the freeholder of the site.

C. Community Café

This has been a successful venture, going from strength to strength. The Café obtained grant funding from OCC to support some of their activities – Boccia and indoor bowls, and the refreshments have proved very popular, as are the cakes available.

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. Three payments have been made from the fund this year, and the committee will be considering a further application at its meeting later in the week.

8. Councillor's Reports

The Clerk read the salient points from Cllr Ian Corkin's report to the meeting. The full report is attached.

9. Thanks

Finally the Parish Council thanked residents in the Parish for their support during 2017/18 including Jan Mills for filling in for the Clerk following the former Clerk's departure from the village, everyone who supported the village, by cutting grass, maintaining verges, supporting village organisations and groups or providing support for neighbours.

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

