

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 10th July 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 M Ellis and Cllr I Corkin (OCC)

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 2

45. Parishioner's Issues

A resident raised ongoing concerns about green waste disposal from the Churchyard. The Clerk was asked to purchase 2 additional green waste licences to provide for CDC to empty further bins.

Residents will be asked to help strimming around, and watering the new trees planted in the quarry field, and also for help tidying up the Churchyard.

The alleyway between Orchard Road and the Knob requires attention to improve the surface of pathway and clear overgrown vegetation.

The Parish Council thanks RT Gardens Ltd for their work clearing vegetation in the Churchyard.

46. Declarations of interest

None.

47. Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2023

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd May 2023 were an accurate record.

48. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson's written report has been circulated to Councillors. As he is also a County Councillor for another Division he reported the OCC have recently had an OFSTED inspection which had expressed concerns about SEN provision, which was also currently the subject of OCC Scrutiny.

The £2 bus subsidy scheme has been extended.

OCC are looking at a new process to improve pot hole repairs.

He confirmed CDC are now revisiting their Local Plan, with 4 main areas for increased development – Bicester, Banbury, Kidlington and Heyford Park .

The Parish Council confirmed that they would support development proposals at the Fox and Hounds. Warehouse proposals at Baynards Green appear to have stalled, following a delay in the Railfreight Interchange.

49. Progress on Parish matters

a) Traffic issues

While proposals for traffic calming measures in the village are still awaited, OCC have started preliminary consultation around the extent of a 20mph zone through the parish. As part of their response the Parish Council have asked for the 40mph on the B 430 to be reduced.

b) Green/environmental issues

The Chairman agreed to meet with contractors to identify trees requiring attention. There has also been a request for the Parish Council to include in their grass cutting arrangements,

provision to cut the verges in front of properties where occupiers are unable to do so themselves. A resident will advise the Parish council appropriately.

The Parish Council has asked RT Gardens to supply them with a quote to cover the cost of grass cutting at the Church, and to cut off the lower branches of the oak tree in Water Lane.

c) Viridor

Viridor have recently carried out a major litter pick, and have confirmed that a further similar litter pick will take place shortly. It was reported that there has recently been a significant number of school visits to the facility. Liaison meetings are expected to reduce to twice a year from the current schedule of four meetings pa.

d) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The current MCNP is under revision, more building proposed for Steeple Aston. Ardley Parish Council expressed ongoing concern about the continued request by the MCNP for 2 protected green spaces in Ardley, despite the parish Council supporting only one of the proposals.

50. Finance

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

| | | |
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| Mrs A Davies | (clerk salary and expenses) | £315.46 |
| HMRC | (Tax) | £ 76.40 |
| RT Gardens | (grass) | £1038.00 |
| CDC | (Waste Licence) | £ 43.00 |

51. Planning

23/01288/F Meadow bank Somerton Road Ardley OX27 to increase width of access from public highway to Facilitate safe egress and ingress.

No Objections

52. Items for information or next Agenda

It was noted that Councillors' details on the website should be updated.

53. Date of next meeting

11th September 2023

Signed by.....

| Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council | | | Monthly Financial Report | |
|--|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Parish Council Meeting | 22 May 2023 |
| Payments processed since last meeting | | | | £26,010.36 |
| 14-Mar-23 | | Mrs A Davies | B/P | £315.56 |
| 14-Mar-23 | | HMRC | B/P | £76.80 |
| 14-Mar-23 | | OCC | B/P | £100.00 |
| 14-Mar-23 | | Ardley PC | 300003 | £25,000.00 |
| 31-Mar-23 | | Bank | | £18.00 |
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| 05-Apr-23 | | AwF playing field | B/P | £500.00 |
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| Receipts processed since previous report | | | | £32,211.00 |
| 20-Mar-23 | | Barclays (transfer) | | £25,000.00 |
| 14-Apr-23 | | CDC | | £6,586.00 |
| 18-Apr-23 | | CDC | | £625.00 |
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| Bank Reconciliation | | Statement dated | | 20 May 2023 |
| | | Unity Trust Current account | | £36,198.23 |
| | | Barclays Current account | | £20,109.07 |
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| Items not yet cleared: | | | | |
| Receipts | None | | | |
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| Payments | None | | | |
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| | | | Net Total | £56,307.30 |
| Of which: | | | | |
| Allocated reserves | | Playground improvement fund | | £4,365.00 |
| 3 General reserve | | | | £51,942.30 |