

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 At 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Roly Whear, Martin Birch and Samantha Parkes

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, Councillors Natalie Gist and Councillor Christopher Kettle (County Council)

### **2023\_07\_01: Apologies**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Emma Briscoe and David Johnson and were **accepted**

### **2023\_07\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Whear and seconded by Councillor Birch)

### **2023\_07\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

### **2023\_07\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2023\_07\_05: Open Forum**

There was one member of the public in attendance. They are a resident of The Paddock and were querying why the fencing planning application was rejected (23/00066/FUL Erection of combination of close board and post and rail fencing). Parish council discussed the history of the application and the development. The Parish Council responded with 'no representation' but with comments. It was the District Council that objected

**Councillor Kettle arrived at 19.54 and resident left the meeting at 20.00**

### **2023\_07\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Play Area Refurbishment: An application for CIL funding has been submitted with the support of District Councillor Gist. Councillor Parkes expressed her thanks to all those that helped with the submission
- (ii) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: See comments from Nigel Rock in Appendix C
- (iii) Sports Pavilion: Funding for demolition and new building was included in the CIL funding application
- (iv) Flooding on Station Road: Queried with Alan Payne and as it was not identified as risk to residential properties it had no driver to support the business case. Since found that some properties on Thompson Field have problems with back gardens flooding. Pictures will be sent to Councillor Kettle
- (v) Defibrillator Training: St Johns Ambulance are unable to provide training so Councillor Parkes will look into other providers. Councillor Birch will speak to Warwickshire Search & Rescue. Clerk to ask Fire Service
- (vi) Memorial Bench and Trees: Quote received for fitting two benches which was £1,128 which is prohibitive. Could we ask local builder how much it would be to increase their public liability insurance. Parish Council has £10m so could this be used?  
  
Clerk has received a concern from a resident about the potential planting of a tree at The Wharf – Clerk will pass on concerns but this is not parish council land
- (vii) Fieldgate Lane – Problems with cyclists: Feedback has been received from residents (see correspondence) and councillors will not take forward a request to install a chicane
- (viii) Trees at Squire Place: The branch impeding on a residents house has been cut back. The tree surgeon and Chair met at Squire Place and also with a resident. It was agreed to clear the undergrowth and trim back some

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branches. Council haven't received a quote yet but if it is less than £500 then councillors have **agreed** to the work

- (ix) Bowls club licence agreement: This is work in progress with the clerk
- (x) Land at electricity sub-station: SDC have agreed that they own the land and they are now arranging for this plot to be added to their grounds maintenance contract. In addition, a site inspection will be taking place

### **2023\_07\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Councillors Gist and Rock submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

Councillor Kettle submitted a report which can be found in Appendix D

### **County Councillor Kettle left the meeting at 20.50**

### **2023\_07\_08: Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- Responses to query regarding cyclists along Fieldgate Lane footpath access to sports field:
  - Chicane system would prevent wheelchair access
  - Neighbour to footpath complained of constant banging of gate when there was one c.20 years ago. However, there is a problem of parking at the bottom of the footpath, and therefore having to walk along driveways. There have been some near misses
  - **Discussed as part of Matters Arising**
- Residents correspondence
  - Consideration of rumble strips and state of footpaths
  - Broadband cabling – Permission for road closures and use of land
  - **Discussed as part of County Councillor report – Clerk will forward details of issues to Councillor Kettle**
  - Update requested regarding s106 monies for Ridgeway flooding scheme
  - **Clerk will request an update from Alan Payne**
  - Overgrown trees behind Berry Meadow garages
  - **This is Orbit responsibility as the trees are not owned by the parish council**
- Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has launched a public consultation seeking the views of people in Warwickshire about how housing related services are provided. The consultation period runs until 11 August 2023.
  - The budget for housing related support services will reduce by £1 million from April 2025. Considering this, WCC is undertaking this consultation to re-design these services to become more efficient and effective within a reduced budget, while retaining clear focus on those people with the greatest need and those where support will prevent them needing care services.
  - The aim of this consultation is to inform Warwickshire residents about the proposals to redesign services and to ask for their views.
  - How to take part:
    - Complete the online survey online at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/redesign-of-housing-related-support-services/>
    - Respond in writing to: Warwickshire County Council, Housing Related Support Consultation, Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4RL or by emailing [peoplestrategyandcommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:peoplestrategyandcommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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- o Clerk has advertised on Facebook

### 2023\_07\_09: Planning

- (i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
23/01658/FUL	19 Jul 2023	Stonegate , Church Street, Fenny Compton	Two storey extension to front of property including porch, single storey extension to rear, increase size of existing rear dormer window, existing covered area to side of property upgraded to have a lean-to roof, installation of additional solar panels

Councillors discussed both applications and **agreed** 'No representation'

- (ii) No decisions have been received since the last meeting
- (iii) Dead/ Dangerous Tree Notification: 23/01687/DDT at The Dassett C Of E Primary School, Memorial Road, Fenny Compton. -T1 poplar - Fell. (Storm damaged with split stem. Replacement planting required)
- (iv) Dead/ Dangerous Tree Notification: 23/01652/DDT at The Old Bakehouse, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton - -T1 beech - Fell. (Dead)
- (v) Planning Amendment: 22/02138/OUT at Land Off (North), Station Road, Fenny Compton. - Outline planning application for 12 self/custom build dwellings
- Revised Design Code to take account of Case Officers requirements , Revised Proposed Built Area Extent Plan and Revised Drainage Strategy
- Deadline for comment passed before the meeting and the parish council made no change to the original response (Objection). It was reiterated that the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been 'made' since the original objection
- (vi) Further Updates:
- a. Compton Locks Development
    - i. Bus stop request – No further update
    - ii. Speed Limit along Station Road – See comments in County Council report

**Councillor Kettle left the meeting at 21.04**

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### 2023\_07\_10: Financial Administration

- (i) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Whear and seconded by Councillor Parkes):

JUL_23_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary)	(364.04)
JUL_23_2_SO	SDC (Pension Contribution)	(111.77)
JUL_23_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(28.87)
JUL_23_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(193.45)
JUL_23_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports pavilion)	8.46
JUL_23_6	Mick Jones (June Village grass cut and maintenance)	(550.00)
JUL_23_7	Michael Mann (Playing field grass cut)	(416.10)
JUL_23_8	Michael Mann (Flood pool grass cut)	(104.40)
JUL_23_9	Mick Jones (July Village grass cut and maintenance)	(550.00)

#### **Current Account**

**(2,310.17)**

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them

### 2023\_07\_11: Updates

- (i) Compton Locks Integration – No dates
- (ii) Flood Prevention – No further updates
- (iii) Trees – No further update
- (iv) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Clerk has requested the annual play area inspection
- (v) Highways – Lines have been re-painted along High Street and specifically outside the shop
- (vi) Street Lighting – Number 1 Memorial Road is on all the time. Clerk to report
- (vii) Traffic – No updates
- (viii) Future Strategy – An initial fire risk assessment has been completed at the bowls club
- (ix) Updated councillor responsibilities – List has been updated due to change in councillors and will be put on the website

### 2023\_07\_12: Items to Publicise

- (i) Impacted of Broadband contractors
- (ii) Fieldgate Lane chicane
- (iii) Applied for CIL funding for sports field
- (iv) Defibrillator training update

### 2023\_07\_13: Future Discussion

Annual risk assessments and policy reviews

### 2023\_07\_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**MEETING CLOSED 21.40**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair September 2023

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## Appendix A

### June Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)	<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82
Flood Relief Grant	2,127.76
Over 8's Play Area	140.56
NP Plan Projects	86.33
Allotments	500.00
Defibrillator	956.68
Other	4.07
<b>30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)</b>	<b>5,951.22</b>
Cotters Croft	3,439.98
PC Balance	6,565.02
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b> (High interest deposit):	<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>	<b>14,408.46</b>
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>5,542.90</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)	<b><u>35,907.58</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)	
JUL_23_1_SO Lydia Cox (Salary and expenses)	(364.04)
JUL_23_2_SO SDC (Pension Contribution)	(111.77)
JUL_23_3_DD Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(28.87)
JUL_23_4_DD Yu Energy (Street Lighting) <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	(193.45)
JUL_23_5_DD WaterPlus (Sports pavilion) <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	8.46
JUL_23_6 Mick Jones (June Village grass cut and maintenance) <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	(550.00)
JUL_23_7 Michael Mann (Playing field grass cut)	(416.10)
JUL_23_8 Michale Mann (Flood pool grass cut)	(104.40)
JUL_23_9 Mick Jones (July Village grass cut and maintenance) <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	(550.00)
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>(2,310.17)</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>33,597.41</u></b>

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## June Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
<b>30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)</b>	<b>5,951.22</b>
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b>	<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>	<b>14,408.46</b>
<b>Current Account</b>	5,654.67
Less payments outstanding	
SDC (Pension Contribution)	(111.77)
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>5,542.90</b>
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>35,907.59</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	35,894.64
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	12.96
Total Cash Book	<b><u>35,907.60</u></b>

## **Appendix C – District Councillor Report**

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Following the election, the new administration is getting to grips with planning for a number of initiatives as well as picking up work on day-to-day activities. These include renting out spare floor space in the council offices to generate income, restoring the customer service facility in local libraries (including Southam) which was cut during the pandemic, carrying out a review of energy and climate changes factors in our own buildings and facilities, setting out how community groups and others can apply for funding for climate change initiatives, and the re-introduction of free parking for all residents across the whole District who are of pensionable age.

This latter concession only affects the car parks in Stratford because the car parks in other market towns such as Southam are already free. It was interesting to note that residents across the whole District, including our area, used the concessionary parking in Stratford before it was withdrawn, although in fewer numbers than those living closer to Stratford. However, we have asked if the Council can investigate how we could expand the concession to Warwick District if that is possible, which might be an additional benefit for residents in this area. Some concerns have been raised about the cost of the concessionary parking – initial estimates are that it is cost-neutral – we will be monitoring this going forward.

Also, Councillors and senior officers are meeting with their opposite numbers in Warwick District to consider how to tackle long term planning policy through the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

### **UPPER LIGHTHORNE HEALTH CARE**

Nigel Rock and Jeremy Wright MP held a meeting between the District Council Deputy Chief Exec and the NHS in attempt to move forward with GP provision for the new village at Upper Lighthorne/Gaydon. Twenty-three parishes have been lobbying for action to implement this provision which is proceeding unacceptably slowly. A date for

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reviewing applications for GPs to run this service has now been set and we should know who is to run the GP's surgery in October, but getting it up and running is a long way off. In the meantime, new patients are putting pressure on the surrounding practices in the area. Your Councillors remain concerned about the apparent slow response of the NHS to the expanding population.

### **FENNY COMPTON HEALTH CARE**

As many people know there is some money due under the section 106 agreement for Compton Locks that is specified in the agreement as being for the primary healthcare of the people of Fenny Compton for one and a half years. As there is no other primary healthcare in Fenny Compton other than the Doctor's Surgery, I have been in touch with Warwickshire County Council, the ICB and the Doctor's Surgery to see what the requirements of the ICB are for the money to be paid directly to the Doctor's Surgery rather than to the ICB. I understand that the Practice Manager is now liaising with the ICB and obviously I am available to encourage this process as and when needed.

### **ROAD CLOSURES HS2**

There has been a flurry of road closure notices for HS2 affecting our area. These follow on from earlier disruption in June. They have originated from the two different contractors and it is difficult to get an overall vision. We have been in touch with WCC who are attempting to coordinate matters.

There are plans for closures and traffic management to enable the movements of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM). It is being redeployed to other schemes north of here and is being moved on the M40. The locations are:

- B4452 near Harbury 8-10 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3:30pm
- B4451 near Deppers Bridge 17-18 July 2023 from 9am to 3pm & 31 July to 2 August 2023 from 9am to 3:30pm
- B4451 (M40 – Bishop's Itchington) 3-4 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3.30pm & 7 August 2023 from 9.30am to 3.30pm

As ever, the notices include the contacts for the HS2 Helpdesk: 08081 434 434 or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk). Any changes will be on [www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk)

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### **Appendix D – County Councillor Report**

#### **Division issues**

Warwickshire Highways have confirmed that owing to issues of environmental health, and specifically vibration and noise, with the piling operation, there are delays to the Fosse Way / Harbury project. This is going to add some six weeks to the timetable.

The Fenny Compton speed limit and vehicle survey on Wharf Road and Station Road have demonstrated a need to extend the 30 mph to beyond the entrance to the Homes England with a proposed 40 mph up to the A423.

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I still have funding for further road related schemes in my delegated highways budget. But whilst these are discretionary grants, any proposal is subject to professional scrutiny by the Highways teams and schemes that do not accord with normal highway protocols will not be accepted.

### HS2

Road closures will be happening from the movement off site of Dorothy the HS2 tunnel boring machine from Ufton to the M40 junction 12. The date has yet to be determined.

Further road closures will be being put in place on the Warwickshire/ Northants border to allow for the adoption of the current off-line new highway.

Whilst phases on Banbury and Wormleighton Road will be relatively short 4-6 weeks, the building of the Stoneton Lane overbridge is likely to result in the closure of the Stoneton lane for some 18-24 months as this required the existing road to be removed, the track to be excavated and then the overbridge to be built. This cannot be done off line.



### Hi speed broadband

There have been continued complaints from numerous residents about the working by Hi-speed broadband cable laying subcontractors. Whilst they will have to have obtained a permit from WCC to work either on the public highway or footpaths, these are private contractors laying cables for internet suppliers for profit.



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WCC has been following up reports of poor surface restoration work and unsafe working practices, and has withdrawn some companies permits temporarily, WCC is not responsible for the work being done. Residents need to follow up any damage or loss of services caused by the works with the companies themselves. WCC is not in a position to compensate residents themselves.

### **Flooding**

The challenges of the flooding protection in Fenny Compton scheme have been raised with the WCC flooding team again and an on-site meeting is being arranged.

### **Councillor Grant Fund**

The first window has now closed for the WCC Councillor Grant Funding. As part of the 23/24 budget this amount has been increased to £8,000 per County Councillor.

The deadline for any second applications will be later in the year, but there should be some £1500 available for 2<sup>nd</sup> round projects.