

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Thursday 2nd May 2019

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, N Lewis, P Johnson, J O'Neill, J Mills and A Killick.

Apologies: Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

In Attendance:

Members of the public: 6

1. Election of Chairman

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Huw Jenkins should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2018-19 and Cllr N Lewis should be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Both Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms.

2. Parishioner's Issues

The following matters were raised :-

The verge around the footpath on the highway which needs to be cut will be reported on "Fix my street", as will the verge on the Ardley road before the two bungalows on the left hand side approaching the village.

The Parish Council will consider whether grass cutting should start earlier in another year, possibly running from April until October.

3. Declarations of interest

There has been correspondence about a tree impeding the flow of the village brook. Although Cllr Lewis declared an interest this is not a Parish Council matter and the Clerk will advise accordingly.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 12th March 2018

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 11th March 2019 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

5. Progress on Parish matters

- a) Rural Housing – updated in the Parish Meeting.
- b) **Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan** – this is now approved and legally binding for all planning applications in the area. Cllrs Jenkins and O'Neill reported that the recent MCNP had agreed that any objections lodged should be based on its own policies, objections from the MCNP would not be made if the problem was not part of its policies, and it was confirmed that Parishes were free to make their own response to planning applications within their own area.
The MCNP is looking for 2 voting representatives from the Parish, although other Councillors may be substituted. It was agreed 5 Councillors would be nominated.
- c) It was reported that there is an application for 38 houses in Fritwell, to which Ardley may wish to respond as it may exacerbate flooding at Hodgson's Close and the development will impact traffic in the area.
- d) There is a proposal for 7 "extra care" homes at Heyford, with a Health Centre and shops.
- e) Ardley Woods – Councillors are meeting a representative of the Forestry Commission on 13th May to discuss maintenance requirements.
- f) It was agreed overhanging vegetation should, where possible, be reported to OCC via "Fix my street".
- g) Proposals from the Gardening group – the Gardening group have put forward a scheme to enhance the village and create soft traffic calming options. The Parish Council agreed to fund the

work for the village, and agreed to consider proposals for Ardley Woods when the meeting with the Forestry Commission has taken place.

- h) The Parish Council have received a request for support towards the cost of removing the trees around the playing field. The Village Hall committee will obtain a quote for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting, subject to there being no overriding planning/land constraints.

6. Parish Council's 5 year strategy

The Parish Council agreed that , over the next 5 years it would be looking for:-

1. Improvements to Junction 10 of the M40 as part of the ongoing development at Heyford Park, and a consequential reduction in traffic through the Village.
2. Improvements to the staggered cross road in the Village, with traffic calming to slow traffic down coming through from the development from Heyford Park to Bicester.
3. Improvements to traffic management on the B430 following the use of the quarry by smiths for the provision of materials to be used in the construction E/W Rail.
4. Improvements to the railway bridge to enable it to cope with additional HGV traffic.
5. Look into long term protection of the lease of land in the village by the Parish Council.

7. Finance

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

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
100706	OCC	Comet bus	£36.92
100707	CDC	Dog bins	£192.19
100708	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	£243.31
100709	HMRC	CI tax	£67.20
100710	Zurich insurance	PC insurance	£391.51

The Parish Council considered the Parish Council accounts for the year 2018/19 and authorised the Chairman to approve both the Audit return and the certificate of exemption from external audit once the internal audit on the accounts had been received and circulated. It also authorised the Chairman to sign the Annual Governance statement.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for a new dog bin.

8. Planning

Applications

[Erection of new detached dwelling house](#)

The Gables Ardley Road Fewcott Bicester OX27 7PB

Ref. No: 19/00676/F

[To extend the date for the submission of a scheme for the reinstatement of Bridleway 27 by three years to 31st December 2021\) of planning permission reference no. 17/02104/CM \(MW.0085/17\)\(proposed as non-material amendment of Condition 28\)](#)

Ardley Landfill Station Road Ardley

Ref. No: 19/00343/CNMA

The Parish Council was concerned at a further 3 year extension.

Decisions

T3 x Holly - Reduce by up to 1m to shape, ensuring apical form is retained G4 x Mixed Group, 4 x Yew - Reduce and reshape canopies, reducing height by up to 1.5m and laterally to shape. Fell 1 x Damson and 1 x Elder at rear of group. Fell neighbouring tree growing in wall to height of fence. G5 x Plum and Apple - Fell Plum to allow space for apple to form un-suppressed, formative reduction of Apple.

The Rectory Church Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7NP
Ref. No: 19/00084/TCA
Approved

T1 x Corsican Pine - Fell due to defects and decay noted on the main stem.

Land Adj To Clematis Cottage Fritwell Road Fewcott
Ref. No: 19/00081/TCA
Approved

9. Village Playing field

The Committee have installed at installing CCTV.

10. Reports from meetings - to receive any reports; for information.

None.

11. Items for information or next Agenda

The Parish Council agreed a donation of £500 towards the cost of food to be provided at the Beer Festival.

As Cllr Peat has now resigned from the Parish Council the vacancy needs to be advertised.

The Parish Council has been asked by Fritwell if it requires the shared Speedwatch equipment. After discussion the Council agreed that it would prefer to delay the use of this by 3 months.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 10th July in the Village Hall.

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