

MINUTES– PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FENCOTT & MURCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

7.00pm 5th August 2026 Murcott Village Hall

In Attendance: James Lewis, Tim Bennett, Francois Nerfin, Nick Wyke, Lynne Bustin (Clerk)
2 x Members of the Public

1. Welcome from the Chair

2. Apologies

Received and accepted from Lucy Macfarlane

3. Declarations of Interest

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)

The Horse Pond, Murcott:

Question: Who has responsibility once the Local Government reorganisation goes through. Clerk to contact CDC, including the head of property Mona Walsh and local MP Calum Miller. Would CDC be open to the PC contracting someone in to carry out maintenance.

Question: The drain adjacent the pond still needs repairing, it was damaged by Gigaclear.
Clerk to contact Highways.

Question: PC should lobby parishioners for their views of the Horse Pond and maintenance?

Meeting Re-convene

6. County & District Councillor reports

Oxfordshire County council - none received

Cherwell District Council - received from Cllr Faltermeyer and discussed

7. Parish Matters / Clerk Update

New council organization announced for 2028 – this parish to be in Greater Oxford. Cllrs discussed the challenge to the decision, how will legal advice be funded, what does the parish want as an outcome, what is the likely chance of success. Clerk to acknowledge the email about challenging the decision and confirm that the parish are looking at their own situation.

Movement and Place Plan for Kidlington and the surrounding villages public consultation now live: A bus route is essential for the parish, essential access to services. The PC would support a bus service to Oxford Parkway.

Road closures at the start of September

The Pound: Clerk to circulate ownership details and creation order to all cllrs for review. Implication is that authorities have accepted the principle of PC maintained areas with no specified standards. The PC needs more clarification on the responsibilities, and potential future use of the Pound.

New Assets:

Alice Meadow Gate to be installed

Salt bin to be installed at Black Bull Lane

Parish Walks & Maintenance:

Fencott village walk – next steps including wood staining the Splash fencing

Murcott village walk - next steps

Play area annual inspection carried out – see report. PC to look at the requirements and review what can be done in house and what requires an external contractor.

Parish Noticeboards & Communications:

Community Leaflets to finalise and distribute

Rights of Way map to finalise – inset to finalise

8. Governance

9. Finances Report - see attached

10. Planning Applications

New:

Awaiting Decision:

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

Decisions:

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

Existing - Use of the land to store building materials APPROVED

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 REFUSED

The Parish Council acknowledged the receipt of an email from the applicant.

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

Permission in Principle for 2 or 3 dwellings APPEAL LODGED AGAINST REFUSAL

11. Items for next meeting: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 7.00pm Murcott Village Hall

IMPORTANT: Meeting date subsequently changed to Wednesday 16th September at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.