

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
7.00pm 16th September 2026 Murcott Village Hall
All Parish Councillors are summoned to attend

Francois Nerfin (Chair), Jams Lewis, Lucy Macfarlane, Timothy Bennett, Cllr Laura Gordon, 3 x MOP,
Lynne Bustin (Clerk)

1. Welcome from the Chair

2. Apologies

Nick Wyke

3. New Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of previous Parish Council meeting August 2026

Approved and signed

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 - update included: traffic filters in Oxford from 28th September, Cllrs discussed the impact on rural communities and will encourage local communities to respond to the consultation. Lack of public transport and accessibility to transport has high negative effect on young people, non-drivers, and those trying to access employment.

Oxfordshire flood preparation event 2-7pm Exeter Hall, annual Stoptober.

MOD Bicester Planning Application Site A: Cllrs discussed the proposal with Cllr Laura Gordon. OCC are a statutory consultee and will be objecting on issues including Highways (road safety, buses) and Environment. There are also wider issues including the impact of added pressure on the sewerage system and energy connections.

Islip Bridge closure from 28th September for 8 weeks. There should be a minibus service to ensure the H5 bus continues to run.

Cherwell District Council - Parish Liaison meeting 11th November on Teams. Report from Cllr TF circulated.

7. Parish Matters / Clerk Update

New council organization announced for 2028 – PAUSED

MOD Consultation open – respond by 17th Sept

£3200 grant approved by Community Transport to fund a transport survey – signed acceptance form. Clerk to research Transport Survey providers.

Request for feedback on the 20mph scheme: Amendments to layout in Murcott. Suggestion for buffer zone speed limits e.g. 40 / 30 mph before 20 mph zone. Mirror required for bridge adjacent Chapel Cottage.

Parish Walks & Maintenance:

Update from CDC on The Horse Pond maintenance – works in progress. CDC Liaising direct with The Nut Tree.

Playground – dry bearings to resolve, carousel issues, uneven surfaces. Clerk to obtain quotes for roundabout and surfaces (repair / renew)

The Pound – contacted CDC about maintenance, clerk to chase response.

FMS walks needed to revisit parish issues – include the road beyond Chapel Cottage, Murcott.

Parish Noticeboards & Communications:

Community Leaflets to finalise and distribute – new H5 bus schedule to add to it

8. Governance

New cllr emails set up

9. Finances Report - see attached

Second Precept payment £5500 received

Request from Clean Slate for funding £100 approved

Request from Volunteer Driver Service £30 approved

10. Planning Applications

New:

26/02304/F Maplecroft, Murcott: Erection of a double garage – respond by 6th October No Comment

Awaiting Decision:

26/01462/PIP Land adjoining Maplecroft, Murcott: Permission in principle for 2 or 3 dwellings – Appeal Lodged

26/01274/F Corner Farm, Fencott: extension of existing outbuilding to create new annexe - Under Consultation

26/00246/F Brook Court, Fencott: Single storey rear extension – Appeal Lodged

Decisions:

26/01596/Q56 Buildings at Moorlands Farm, Murcott: Conversion of an existing barn to form two dwelling houses REFUSED

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 PERMITTED

11. Items for next meeting: Wednesday 7th October 2026 7.00pm Murcott Village Hall

Clerk to check Cllr availability for next meeting date to ensure quorate

Meeting ended at 8.10pm