

# ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Present:** Cllrs N Lewis, P Johnson, A Killick and E Key.

**Apologies:** H Jenkins, J O'Neill and J Mills.

**In Attendance:** Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

### Members of the public: 2

#### 22. Parishioner's Issues

The following matters were raised :-

There was concern at the state of the rural roads around the village. Cllr Corkin suggested that the Parish Council start looking at schemes for rural maintenance with OCC officers. The start may be speed monitoring at the Ardley Road 9 by the bus stop) Fritwell Road, Somerton Road at the point of entry into the village, and Water Lane. Cllr Johnson agreed to liaise with Cllr Corkin on the precise locations.

A representative of Heyford Parish Council attended to as the Parish Council to support a proposed footpath from Heyford to the quarry land. After discussion the Council confirmed their interest in the ongoing discussion.

#### 23. Declarations of interest

None.

#### 24. Co-option of new Councillor

The Council agreed unanimously to co-opt Ellie Key onto the Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Deborah Peat.

#### 25. Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 26. Councillors Report

Cllr Corkin's report has been sent to the Clerk and will be circulated to all councillors.

He confirmed that highway maintenance work was taking place at Chesterton and Heyford, and stated that, if the Parish Council could reach agreement with OCC they could probably obtain a spot on the maintenance schedule for some work on their rural roads. The initial stage of this is a speed survey at relevant points, possibly including an ANPR survey of HGVs passing through the village to clarify their onward route. The Parish Council could also look at the installation of more VAS signs on its rural entries, especially as Ardley road is a rural rat run to avoid any delays at Junction 10 of the m40. He also suggested that the Parish Council could look at increasing the area of grass cut to ensure that the Village has a "maintained" aspect. However it is important to recognise that the issues surrounding the B430 are separate from those of the rural village roads. The B430 is a strategic road and is OCC's responsibility.

OCC are rolling out the concept of "super reporters on "Fix my street". There are 2 potential volunteers from Ardley.

He reminded the meeting that the Viridor liaison meeting is due. There is a Great Wolf meeting in Chesterton on 16<sup>th</sup> September. If Cllr O'Neill is unable to attend the invitation will be forwarded to Cllr Killick.

The COMET bus service is well used by Ardley residents and costs are currently being calculated for next year.

Cllr Corkin observed that he had heard of some discussion of removing the conifers behind the stand at the playing field. He thought it was worth mentioning that these were put in originally to prevent light and noise pollution from the M40 and if they are removed it could very well lead to a real increase in motorway noise in the village and especially for residents of Ardley Road.

The Parish Council raised with him concerns about the progress of the s278 for the pedestrian crossing leading to the Waterloo homes development, which he agreed to raise with OCC officers.

## 27. Matters arising/Parish matters

- a) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Lewis will attend the next MCNP meeting. MCNP officers will be attending the Paris Council meeting in November to explain MCNP policies to the Council.
- b) Ardley Woods – Cllr Killick, having checked the extent of ownership with the Land registry has obtained quotes from 2 arborists to prepare a woodland plan one of £900 and one quote f£1080. It is possible that the Parish Council may qualify for a grant from the Forestry Commission to cover this cost.  
One having quoted that company chosen would expect to be the arborist on call.  
The Council agreed to proceed with the company quoting £900, with a request that they also complete the grant application.
- c) White Gates – work will start at the end of September 2019.
- d) Cllrs Jenkins and killick visited the owner of the property in Water Lane, and invited her to attend a PC meeting, if she was looking at submitting another planning application.
- e) The Council agreed to consider the duration and extent of the grass cutting over the winter months, in the light of current comments and experience.
- f) MCNP Cllr Lewis will attend the meeting next week.
- g) Parking on football match days. The Parish Council agreed to ask the Football club to control the parking, as sometimes it could be difficult to gain access to the Village for emergency vehicles.
- h) Planting  
The Council asked the Clerk to thank the gardening club for its work so far – which has been a definite enhancement to the village, and to ask them to look at options for the top of the Village.
- i) Consultation re change to Ardley no 1 Footpath through Hunters Farm
- j) No objection provided the new path is adequately maintained.
- k) Cllrs Lewis and Johnson agreed to meet with the CDC Conservation Officer.

## 28. 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>
100725	Gardening Club	Plants	£228.75
100726	Ardley vh	donation	500.00
100727	RT Gardens	grass	1200.00
100728	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	278.44
100729	HMRC	CI tax	67.20
100730	BFG carpentry	White gates	1123.10
100731	Gardening club	plants	20.97

## 29. Planning

### Applications

[19/01831/TCA](#)

St Marys Barn Somerton Road  
Ardley OX27 7PF

T1 x Willow - Prune back to boundary  
to clear property.

[19/01542/F](#)

Aviyal Station Road Ardley OX27  
7PQ

Change of use from Equestrian to Dog  
Agility Training Centre and extension  
of the domestic curtilage of Aviyal to  
include the existing land to the north  
enabling the existing stable block to be  
used as ancillary outbuilding.

[19/01334/F](#)

Ardley With Fewcott  
Community Hall Ardley Road  
Fewcott OX27 7PA

Rear extension.

All no objection

**Decisions**

Baynards Green Warehouses – appeal refused

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

None.

**31. Items for information or next Agenda**

The Parish Council noted that the Village Hall is on land owned by the Parish Council, and agreed to advise the PPL (Performing rights) Licensing organisation prior to licensing the hall in 2020. It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact CDC to arrange for the unregistered title to the playing field to be registered.

Cllr Key agreed to attend the Rural Police resilience Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Heyford Community centre.

The Council discussed concerns over delays to village plans to carry out improvement works to the hall and the playing field should the s106 monies from the housing development be delayed.

The Council agreed in principle to apply for a Road Close to celebrate VE day – should the organising committee request it to do so.

**32. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Village Hall.

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