

ARDLEY with FEWCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council on Monday 11th May 2026 in the Norman Fraser Room of the Village Hall.

Present: J. Sparrow, H. Jenkins and J Mills

Apologies: Cllrs M. Ellis, N Lewis, S Hazelwonder and Cllr W Boucher-Giles

In Attendance: Cllr N Simpson (CDC) A Warren – OCC Highways

Members of the public: 8 residents.

Election of Officers

Cllr J. Sparrow was unanimously elected Chair of the Parish Council, with Cllr N. Lewis appointed Vice Chair.

1. Declarations of interest

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

2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th March 2026

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 9th March 2026 were an accurate record.

3. Traffic calming Options

The OCC highways representative explained that there were a number of low cost options to deliver traffic calming measures during the current financial year, and a number of more complex and expensive measures which may require funding to be identified, schemes to be designed and consultation to be undertaken.

The shortest timescale would be markings painted on the road, which could include 30mph roundels on the B430, dragons teeth painted on village approaches, signage and road markings painted to look like road humps. More costly schemes would include speed limit changes, chicanes etc. He also agreed to arrange for OCC to repair the speed camera on the B430.

4. Residents' Issues

It was reported that 3 newly planted trees in Quarry Field have died, and will shortly be replaced.

It was reported that the exit onto the B430 is potentially dangerous, due to obscured sight lines.

5. Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson reported that there have been changes in the administration at CDC following the recent elections. Barry Wood did not seek re-election, and Jean Conway is the new CDC Councillor for the area.

An announcement on Local Government reform is expected in June/July 2026.

He also noted that there has been a recent discovery of “forever chemicals” on the former RAF site at Upper Heyford, which is delaying development.

6. Progress on Parish Matters

Traffic matters (including traffic calming)

The Parish Council agreed that it would like OCC to proceed with all painted road markings suggested, including the “mock” speed humps.

It was also suggested that dragon’s teeth before both village entrances on the B430 would be helpful as a warning to motorists of the 30mph speed through the village

MCNP

The Parish Council, following advice of the MCNP Forum meeting on 21st January 2026 (at which all the constituent parishes were represented) agreed unanimously that the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan should progress to Examination.

Trees

The trees in the Parish have recently been inspected by a tree surgeon, and a report on their condition is awaited.

Leaky Dams project

The Parish Council has received grant money from OCC to cover the cost of this work, which is due to start as soon as materials are available. The Parish Council agreed payments as necessary to the Contractor.

7. Finance

- a) The Council noted its financial position as indicated in Appendix “A” and 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 Groundworks	Play ground repairs	3642.00

- b) The Parish Council noted the Internal Auditor’s report and the fact that the Parish Council website was not available for several weeks from July 2025. Subject to that it approved its Annual Governance Statement for the year 2025/6 and authorised the Chair and Clerk to sign the same.
- c) Following approval of the Annual Governance Statement the Parish Council approved the Accounting Statement for the year 2025/6 and authorised the Chair to sign the same.

8. Planning

It was noted that there were possible traffic issues during development of

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Rosevine 31
Ardley
Road Fewcott
OX27 7PB

Rear, side extension, raised deck
with associated internal and external works

9. Items for information or next Agenda

None

10. Date of next Meeting

13th July 2026

Signed by.....

Ardley w. Fewcott Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	11 May 2026
Payments processed since last meeting				£4,748.50
	10-Mar-26	AWFVH		£26.00
	10-Mar-26	A Davies		£365.70
	10-Mar-26	HMRC		£44.40
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	10-Mar-26	Hedges		£360.00
	10-Mar-26	OALC		£252.00
	10-Mar-26	Richardson Groundworks		£3,642.00
	31-Mar-26	Bank		£7.00
	30-Apr-26	Bank		£7.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£15,084.50
	31-Mar-26	CDC		£2,850.00
	01-Apr-26	OCC		£5,400.00
	14-Apr-26	CDC		£6,834.50
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	08 May 2026
		Unity Trust Current account		£46,741.20
		Barclays Current account		£20,109.07
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	None		
	Payments		0	£0.00
			0	£0.00
			Net Total	£66,850.27
Of which:				
Allocated reserves		Trees/Footpath		£13,365.00
		Resilience		£5,500.00
General reserve				£53,485.27