

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council held on
Thursday 2nd May 2019 in the Village Hall, Ardley.**

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

Apologies: 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

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 14th May 2018 were approved as drawn.

4. 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 for which planning permission has now been granted. Development is due to start in June 2019 and the work completed by June 2020. There may be some disruption to traffic while the road crossing is installed.

B. Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan

The Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved, and all development in the area needs to comply with its policies.

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

Traffic calming options are still under discussion with Dorchester Homes. Cllr O'Neill has now taken over responsibility for discussions about traffic through the village.

D. Ardley Field and Woods

The Parish Council representatives are meeting representatives from the Forestry Commission on 13th May for advice in terms of the maintenance of Ardley Woods.

E. Grass cutting

Grass cutting in the Parish will start w/c 7th May and continue until September.

F. Speedwatch

Speedwatch activity was well received when it last took place. The Parish Council have access to equipment currently used by Fritwell, and will make arrangements to carry out more Speedwatch work in some 3 months time.

G. Liaison with Village Hall Committee

All groups have confirmed that regular liaison takes place between them and the parish Council and there are no issues with the relationship.

5. Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any Councillor.

6. Reports from Parish Groups

A. Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee held a very successful Beer festival and fete. There are plans to extend and refit the kitchen and improve the bar area. Following this work the boiler will need to be replaced. Two members of the Committee have recently redecorated the Hall – for which the meeting expressed its thanks.

Village Hall Accounts are in good order, having made a profit of some £9000 for the year 2018/19. It is well used, with regular bookings, private events and charitable functions. Currently the Hall is fundraising for a substantial extension, but it is hoped that this will be supported by a s 106 payment from Waterloo Homes.

B. Playing field Committee

Rambles from adjoining properties are growing into the children's playground and the playing field and affecting usage. The Clerk was asked to write to the adjoining owner requesting they are cut back. Quotes are currently being obtained to take down the damaged trees by the pavilion.

C. Ardley with Fewcott Environment Committee

This committee (not a sub committee of the Parish Council) currently only has two members. The Committee aims to deliver projects that improve or support the village environment.

D. Community Café

This has been a successful venture, with its opening hours extended from 10.30am until midday. Numbers have increased and additional grant funding is available from OCC. Each visit costs £1.50 and a free Christmas lunch is provided.

E. Allotment Trust

This group is a charity comprising 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.

F Church

A potential new Vicar will be interviewed at the end of May.

7. **Thanks**

Finally the Parish Council thanked 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.