

# ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs H Jenkins, John Sparrow, M Ellis, N Lewis and J Mills

**Apologies:** Cllr S Hazelwonder and Cllr I Corkin (OCC)

**In Attendance:** Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

**Members of the public: 3**

## **10. Parishioner's Issues**

It was agreed that the Council's grass cutting contractor should be asked to cut the verge around the bend into Church street by Ardley House.

Sight lines when turning from Church view onto the B430 are obscured by vegetation, which the Clerk will report to OCC.

Some flooding has been noticed in gateways in Ardley Road.

The Clerk was asked to report trees that are interfering with electricity wires to UK Power Networks.

It was agreed that trees would be cut down behind Castlefields and cut back in Quarry Field.

## **11. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Jenkins declared a personal interest in the proposed development by Puy de Fou in Bucknell and took no part in later discussion.

## **12. Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were an accurate record.

## **13. Councillor's Report**

Cllr Simpson reported that the Liberal Democrats were now the majority group at Cherwell District Council, and an Libdem/Green coalition had been formed. OCC had recently discuss a motion of no confidence in the a cabinet member.

## **14. Progress on Parish matters**

### a) Traffic issues

The 20mph traffic orders are now in force, and the speed on the B430 has been reduced to 30mph through the village.

The Council agreed to consider the purchase of 2 new VAS signs for the village, and further speed reduction measures are expected to be paid for from s 106 monies following the new developments by Dorchester homes.

### b) Trees

Trees at the rear of Castlefields are causing concerns. Councillors agreed to visit the location and advise the Clerk of any action required.

### c) Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan forum has circulated amendments to its Constitution document recognising that Heyford Park have withdrawn from the consortium.

### d) Flooding

The Parish Council noted that OCC are currently consulting on its Flood Risk strategy. The Clerk was asked to report that blocked drains appear to be causing flooding in Ardley Road, and the stream at the back of the White Lion public House requires clearing.

e) Bus Service

A new bus service provided by OCC is offering a regular service into and out of Bicester. Details have been placed at locations in the Parish, and on the website.

f) Dog Waste bin

It was agreed the bin should be moved away from residential properties.

**15. Finance**

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

SW Services	grass	350.00
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CDC	election	200.00
HMRC	cl tax	82.40
A Davies	cl salary	339.40
Bicester UPC Direct	VH windows	1536.82

**16. Planning**

Amendments to

[21/03266/F](#) OS Parcel 2636 NW Of Baynards House Ardley

Site clearance, construction of new site access from the B4100, permanent and temporary internal roads, an internal roundabout and a foul drainage station, diversion of an existing overhead power cable and public right of way, and soft landscaping

The Parish Council agreed to maintain its objection to the proposals.

**17. Items for information or next Agenda**

The Parish Council has recently received notification of proposals to develop land in Bucknell parish as a historical theme park by a french company, Puy du Fou. The Chair, having declared an interest, was not involved in the discussion, but other councillors agreed to attend the forthcoming consultation on the proposals.

**18. Date of next meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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