

**MINUTES**  
**FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
7.00pm April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Murcott Village Hall

**In Attendance: James Lewis (Chair), Nick Wyke, Tim Bennett, Francois Nerfin, Lynne Bustin (Clerk), three members of the public.**

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies**

Received and accepted from Lucy Macfarlane

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Minutes of previous Parish Council meeting**

Minutes from March approved

**5. Meeting Adjourned**

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

The pond at the Nut Tree discussed. The Parish Council clarified that the pond is classed as Common Land and that Cherwell DC have taken responsibility for managing it. The Parish Council has requested sight of management plans, and will enquire into the possibility of a long term lease. Parishioner request made for an information noticeboard at the Nut Tree pond similar to that installed at Alice's Meadow and the Splash.

Meeting Re-convene

**6. County & District Councillor reports**

Oxfordshire County council report received from Cllr Laura Gordon – The Parish council noted that it stated all road gullies have been cleared, however in this parish the gullies have not all been cleared. The Parish Council to compile a list of gullies for FMS.

Cherwell District Council

**7. Parish Matters / Clerk Update**

Bus Route through the parish – The Parish Council agreed to investigate getting a better public service provision for the parish, regular buses etc.

New: Crumbling wall adjacent Hall carpark

Clerk to speak to insurance company, send a letter to the property owner, and if appropriate use barriers to mitigate risk. Clerk to check village hall Land Registry title for boundary.

**Parish Walks & Maintenance:**

All white gates cleaned and painted. Need 4 x new posts (and paint them) for the gates at the end of Fencott – The Parish Council approved this purchase.

Book a date for Village Hall Maintenance - potentially 25/26<sup>th</sup> April.

County Cllr fund contacted for funding for gate to Alices Meadow. Clerk to complete forms and submit.

**Parish Noticeboards:**

The Splash, local conservation and Rights of Way around the Otmoor: Rights of way options circulated and additional area requested. Alice's Meadow poster circulated for comment, clerk to obtain some waterproof copies. Clerk to check the copyright rules concerning AI.

**8. Governance**

Parish Council Election this year now published for nominations

**9. Finances Report - see attached**

Councillors approved the payment of the OALC invoice which has gone up this year.

**10. Planning Applications**

New: None

Awaiting Decision:

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

Decisions:

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

**11. Items for next meeting: Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 7.00pm Murcott Village Hall**

**The meeting ended at 7.45 pm**