

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 13th January 2025 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Jenkins, J Sparrow, M Ellis, S Hazelwonder and J Mills

Apologies: Cllrs N Lewis, Cllr I Corkin (OCC)

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 3

28. Parishioner's Issues

It was noted that a highway drain in Somerton road/Church road was blocked . The Clerk agree to report it to OCC via "FixMyStreet".

29. Declarations of interest

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

30. Minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2024

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

31. Councillor matters

Councillors noted that Cllr Lewis had been absent from meetings, due to pressure of work, and agreed to an extension of her apologies.

32. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson reminded Councillors that consultation on the local plan would end in February. OCC are currently in discussion with other District and County Councils to develop both a unitary model of local government in Oxfordshire, and also to develop a regional mayoral authority with adjacent counties.

33. Progress on Parish matters

A. Walk and Talk with OCC Highways

A productive meeting with OCC Highways took place, and the clerk has agreed to follow up agreed actions. The speed reduction to 20mph through the village has taken place, and the speed on the B430 has been reduced to 30mph.

B. S106 funding

C. Action is required on the release of S106 funding from OCC to fund agreed traffic calming measures as follows

chicane style build outs on the Ardley to Fritwell and the Ardley to Somerton Roads, has also requested that the Village name sign should be erected on the Ardley to Bucknell Road and, and the Council should be assisted with the purchase of one additional and one replacement Vehicle Activated Speed signs. The Parish Council would also suggest that OCC should reinstate new 30mph signs to replace the old 40mph signs on the B430 and to understand why the speed limit on the B430 has been reduced to 20mph through Middleton Stoney and reduced to 30mph

through Ardley. The Parish Council would suggest that this is reviewed and the speed limit on the .B430 should be 20mph through both Ardley and Middleton Stoney.

D. Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The MCNP is currently being reviewed following CDC's agreement that Heyford Park Parish Council should no longer be part of the plan..

E. Viridor

The next liaison meeting is scheduled to take place shortly. There was concern that debris is falling from lorries entering the site. Security lighting requires adjustment.

F. Dewars farm Quarry

Following the discovery of dinosaur tracks at the Quarry the Clerk was asked to try to arrange a visit, and to enquire into the area becoming designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

G. Puy du Fou

The Clerk was asked to invite the company to a Parish Council meeting.

H. The Council noted encouragement to promote the celebration of VE/VJ Day as it will be 80 years since the end of World War 2..

34. Finance

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

MCNP	forum	667.00
HMRC	cl tax	86.20
A Davies	cl salary	354.50
NBB	Picnic Tables	2496.53

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £13271, which means that payments per band "D" property will not be changed.

35. Planning

Pre application discussions regarding proposals by Puy du Fou to develop land at Bucknell.

36. Items for information or next Agenda

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the CDC healthy rail walks marked with blue lines and seen around developments in Bicester.

There was concern at the ongoing deterioration of the "Fox and hounds" former public house. building.

Councillors noted that work is currently to replace overhead with underground power cables.

37. Date of next meeting

10th March 2025.

Signed by.....

