

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 8th January 2024 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, N Lewis, J Mills, S Hazelwonder, R McCulloch and John Sparrow

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

In Attendance:

Members of the public: 3

73. Parishioner's Issues

The footpath along the side of Wychwood House has been damaged during building work and now requires repair. The Clerk was asked to report this to OCC's Footpaths Officer.

The Clerk was asked to report the sunken manhole cover in Water Lane to OCC.

Concern was expressed at the fencing adjoining 40 Ardley Road, which the Clerk was asked to refer to CDC.

74. Declarations of interest

None.

75. Minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2023

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 13th November 2023 were an accurate record.

76. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson's written report has been circulated to Councillors.

77. Progress on Parish matters

a) Traffic issues

Discussions regarding the use of s106 funding from the Dorchester development is ongoing. There was concern at the sudden change in speed limit on the Bucknell to Ardley road, and the Clerk was asked to investigate the purchase of a sign to be erected on the Bucknell road advising motorists that they were entering the village of Ardley.

b) Trees

The Parish council has recently carried out some pruning work to some of the trees in the Parish, and Cllr Mills agreed to look at other sites to enable the Parish Council to form a view on the extent of trees works required. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 11th March.

c) Green/environmental issues

The Council noted and agreed the proposed rent increase for the quarry, but did not agree to pay back rent as OCC had not initiated a rent review in time. The quarry field now requires maintenance, and the Council agreed to ask for volunteers to assist.

d) Viridor

The Clerk was asked to ask RT Gardens to trim the brambles on the Quarry Field.

It was reported that Viridor were considering the installation of solar panels on the old landfill site. It was agreed that the parish would ask for this item to be added to the agenda of the next liaison meeting. Should the development proceed the parish council would look to the reinstatement of footpaths, and some additional benefit for the village.

- e) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan
The Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood plan group has reviewed the current plan and proposed some updates. These are currently under consultation. The Parish Council agreed that it should be formally submitted to CDC by Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council, as the Lead Authority.
- f) Woods
The fallen tree has now been cut down,
- g) Fox and Hounds
Ongoing.
- h) Flooding
- i) It was reported that some properties had recently flooded in the heavy rain, and there was a blockage by the bridge, which required clearing.

78. Finance

The Parish Council, having considered their budget for 2024/25 agreed to set a precept of £13197, which is no increased payment for a Band “D” property.

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

OCC	rent	£72.00
A Davies	cl salary	£339.40
HMRC	cl tax	£82.40
RT Gardens	grass	£378.00

79. Planning

[23/02710/TCA](#) Clematis Cottage Fritwell Road Fewcott OX27 7NZ T1 x Plum- Removal of single limb. T2 x Maple-General prune deadwood rubs up to 1m. T3 x Beech- Prune and clearance for driveway. Uplift drive only 3.5m, to lateral growth, prune standard to 1.5m again to lateral growth as appropriate. T4 x Cherry- Previous work now requires topping and deadwood removal along with prune for driveway clearance.

No objection.

80. Items for information or next Agenda

Village Trees

81. Date of next meeting

11th March 2024

Signed by.....

Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	08 January 2024
Payments processed since last meeting				£3,292.52
	20-Nov-23	information commissioner	B/P	£40.00
	20-Nov-23	bicester trees	B/P	£762.00
	20-Nov-23	HMRC	B/P	£97.40
	20-Nov-23	Mrs A Davies	B/P	£399.25
	20-Nov-23	RT Gardens	B/P	£378.00
	20-Nov-23	Elan City	B/P	£572.63
	20-Nov-23	Moore e mids	B/P	£252.00
	20-Nov-23	cherwell DC	B/P	£669.24
	20-Nov-23	AwFVH	B/P	£104.00
	31-Dec-23	Bank		£18.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£7,091.96
	14-Dec-23	HMRC		£7,091.96
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	07 January 2024
		Unity Trust Current account		£33,217.69
		Barclays Current account		£20,109.07
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None		
	Payments	None		
			Net Total	£53,326.76
Of which:				
Allocated reserves		Trees/Footpath		£13,238.00
General reserve				£40,088.76