

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 19th January 2026 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: N Lewis (in the Chair) Mark Ellis and J Mills

Apologies: Cllrs H Jenkins, J Sparrow, S Hazelwonder, Cllr N Simpson (CDC) and Cllr W Boucher-Giles

In Attendance:

Members of the public: % residents.

49. In the absence of the Chairman and vice Chairman Cllr N Lewis was elected Chairman of the current meeting.

41. Declarations of interest

None.

42. Minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2025

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 10th November 2025 were an accurate record.

43. Residents' Issues

Highways have recently been swept, but debris is now filling highway drains. It was agreed that these concerns would be raised at the forthcoming meeting with OCC.

44. Leaky Dams Project

A resident attended the meeting to update Councillors in the "Leaky Dam" project, which should reduce flooding in the village. He confirmed that OCC had agreed to fund the project in the sum of £4500 +VAT, which will cover the whole cost of the proposed works. The Council noted that landowners' consent would be required prior to the work starting. The Clerk was authorised to sign the funding agreement with OCC.

45. Progress on Parish Matters

Traffic matters (including traffic calming)

Cllrs Sparrow and Lewis are arranging to meet with OCC to discuss options for traffic calming works in the Parish, in the light of current development proposals in the area.

IT was noted that the Parish does not currently have a "superuser" who is able to access the OCC "Fix my Street" site. Concerns about the condition of Ardley Road and Station Road, and a possible encroachment where the hedge has been removed by Crosskeys Farm will be referred to OCC for action.

Quarry Field

A contractor has recently carried out replanting/maintenance of the trees on the Quarry Field. The clerk was asked to buy a bench to be erected there.

MCNP

The Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Group is currently considering overall traffic effects on the area in the light of a considerable number of proposals for major developments. The Parish Council agreed to try to find a representative to attend the next meeting.

46. Finance

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

Parish websites	upgrade	849.00
Huw Jenkins	Domain	77.94
A Davies (CDC)	bin licences	177.00
A Davies	salary	365.30
HMRC	cl tax	44.60
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Rocketpod	IT	75.00
Hedges	trees on quarry	2460.00

After considering its budget for 2026/7 the Parish Council agreed to a precept of £13669 for the next Financial year, which is an increase of 3% and an increase of £1.49 per annum for a Band “D” property.

47. Planning

There is a suggestion that an application to amend the current planning permission for the former Fox and Hounds PH is likely to come forward. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate any application should it arrive in between meetings.

48. Playground work

The Parish Council noted an update on work to the playground and agreed to make an application to CDC for s 106 funding to cover the cost of this.

49. Items for information or next Agenda

None

50. Date of next Meeting

9th March 2026. Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2026.

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