

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 22nd May 2023 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, N Lewis, J Mills, R McCulloch, D Kilroy, M Ellis and S Hazelwonder

Apologies: Cllr I Corkin (OCC) and Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

In Attendance:

Members of the public: 2

44. Election of Chair and Appointment of Vice chair

Cllr H Jenkins was unanimously elected Chair of the Parish council for the year 2023/24 and Cllr N Lewis was appointed Vice Chair.

45. Parishioner's Issues

A resident raised concerns about the condition of the grass in the Churchyard, and raised the issue of the disposal of green waste. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for 2 cuts of the Churchyard (in May and October) and the Clerk was authorised to buy a licence on behalf of the Church, to enable CDC to collect the waste from a brown bin. It was also agreed that the grass cutting contractor should be asked to cut back the nettles outside Ardley House.

The Clerk was asked to report safety concerns about the footpath at Church View, which has steps directly onto the road.

The Clerk was also asked to report the sinking manhole cover in Water Lane to OCC Highways, as it is a safety concern.

46. Declarations of interest

None.

47. Minutes of the meeting of 10th March 2023

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 10th March 2023 were an accurate record.

48. Progress on Parish matters

a) Strategic Railfreight Interchange.

The Developers have written to affected parishes indicating that the application has been paused for a re-appraisal.

b) Traffic issues

The Chairman has met with a representative of OCC highways, and is now waiting for proposals for traffic calming measures in the village. The condition of the B430 at the traffic lights by the new development has been reported, but concern was expressed that the damage to the surface is now exposing ducting for the lights.

The Parish Council has applied to OCC for the Village to be made a 20mph area, and it expected that the work will be carried out during this financial year. The Parish Council also agreed to push for part of the B430 to be included in the 20mph zone.

There are very large potholes by Ardley House.

c) Green/environmental issues

Almost all the newly planted trees are flourishing, except an oak and a hawthorn, which will be replaced.

d) Viridor

Litter remains a problem along the verges of the B430. The Clerk will report the matter to OCC planning as the Parish Council believes lorries visiting the site are not sufficiently netted.

49. Finance

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

Mrs A Davies (clerk salary and expenses)	£325.01
Mrs A Davies (anti virus software)	£148.98
HMRC (Tax)	£76.20
A Lambourne (Internal Audit)	£28.87
R Townsend (grass)	£426.00
CDC (Dog Bins)	£253.97
Zurich Insurance	£414.10
OALC (subscription)	£156.00

The Parish Council noted their end of year accounts, and the Internal Auditor's report, confirmed their agreement to the Annual Governance statement and authorised the Chair and the Clerk to sign the Annual governance report.

50. Planning

<u>22/03625/LB</u>	Manor Farm Somerton Road Ardley OX27 7NS	We are required by the conditions of an HMO recently granted to make certain alterations for fire safety - upgrading the existing hardwood kitchen door with 6mm fire rated glass, three stainless steel fire rated ball bearing hinges and a closer and repainting door with fire retardant paint as previously discussed with HMO; enclosing the underneath of the staircase next to the cellar staircase and the existing wall with 12.5mm fire check board and rock wool insulation and sealing joints with fire retardant tape
<u>23/00931/F</u>	Fewcott House Fritwell Road Fewcott Bicester OX27 7NZ	Addition of conservatory to new dementia wing

No Objections

51. Items for information or next Agenda

The meeting was advised that the noise from bird scarers should cease shortly.

The verge and footpath adjacent to Wychwood remains a concern, which the Clerk will report to OCC.

52. Date of next meeting

10th July 2023

Signed by.....

