

**MINUTES**  
**FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**7.30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Murcott Village Hall**

**1. Welcome**

Present: James Lewis, Lucy McFarlane, Nick Wyke, Lynne Bustin

4 members of the public

**2. Apologies**

Tim Bennett

**3. Declarations of Interest**

- Check all councillors have completed forms and sent in – carried forwards

**4. [Minutes](#) of previous Parish Council meeting**

**5. Meeting Adjourned**

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

**Pond at Nut Tree**

Discussed the pond adjacent the Nut Tree. The Nut Tree owners are hoping to attain ownership of the pond and will then maintain it as their own. Concerns raised over the delays in District Council response time and Land Registry. Clerk to contact and provide support from PC.

Meeting Re-convene

**6. County & District Councillor reports**

County Councillor on Mat Leave, alternative contacts provided

**7. Parish Matters**

**The Parish Council wish to thank the young man who tidied the bus stop 😊**

**Works Pending:**

- Contractor to clear undergrowth at Murcott bus stop and clean shelter
- Contractor to remove old fence panel behind the hall, and restrain the wooden fence at the front of the car park
- Contractor to install new vehicle and pedestrian gate at Alice's Meadow
- Contractor to cut Alice Meadow hedge (roadside and internal) in the autumn
- Contractor to refence the Pound, crown lift trees and clear undergrowth
- Noticeboards to install at The Splash and Alices Meadow, displays currently blank.

**Works to Agree:**

- The Splash noticeboard – Rights of way? Alices Meadow – Short History and management plans? Suggest a side committee/meeting to put this together
- Playground safety inspection report recieved. Contractors to clean equipment, PC to review recommendations. The roundabout needs new wood – Clerk to investigate where it was sourced from in the past.
- PC to order a new bench for the Splash – Agreed to order a recycled plastic bench.

**Rights of Way**

Amendment to Pigeonhouse Lane footpath – legal change to Public Right of Way.

Clerk to ask Rights of Way if they will be signposting this path.

### **Highways**

Advised to contact OCC Highways with request for resurfacing throughout the parish, also to pin down date for gulley and drain clearing. Resident request to make sure clearing the culverts are included within the works.

### **Village Hall**

Lease for Village Hall chair and Parish Council chair to sign and submit to Solicitor – Village Hall Chair has copies to sign and return.

The produce show will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September at Murcott Village Hall.

### **Governance**

Changes in Local Government – continue to encourage community to read and respond

Parish Councillor vacancy

### **Flooding**

Clerk liaising with Charlton on Otmoor PC and Ambrosden PC to have a coordinated response using road signs when there are significant floods affecting the roads.

Clerk to chase a follow up from Callum Miller about the Ray Valley Flood Forum meeting, and the map that was put together.

## **8. [Finances Report](#) for current year to date**

Internal Audit carried out, submission to external auditor successful

## **9. Planning Applications**

New: None

Decisions:

Village Farm, Blackbull Lane: Amendments Permitted

Field adjacent the Splash: Equestrian works Permitted

## **10. Items for next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 Murcott Village Hall**

C/F Buryfields Trust: Parish Council is current trustee and needs to liaise with the new Vicar when licenced at the end of September.

There needs to be a liability sign within the village hall car park as a vehicle was broken into recently.

Litter bins for the Splash and Murcott bus stop.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: