

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 13th May 2024 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, S Hazelwonder, John Sparrow and (from item N Lewis and J Mills)

Apologies: Cllr M Ellis, Cllr I Corkin (OCC)

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 4

1. Election of Chair and Appointment of Vice Chair

It was agreed unanimously that Huw Jenkins should be elected Chair of the Parish council for the year 2024/25 and John Sparrow was appointed Vice Chair.

2. Co-Option

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt onto the Council Cllr N Lewis and Cllr J Mills.

3. Parishioner's Issues

With the recent retirement of the parish council's grass cutting contractor, concern was expressed about the maintenance of the Churchyard. It was agreed that the church would make contact with two other possible sources of assistance and local residents would also discuss with the contractor additional areas of grass cutting.

The Clerk was asked to report a sunken drain cover in Water lane to OCC highways.

It was noted that the quarry field will need to be cut once the birds nesting season has ended.

The Chairman of Heyford Park Parish Council (HPPC) attended to question the processes adopted by the mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan Forum, which formerly had including representatives of Heyford Park, Heyford Park having now withdrawn. The chair agreed to hold discussions with other forum members to establish how (or whether) HPPC could have input into the MCNP Forum.

4. Declarations of interest

None.

5. Minutes of the meeting of 11th March 2024

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 11th March 2024 were an accurate record.

6. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson reported that the Liberal Democrats were now the majority group at Cherwell District Council, and discussions were taking place about the formation of an Executive at the Council. He reminded the parish Council that the Rural Policing Forum would take place in Chesterton Village hall on 28th May at 7.00pm.

7. Progress on Parish matters

a) Traffic issues

Contractors have been seen measuring Ardley road for traffic signals, and it is hoped that there will shortly be an update on the progress of the measures agreed with the s106 monies from the Dorchester development.

The 20mph consultation will be considered by The OCC Cabinet Member for Transport management on 23rd May.

Councillors noted the proposal to close Bucknell Road for bridge repairs in June. The recently installed VAS was damaged when hit by a passing vehicle. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about its repair, and also enquire whether it is covered under the Council's insurance policy.

- b) Trees
Councillors agreed to view the trees causing concern to residents, and advise the Clerk should action be required.
- c) Green/environmental issues
The Clerk the rent increase on the Quarry Field has now been agreed at £13 per annum.
- d) Viridor
Minutes of the liaison meeting have been circulated.
- e) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan
CDC have asked for the formal approval to both the review of the Neighbourhood Plan and the submission of the review proposals from all constituent Parish Councils. The Council delegated to the MCNP Forum authority to request consent from all the members of the Forum. The Parish Council also confirmed the above on its own behalf and authorised the Clerk to sign the same. Dorchester homes have recently submitted proposals for a further 6000 houses on land at Upper Heyford, for inclusion into the ongoing local plan review. They have been discussing a Memorandum of Understanding with the adjacent Parish councils, whose major concerns are the ongoing development on greenfield sites and the fact that there is insufficient infrastructure to accommodate that level of development.
- f) Fox and Hounds
Planning permission for this development has now been granted, but the Parish Council have been advised that the developer is still looking at its viability.

8. Finance
Audit

The Parish Council reviewed the Internal Auditor's report, reviewed and approved its Annual Governance Return and agreed its end of year accounts. It also authorised the Chairman to sign the documents forming the Annual Governance and Accountability return.

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

A Lambourne	audit	43.75
CDC	Dog bins	267.70
A Davies	cl salary	349.50
HMRC	cl tax	82.20
MCNP	forum	677.00
OCC	quarry field rent	52.00
SW Services	grass	350.00
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Zurich insurance	parish insure	418.76

9. Planning

[24/00753/F](#) 40 Ardley Road Fewcott
OX27 7PA
Removal of existing 1m height 'close boarded' timber fencing and replacement with 1.8m height, including gated vehicular entrance (Retrospective)

10. Items for information or next Agenda

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter received from a local school complimenting the village playground.

11. Date of next meeting

8th July 2024

Signed by.....

Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	13 May 2024
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,080.80
	14-Mar-24	AVH	B/P	£26.00
	14-Mar-24	A Davies	B/P	£339.40
	14-Mar-24	HMRC	B/P	£82.40
	14-Mar-24	OALC	B/P	£168.00
	14-Mar-24	AwF Gardening Club	B/P	£200.00
	14-Mar-24	CDC	B/P	£147.00
	14-Mar-24	OCC	B/P	£100.00
	31-Mar-24	Bank		£18.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£6,598.50
	10-Apr-24	CDC		£6,598.50
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	12 May 2024
			Unity Trust Current account	£44,158.59
			Barclays Current account	£20,109.07
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None		
	Payments	None		
			Net Total	£64,267.66
Of which:				
Allocated reserves		Trees/Footpath		£13,365.00
		Resilience		£5,500.00
General reserve				£50,902.66