

AGENDA
FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
7.00pm March 4th 2026 Murcott Village Hall
All Parish Councillors are summoned to attend

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of previous Parish Council meeting**
Minutes from February to be approved
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
7. **Parish Matters / Clerk Update**
Road mirrors: Highways confirmed they do not maintain or clean privately installed mirrors as they are not approved by Highways for use. County Cllr priority fund application turned down due to this.
Clerk has requested funding for Alice's Meadow gate from County Council instead.

Fencott pond: Highways responded to ownership/responsibility enquiry: "In this case, the pond located opposite the Fencott Bus Stop is not considered part of the highway maintainable at public expense (HMPE)."

Murcott pond: Oxfordshire County Council have responded: "The Horse Pond, Murcott, is held in our ownership as a Village Green under S 8(3) of the Commons Registration Act 1965 and I regret therefore we are not prepared to Transfer it to the neighbouring Nut Tree Pub. Furthermore, maintenance responsibilities therefore rest with us as owners.

We do however thank you for bringing this to our attention. I can confirm that the pond is now being monitored and at minimum will be on an Annual Inspection Regime and our colleagues in the Landscape Department have recently visited to inspect the pond and are arranging some remedial repairs suitable for a natural pond.

If there are any future concerns or issues with the pond, please feel free to advise contact is made with myself or with regard to any maintenance, my colleagues in the Landscape Department, Tim Green, or Victoria Wilson."

Parish Walks & Maintenance:

Fencott Parish walk recorded 71 defects which were logged on FMS.

Rights of Way walk booked for 3rd March.

Temporary road repair carried out at the Splash, OCC to do a permanent repair soon.

OCC responded to query about repairing potholes – email circulated – Parish Council cannot do it.

20mph consultation due this spring to see how the scheme is working – can request amendments.

2026 Spring Clean scheme from Cherwell DC – can borrow litter picking equipment.

Fresh sandbags at the village hall carpark.

Parish Noticeboards:

The Splash, local conservation and Rights of Way around the Otmoor: Rights of way options circulated Alice's Meadow C/F

8. Governance

Parish Council Election this year

Online Briefing Sessions available for Local Government Reorganisation consultation 4th, 10th and 11th March.

9. Finances Report - see attached

Insurance premium due

Clerk wages and HWA March

VAT Return submitted to HMRC

Russell Lambert Invoice for grass cutting £968

10. Planning Applications

New: None

Awaiting Decision:

25/03166/F Parcel adjoining River Ray, Construct a wooden stable block, parking and change of use to equestrian

25/02067/F Moorlands Farm amendments to planning for 8 houses

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 (7 October)

Decisions:

No new decisions

11. Items for next meeting: Wednesday April 1st 2026 7.00pm Murcott Village Hall