

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 9th March 2026 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Huw Jenkins, John Sparrow, N Lewis, Sue Hazelwonder and J Mills

Apologies: Cllrs Mark Ellis , and Cllr W Boucher-Giles

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

Members of the public: 7 residents.

51. Declarations of interest

Cllr Jenkins reported an interest should there be any discussion about the development by Puy du Fou..

52. Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2026

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 13th January 2026 were an accurate record.

53. Residents' Issues

A number of residents have expressed concern about the state of some of the village trees. The clerk agreed to ask a tree surgeon to appraise the situation and make appropriate recommendations.

The Council thanked the resident who recently organised a very successful litter pick. Potholes by the 20mph sign on Bucknell road has been reported on "Fix my Street" as has material flytipped in a layby on Somerton Road.

54. Use of Football Field

Members of the Football Club attended to update the Parish Council on discussions to lease the weekday use of the football club and ground to a charity providing level 3 training for school leavers. The proposals would include the construction of a Multi Use Games Area 40 x30 yards adjacent to the main football pitch, with sporting use in the mornings and use of the football club facilities for academic study in the afternoons. The Charity currently provides for 38 students and 9 staff, and is split over 3 sites. If it leases the Ardley Football premises it will move its operation onto a single site.

The Parish Council noted and supported ongoing discussion in principle.

55. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson reported that CDC were looking to increase Council tax by 5% for the year 2026/7.

CDC's revised Local Plan is likely to be delayed due the Planning Inspector finding that the District has not complied fully with its "duty to co-operate" and the issue of Oxford's unmet housing need.

The Baynard Green warehouse application, which was recently refused by CDC's Planning Committee, is likely to be appealed.

56. Progress on Parish Matters

Traffic matters (including traffic calming)
Cllrs Sparrow and Lewis have met an OCC representative to discuss options for traffic calming works in the Parish, in the light of current development proposals in the area, and to raise concerns about road repairs and speed camera repair.

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 still needs a representative to attend the MCNP meetings.

Bench
The Parish Council agreed to buy a bench to be placed in the Quarry Field

57. Finance

The Council authorised the following payments:-

AWFVH	room hire	26.00
A Davies	salary	365.70
HMRC	cl tax	44.40
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Hedges	trees on quarry	360.00
OALC	Subscription	252.00
Richardson	Play ground repairs	3642.0
Groundworks		

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.

58. Planning

<u>26/00145/LB</u>	Manor Farm Fritwell Road Fewcott OX27 7NZ	Drilling of hole to front elevation to allow for the installation of high-speed Broadband connection. Installation of cable and making good
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No objections..

59. Items for information or next Agenda

None

60. Date of next Meeting

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

Signed by.....

