

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 10th March 2025 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

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

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

In Attendance:

Members of the public: 3

48. Parishioner's Issues

There was concern that a lorry parking on the pavement in Water Lane and Somerton Road and blocking access for wheelchair and pushchair users. There is a possibility that it could park on a temporary basis in the Village Hall car park.

A resident confirmed that Viridor had agreed to replace the 3 dead trees in the Quarry Field.

The sign post at the junction of Water Lane and Somerton Road needs to be replaced.

The Clerk was asked OCC to paint 30mph roundels on the B430 through the village to remind road users of the new speed limit.

The Clerk was asked to report concern at the perceived dangerous ramp onto Station Road to OCC. Following a complaint about the material falling from a lorry entering the Viridor site, it was reported that Viridor had taken steps to resolve the issue, and also agreed to cut back the hedge adjacent to the site and pick up any litter. They had also confirmed that any issues with lorries entering or leaving the site should be reported to them with suitable evidence.

49. 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.

50. Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2025

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

51. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson's report has been circulated.

52. Progress on Parish Matters

A. Highways

The Clerk agreed to chase up the agreed actions from the recent "walk and talk", and to ask OCC to carry out speed monitoring on the Ardley Road and by the bus stop in Water Lane.. It was noted that 30mph signage is not always apparent when turning from side roads onto the B430, and the clerk was asked to request some 30mph roundels be painted on the B430 to remind motorists of the new speed limit.

The Clerk was asked to remind OCC of the request to reduce the 60mph speed limit from Bucknell to Ardley.

The Parish Council agreed to work with Somerton Parish Council to reduce the speed limit on the Ardley to Somerton Road to 40mph.

The Parish council agreed to purchase a new VAS, which would replace the existing vas and provide traffic speed information.

B. S 106 funding

Enquiries about the progress on negotiations for the use of allocated s106 monies will be made to the MCNP. make enquiries as to progress from the MCNP

C. Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The MCNP has recently been requested by CDC to make provision for a small number of additional housing units in the parish. After discussion it was agreed that the most appropriate location for this would be a site adjacent to the current affordable housing, and similar in construction and look.

D. Dewars farm Quarry

The Clerk was asked to request that a liaison meeting with the operators of dewars farm quarry should be re instated by OCC.

E. Flooding

The Parish Council noted that flooding in the village tends to be due to flooding from the culvert under the Ardley road – which needs to be cleared.

53. Finance

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

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| CDC | waste licences | 147.00 |
| SW Services | grass cutting | 350.00 |
| A Davies | cl salary | 354.50 |
| HMRC | cl tax | 86.20 |
| AwFVH | room hire | 78.00 |
| AwFVH | defib spares | 67.02 |
| AwFVH Chair | resilience | 33.96 |
| OALC | subscription | 240.00 |

54. Planning

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| <u>25/00177/F</u> | The Fox And Hounds Station Road Ardley Bicester OX27 7PE | Conversion and alteration of former public house to provide three dwellings, plus hard and soft landscaping and associated works |
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The Parish Council expressed disappointment that the most recent application does not make any provision for a community use – which was a significant factor in its approval of an earlier application. The Clerk was asked to point out to OCC that the site is a major gateway to the village, and the Parish Council felt that some form of community use would recognise this important location.

55. Items for information or next Agenda

There will be a family fun day on the playing field in September, which could also celebrate 80 years from VJ Day.

56. Date of next Meeting

12th May 2025.

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