

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 11th September 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)

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 3

54. Parishioner's Issues

A resident raised concern about the speed of traffic approaching the village from Bucknell, and suggested that the road should be included in the current speed restriction review, and some identification of the start of the village (eg gates) might prove beneficial.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for the additional garden waste bin licences for the Parish Church, which will be holding a churchyard tidy up (with soup for helpers) on 14th October.

The next Viridor Liaison meeting will take place on 5th October.

55. Declarations of interest

None.

56. Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2023

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

57. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson's written report has been circulated to Councillors. CDC are now consulting on the emerging Local plan, which should come into effect in 2025 and be effective until 2040. CDC are encouraging landlords to comply with their charter.

He also updated the Council on proposals for the Didcot relief road and new bridge over the Thames.

58. Progress on Parish matters

a) Traffic issues

The Parish Council has received an initial consultation on proposals for a 20mph speed limit in the village. The proposals were broadly supported by the Council, although the Clerk was asked to raise again concerns about the speed limit on the B430 with OCC (which, under current proposals is to remain at 40mph. and to request that OCC consider the current speed limit on the approach to the village from Bucknell.

The Council will also be holding discussions with the developers Dorchester Homes, to gain improvements at the junction of the Bucknell Road and the b430, ideally with the junction controlled by traffic lights, as part of the development of the site at Upper Heyford.

b) Green/environmental issues

The Council agreed the quote from Bicester Tree services in the sum of £762 to cut back trees and hedges in the village. There had been concern that an ancient oak tree in the village had been felled, while councillors recognised that it was not protected, the Clerk was asked to write to Sanctuary housing expressing the Council's disapproval.

- c) Viridor
The liaison meeting will be on 5th October
- d) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan
The Convenor of the Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan attended to discuss with the Parish Council concerns about the allocation of 2 “Local Gaps” around Ardley to discourage sprawling development from Bicester. Councillors explained that they were concerned at attempts to control the use of private land that was currently farmed, but may need to diversify in the current farming climate. After discussion it was agreed that the parish Council could agree the extent and location of the “Local gaps” but required the plan to be amended to allow the land owner to have opportunities to diversify , while retaining, if possible, the current primary use. In subsequent discussion it was agreed to mirror the provisions in the draft Cherwell local plan (to 2040) regarding diversification of farm activities.

59. Finance

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

Mrs A Davies	(clerk salary and expenses)	£314.46
HMRC	(Tax)	£ 76.80
RT Gardens	(grass)	£756.00
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CDC	(Waste Licence)	£ 86.00
Alpha Furniture	(chairs)	£5742.00

60. Planning

<u>23/02152/F</u>	Manor Farm Somerton Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7NS	RETROSPECTIVE - Change of Use from residential dwelling into an 8 bed HMO
<u>23/02270/LB</u>	Manor Farm Somerton Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7NS	RETROSPECTIVE - Internal alterations to kitchen and understairs area
<u>23/02013/F</u>	The Fox And Hounds Station Road Ardley OX27 7PE	Alterations, single storey extensions to and conversion of Public House to form a Furniture Showroom and Cafe, demolition of more modern extensions and reconfigure car parking on site to improve traffic safety on Main Road
<u>23/02074/F</u>	Shepherds Cottage Church Road Ardley OX27 7NP	Raise roof of existing dwelling to accommodate new first floor. Insert windows to both main gables and conservation roof windows to main roof slopes. Remove timber cladding on gable ends and replace with local stone to match existing
<u>23/01970/CLUP</u>	10 Orchard Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7PW	Certificate of Lawfulness for the Proposed Development: Replacement of oil fired boiler with an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)
<u>23/02006/R56</u>	Land To Rear Of Upland Cottage And Part Fewcott Farm And East Of Station Road Ardley	Change of Use of Building to Use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution)
<u>23/01954/TCA</u>	Overlea Fritwell Road Fewcott Bicester OX27 7NZ	T1 x Horse Chestnut - Remove
<u>23/01866/CLUE</u>	Shepherds Cottage Church Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7NP	Certificate of Lawfulness Existing – The use of the building known as the ' Cabin in the Woods'/'Woods Cabin'

as a dwelling in excess of 4 years

The Parish Council re iterated its strong support for the proposed development at the Fox and Hounds and authorised the Clerk to write to Cherwell District Council asking again that the application should be called in for committee determination, should planning advice be that it be refused.

61. Items for information or next Agenda

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

62. Date of next meeting

13th November 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	
	05-Apr-23	AwF playing field	B/P	£500.00	
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	
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated		20 May 2023	
		Unity Trust Current account		£36,198.23	
		Barclays Current account		£20,109.07	
Items not yet cleared:					
	Receipts	None			
	Payments	None			
				Net Total	
				£56,307.30	
Of which:					
Allocated reserves		Playground improvement fund		£4,365.00	
4 General reserve				£51,942.30	