

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
7.00pm July 1st 2026 Murcott Village Hall
All Parish Councillors summoned to attend

James Lewis, Nick Wyke, Tim Bennett, Lucy Macfarlane, Francois Nerfin

3 x Members of the Public

Cherwell District Councillor Tim Faltermeyer

1. Welcome from the Chair

2. Apologies

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes of previous Parish Council meeting June 2026

5. Meeting Adjourned

Opportunity for members of public to propose new matters for PC consideration. (Max 5 minutes per topic)

Meeting Re-convene

6. County & District Councillor reports

Oxfordshire County council

Cherwell District Council - Tim Faltermeyer

Asylum Seeker Accommodation at Site A Arncott:

TM recognised the concerns of residents with regards to the proposed housing of up to 1250 asylum seeking men at Site A. TM clarified some points including that the asylum seekers are not illegal, as they have applied for asylum. There is a difference between those entering the UK illegally and those entering and claiming asylum. The asylum seekers are not permitted to work, they are provided with food, accommodation and health services on site. The asylum seekers therefore would not be accessing public services unless there is an emergency. The nationalities of the asylum seekers is unknown.

All present recognised the importance of accountability and safeguarding. It should be made clear that there are no concrete details on this proposal yet. The Government notified OCC, CDC and Thames Valley Police about this, there have been no consultations.

Other matters:

TM encouraged the sharing of his contact details with all residents, and welcomed engagement with the parish.

7. Parish Matters / Clerk Update

- Box Tree moth on VH Hedge has been sprayed
- Application sent into Community Transport Grant £3500
- Response sent to the Kidlington & Areas about buses/traffic calming
- Chased 20mph monitoring visit
- Replacement fencing and bollards requested for bridge on road to Arncott, by Chapel Cottage. Also a SLOW sign to be requested.
- Commons registration maps received from OCC, chased CDC about the Pound. Clerk to send information about The Pound to Cllr TM.
- Oxfordshire Quiet Lanes Pilot Programme open for expressions of interest
- Consider creosoting fencing at the Splash - approved

Bury Fields Charity

Current trustees LB and JL

Edward Baillieu-Williams and Reverend Cortney Dale to be added

Need one more trustee from Parish Council - Lucy Macfarlane

New Assets:

Alice Meadow Gate ordered, posts etc to be arranged once on site

Salt bin to be installed at Black Bull Lane

Parish Walks & Maintenance:

Fencott village walk feedback – potholes and drains to FMS, chase HART for Splash tidy up

Murcott village walk to be completed

Play area annual inspection due in July £83

Parish Noticeboards & Communications:

Community Leaflets to finalise and distribute

Rights of Way map to finalise – inset to finalise

8. Governance

Training to be booked for a Wednesday evening through OALC

Cllr email addresses have been ordered with Cloud Next, as well as a .gov.uk domain name. The cost of this is less than the current arrangement.

Annual Parish Meeting to plan – a topical speaker or perhaps Q & A session with councillors from CDC/OCC would be good.

FN added to Unity bank, current access is LB, JL and FN

9. Finances Report - see attached

Parish Council audit completed and submitted

10. Planning ApplicationsNew:

26/01462/PIP Land Adjoining and West of Maplecroft Street Through Murcott Village Murcott.

Permission in Principle for 2 or 3 dwellings

The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application at this stage.

26/01369/LB Village Farm, Blackbull Lane, Fencott Replacement of 8 No rotten and damaged timber windows with timber windows along with 1 No new rear door

The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.

26/01266/CLUE OS Parcel 5133 Adjoining And East Of, Otmoor Lane, Certificate of Lawfulness

Existing - Use of the land to store building materials

The applicant attended the meeting and discussed the planning application with councillors. The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

Awaiting Decision:

26/00246/F Brook Court, Fencott, Single storey rear extension for purpose of providing means of access, designed to secure greater safety, health and comfort

Decisions:

25/02361/F (and also LB) Pigeon House Farm, Pigeonhouse Lane, Murcott, OX5 2RE, Re-building a collapsed wall to the rear elevation of The Stables building and restoring support and stability to the first floor and roof structure - no changes to the external appearance of the building are proposed – Application Withdrawn.

The Parish Council will speak to relevant authorities about this as the collapsed wall could be an issue for the new right of way along Pigeonhouse Lane, as well as affecting the visual amenity of the area.

11. Items for next meeting: Wednesday 5th August 2026 7.00pm Murcott Village Hall

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.