

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 14th July 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)

In Attendance: Cllr W butcher Giles (OCC)

Members of the public: 5

10. 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.

11. Parishioner's Issues

There was concern that the drains on the B430 were blocked, It was agreed that the problem should be added to "Fix my Street" and details sent separately to Cllr Butcher Giles.

There was also a report of an overgrown hedge near the last property leaving the village on the B430, which the Clerk will also report.

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator outside the White Lion PH was registered on "The Circuit". It was agreed that any consumables required for the defibrillator would be supplied by the Parish Council.

IT was reported that there was increased traffic along Water Lane and Somerton Roads, possibly looking to access Soho Farm. The chairman confirmed that the Parish Council were working with Somerton council on a traffic calming scheme.

Residents attending the meeting explained the concept of "leaky dams" to distribute water in the event of flooding. The Parish Council agreed to support the proposals, and to set up an informal working group to investigate options, to include both residents and Cllr Hazelwonder.

12. Councillor's report

Cllr Butcher Giles introduced himself as the

13. Minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2025

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 12th May 2025 were an accurate record.

14. Councillor's Report

Cllr Butcher Giles introduced himself as the new OCC Councillor and reported that OCC were now working to develop a strategic infrastructure plan, taking into account all the proposed local developments. He noted the Parish council's view that improvements to infrastructure provision should be completed before any additional development, and that recognition should be given to avoiding any light pollution.

Residents agreed to send him details of the blocked drains, and also the correspondence relating to traffic calming works to be provided out of S106 monies.

15. Progress on Parish Matters

A. Highways/s106 monies

The Parish Council agreed to purchase 2 new solar powered "VAS" signs for the village.

Sports field

The Parish Council agreed to support the Village Festival to be held on the Sports Field in September.

Viridor

It was reported that Viridor have cleared the Quarry Field and made a grant towards its ongoing maintenance.

Winter preparations

Residents agreed to check the salt provision in the salt bins..

16. Finance

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

SW Services	grass	350.00
GM Garden Maintenance	churhcyard	130.00
A Davies	salary	182.30
HMRC	cl tax	43.00
Bank		6.00
A Davies	salary	172.20
HMRC	cl tax	43.20

17. Planning

None

18. Items for information or next Agenda

19. Date of next Meeting

8th September 2025.

Signed by.....

Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council		Monthly Financial Report	
		Parish Council Meeting	14 July 2025
Payments processed since last meeting			£2,636.78
20-May-25	A Davies		£431.90
20-May-25	HMRC		£88.07
20-May-25	A Lambourne		£36.00
20-May-25	Sw Services		£700.00
20-May-25	OCC		£113.00
20-May-25	CDC		£267.70
31-May-25	Bank		£6.00
09-Jun-25	HMRC		£43.20
09-Jun-25	A Davies		£172.20
09-Jun-25	Zurich insurance		£422.71
30-Jun-25	Bank		£6.00
+ 7 more			£350.00
Receipts processed since previous report			£2,460.00
30-Jul-25	viridor		£2,460.00
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated	30 June 2025
	Unity Trust Current account		£42,718.08
	Barclays Current account		£20,109.07
Items not yet cleared:			
Receipts	None		
Payments	None		
		Net Total	£62,827.15
Of which:			
Allocated reserves	Trees/Footpath		£13,365.00
	Resilience		£5,500.00
General reserve			£49,462.15