

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the parish of Ardley with Fewcott 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. Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2023

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

2. Chairman's report

Cllr Jenkins reported on Parish council activities over the year, including its support for development of a community/commercial use for the former Fox and Hounds Public house, and the Parish Councils support of the OCC 20mph through residential areas initiative. The Parish Council had been an active participant in the Mid Cherwell neighbourhood Plan, which was currently being reviewed to ensure that development in the area was control through the planning system.

3. Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council held £58,199.14 in its Bank accounts, having recently opened up an account with Unity trust bank, which allowed it pay its invoices by bank transfer rather than by using cheques. The accounts for the year 2023/24 have now been completed and will shortly be placed on the Parish website, together with the end of year internal audit report and the Annual Governance statement. Any questions should be sent to the Clerk.

4. 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.

5. Village matters

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.

A number of highway maintenance issues need to be report to OCC.

6. There being no further matters, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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