

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 11th March 2024 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, S Hazelwonder, R McCulloch, M Ellis, and John Sparrow

Apologies: Cllrs N Lewis and J Mills. Cllr I Corkin (OCC)

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 3

82. Parishioner's Issues

The recent litter blitz has produced 30 bags of rubbish, although litter began to accumulate again shortly afterwards.

Parking on pavements is causing an issue for pedestrians, wheelchair users and mothers pushing pushchairs.

Help is needed shortly to plant an oak tree.

83. Declarations of interest

None.

84. Minutes of the meeting of 8th January 2024

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 8th January 2024 were an accurate record.

85. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson reported that CDC had set their budget, which would be an increase of £5 per annum for a band "D" property. OCC had agreed to raise the council tax by 4.99%, and would be looking to maximise spend on repair of potholes and Special Educational Needs.

86. Progress on Parish matters

a) Traffic issues

There have been recent discussions about the construction of the traffic light controlled junction onto the B430 at Ardley. The S106 agreement with Dorchester homes required this to be constructed prior to the occupation of a defined number of properties. The Chairman is currently liaising with OCC and CDC over the interpretation of the deed, Councillors will be kept informed. Traffic calming measures in the villages of Ardley and Fewcott are also required, during the development at Heyford park.

The 20mph consultation for the parish ends on 15th March.

b) Trees

The Parish council has been asked to cut back trees overhanging at Castle Field Copse. Further details are awaited from councillors.

The land owner has cut back the hedging in Water Lane after a request by OCC.

c) Green/environmental issues

The Clerk is currently contesting the rent increase levied by OCC on the Quarry. The high fence around a property in Ardley Road has been removed.

d) Viridor

Minutes of the liaison meeting have been circulated.

e) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood plan group is reviewing the current plan and proposed some updates which are currently under consultation. As Heyford Park Parish Council have withdrawn from the Plan, CDC have indicated that they would like Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council to be involved in the process as the “qualifying body”. After discussion the Parish Council agreed by a majority of 4-1 the following delegations to the MCNP Forum:-

1. As the “Qualifying body” Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council (the Parish Council) delegates to the Mid Cherwell neighbourhood plan Forum (MCNP) the power to obtain consents (when required) to actions proposed by the MCNP Forum from all participating Parish Councils and forward them on its behalf to Cherwell District council
2. Where the MCNP Constitution already permits the Executive to act on behalf of the Forum, the Parish Council in its turn delegates to the MCNP Executive the power to act on its behalf.
3. The Parish Council requests that planning applications requiring a response on behalf of the MCNP, if sent to the Parish Council, are also copied to the Executive of the MCNP.
4. The Parish Council delegates to the MCNP the power to respond to planning consultations on behalf of the MCNP, and to make any other responses or representations both to Cherwell District Council or another body as required, copying any such response to the Parish Council.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parish Council delegates to the MCNP Executive the role of administration and management of the Neighbourhood plan, including preparation of all documentation necessary to progress the plan through its statutory and other stages, and to deal with all correspondence including corresponding with all those who make representations

Cllr Simpson advised the meeting that the developers of Dorchester Park were now discussing the construction of another 6000 properties, together with solar panels on the car storage building, and a planning appeal against the refusal of 230 homes on an adjacent site has been allowed.

Cllrs Jenkins and Hazelwonder agreed to look at some of the consultation responses.

f) Fox and Hounds

Planning permission for this development has now been granted, but the Parish Council have been advised that the developer is looking at its viability.

g) Elections

Nomination forms were completed and given to the clerk to be delivered to CDC.

87. Finance

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

HMRC	cl tax	82.40
OALC	subscription	168.00
AwF Gardening Club	donation	200.00
CDC	waste licences	147.00
OCC	rent	100.00
A Davies	Cl salary	339.40

88. Planning

<u>24/00459/CM</u>	Ardley Landfill Station Road Ardley	Erection and operation of photo-voltaic (PV) panels on an area of restored landfill, including associated infrastructure comprising mounting frames, inverters and transformers (housed in prefabricated containers) and associated cabling, a substation, battery storage, deer fencing, infra-red CCTV and temporary set down area (during construction only) – MW.0018/24
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While the Parish Council had no objection to this application, there were concerns that the development could increase the risk of dangerous chemicals near the village. There was also concern that the proposed development would result in the residents losing the promised amenity of open land for recreational use following restoration – which the Parish Council felt should be compensated. It was also noted that the proposal could delay the re instatement of bridleways and footpaths.

89. Items for information or next Agenda

To be advised.

90. Date of next meeting

13th May 2024

Signed by.....

Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	11 March 2024
Payments processed since last meeting				£871.80
11-Jan-24	OCC	B/P		£72.00
11-Jan-24	A Davies	B/P		£339.40
11-Jan-24	HMRC	B/P		£82.40
11-Jan-24	RT Gardens	B/P		£378.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	28 January 2024
Unity Trust Current account				£32,345.89
Barclays Current account				£20,109.07
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	None			
			Net Total	£52,454.96
Of which:				
Allocated reserves	Trees/Footpath			£13,238.00
General reserve				£39,216.96