

The Minutes of Fenny Compton Parish Council Meeting – 16th November 2009

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Fenny Compton on 16th November 2009 commencing at 7:45pm.

Present: Miss Deborah Lea in the Chair, Michael Davies, Jon Dutton, Hilary Birkbeck, Michael Guest, Jim Twaddle, District & County Councillor Christopher Williams & Parish Clerk Catherine Lambert.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Item 9, cheque 1392 should read MFM Services for September not August. Item 8, should read the increase in Council Tax to 2%. Item 5(b) should read Jon not John. Subject to these amendments Mike Davies seconded by Jon Dutton proposed acceptance of the Minutes to the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th October 2009. Jon Dutton seconded by Jim Twaddle proposed acceptance of the Minutes to the special Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd November 2009 to discuss the Parish Plan.
3. **Declaration of Interests:** Mike Davies and Jon Dutton declared a personal interest in item 11(d), they are members of the Parish Plan Steering Group. Mike Davies declared a personal interest in item 8(b). Michael Guest declared a personal interest in item 11(a).
4. **Open Forum:** None.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Affordable Housing:** A planning application has now been submitted to Stratford District Council.
 - b) **Highways:** The streetlight on Station Road has been repaired. Cllr Williams will contact the Highways Department regarding the overgrown verge on the A423. Patch Byrne is currently running a search to definitely ascertain who is responsible for the hedge and grass verge on the Avon Dassett Road. Cllr CW
 - c) **Proposed Closure of Fenny Compton Fire Station:** Jon Dutton agreed to write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council. JD
 - d) **Dog Bins:** The dog bin has been relocated away from the school field. The new signs have been delivered to Jim Twaddle who will organise their display. JT
 - e) **Welcome Pack:** It was agreed for no action points on this subject.
 - f) **Post Office:** The clerk has received a letter from the Post Office informing the Parish Council that the period of public consultation regarding the introduction of the Hosted Outreach service has come to an end. The Post Office did not receive any comments from customers or local representatives during the consultation and therefore they are confident that the new service is suitably located and can meet the needs of customers in the local community.
 - g) **Police Report:** PC Joy has been in the village with the speed camera on the Northend Road. This had a very positive impact on the traffic during the time PC Joy was there. The Pact meeting was held on the 4th November. Jon Dutton reported that the Pact system is not working at present. The new Sergeant Fretwell is adamant that police officers will not be attending Parish Council meetings unless there is a specific area of concern. Jon Dutton informed the Council that he will not be attending Pact meetings in the future. Councillor Williams reported that subsequent to the Pact meeting the County Council has told Sergeant Fretwell he has to go to all Parish Council meetings by the end of January to explain why he has changed the policy of attendance by his officers. His decision will be reviewed in February. Jon Dutton had been informed of an incident of anti-social behaviour.
 - h) **Notice board:** The clerk has contacted the supplier but has still not received a reply. It was agreed to pass all correspondence to Mike who will write a suitable letter to the supplier. MD
 - i) **Tree work:** Niall Conway has cut down the chestnut tree in Squire Place and inspected the sycamore which was of concern to local residents.
 - j) **Website:** The planning appeal status is now included on the Parish Website.
 - k) **Seat on the Slade:** Michael Guest has cut back the vegetation around the seat. The

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woodwork is in need of a couple of coats of preservative in the future.

6. **Emergency Plan:** Michael Guest is awaiting comments from Parish Councillors regarding the draft emergency plan distributed at the last meeting. The emergency box is nearly complete and is located in Michael Guest's garage. MG
7. **Correspondence:**
- a) **John Tabcart:** Due to work commitments, John offered his resignation as Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The clerk has contacted Darren Whitney and the Monitoring Officer at Stratford District Council and the appropriate notices have been displayed.
 - b) **Warwickshire Rural Retailing Seminar:** Sunday 29th November 2009, Stoneleigh Park 4pm-7.30pm.
 - c) **Stratford upon Avon District Council:** The Parish Council will now only be sent an electronic copy of planning decisions.
 - d) **Stratford upon Avon District Council:** Affordable Warmth Training. Wednesday 2nd December 10-12noon at Elizabeth House.
 - e) **In 2 Sport:** Newsletter.
 - f) **Oxfordshire NHS:** The Better Healthcare Programme Newsletter.
 - g) **Local Council Review:** Newsletter.
8. **Planning:**
- a) **Planning Appeal Decision 08/02165/FUL:** Erection of a detached stone cottage and single garage on vacant land in the centre of Fenny Compton. Corner site, Memorial Road/High Street, Fenny Compton. Mr J Ross. The Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal and granted planning permission.
 - b) **Planning Application 09/01637/FUL:** Change of use of land from agricultural to the loading/unloading and storage of machinery in connection with existing use. Erection of 3 floodlights on 6m high poles and enlargement of existing vehicular access. Fenny Compton Garage, Fenny Compton Wharf. Mr Gerard Jennings. The Parish Council agreed to support this application in principle subject to a condition for lighting that the lighting is designed to illuminate the curtailage of the site by suitable down lighters.
 - c) **Planning Application 09/02277/TREE:** 5 no conifer: fell. Egkott, High Street, Fenny Compton. Mrs J Brookes. No Representation.
 - d) **Planning Application 09/02149/FUL:** Erection of 10 affordable homes for rent and 2 owner occupied homes including associated roadways and infrastructure. Land off (North), Station Road, Fenny Compton. East Midlands Housing Association. The Parish Councillors will look at the application on line and will inform the clerk if they have any objections by the end of the following week. It was agreed that the Parish Council should include the following when responding. The Parish Council would like assurances that the 106 agreement identifies clearly that these properties are built to meet an identified local need.
9. **County and District Councillor's Report:** Cllr CW
- Councillor Williams reported:
- District Council:** The new refuse and recycling arrangements are continuing to work well. The provisional recycling figure for the six months, April to September, was 62.9%. The new collection arrangements have approximately doubled the quantity of dry recycling collected in the blue lidded bin compared to the old black boxes. This change in service has resulted in Stratford District Council being one of the leading performers in the waste collection and recycling service in the country.
- County Council:** The review of the Fire Service continues with public consultation throughout the County. The new Chief of the Fire Service has attended all the public consultation meetings. Fenny Compton Fire Service has been able to demonstrate the strategic importance of this site. Currently, reservations have also been raised about the possibility of Oxfordshire Fire Service covering parts of Warwickshire as originally proposed. The next stage of the process is for a

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Question and Answer session between the Fire Service and the County Councillors early in December. A final document will then be presented to the County Council early in February when whatever decisions have to be taken will be debated and voted upon.

10. Finance:

- a) **Budget 2010/2011:** The Parish Council discussed and calculated a provisional budget for the year 2010/2011. This will be finalised at the next meeting.
- b) **New Play Equipment:** The first instalment for the new play equipment was needed before any instalment could take place. Therefore a cheque was sent before this Parish Council meeting.
- c) **Playworld Systems:** The clerk has received an invoice from Playworld for the new swing seats and chains, however, there are only three seats installed not four as invoiced. The clerk will withhold payment until this has resolved. CL
- d) **Commuted Sum:** The Clerk has received the commuted sum cheque and confirmation of the new signatories.
- e) **Grasscutting:** The clerk has asked M Jones to include the grass on the corner of High Street and Station Road in the Grasscutting contract for next season.

Bank Balances 16th November 2009

Commuted sum on deposit	£7693.11
Deposit Account	£10937.15
Current Account	£1016.18
Business Reserve Account	£13863.59

Transfers

03/11/09 Business Call to Current	£18300.00
17/11/09 Business Call to Current	£1700.00

Interest Income included in Bank Balances

Business Call Account	£1.04
Commuted Sum	£0.32

Cheques paid since the last meeting

1396: Harris Screen Print: Fire Station Window Stickers	£338.10
1397: Playdale Playgrounds Ltd: First instalment for the under 7's play Equipment.	£17979.68

Cheques requiring payment

1398: E-On: Bowling Club electric.	£33.04
1399: MFM Services: Mowing Playing Field - October	£76.00
1400: John Gilks: Mowing cemetery 2009 season.	£250.00
1401: Playsafety Ltd: Play equipment inspection	£79.35
1402: Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd: New swing chains and seats(withheld)	£550.85
1403: Fenny Compton Village Hall: Hire of hall for wind farm meeting	£21.50
1404: Severn Trent Water Ltd: Pavilion Water supply	£103.70
1405: The Utility Warehouse: Pavilion Electric	£13.66
S/O: Catherine Lambert: 2 months' salary	£564.00

Payments received

Warmington Parish Council: Fire Station Donation	£100.00
Farnborough Parish Council: Fire Station Donation	£50.00
Abbey National: Commuted sum re-imburement 2007/8 & 2008/9	£2227.91
Fire station cash towards window stickers	£30.00
J & M Humphris: Memorial for Mr and Mrs Steatham	£125.00
Alyn Davies Memorials: Memorial for Mr Sheasby	£80.00

11. **Updates:**

- a) **Flood Prevention:** The flood group have been in contact with Dan Charles a Planning Officer at Stratford District Council, informing him that the Parish Council intends to submit a planning application for an increased attenuation scheme at Hall Yard. This is an unusual project and relates to the previous application. David Tiley is to apply for funding against the outlined plan, including the deepening of the Hall Yard attenuation scheme, the creation of a water catchment area, improvements to the water flow through the village and the improved channelling of water across Station Road. An article has been submitted to the Chronicle to inform local residents of the progress made.
- b) **Playing Field:** The contractors who are installing the new play equipment have had to travel across the playing field to access the site. Any damage to the field will be levelled and reseeded. It is hoped that a committee meeting will be held in the new year.
- c) **Play Equipment:** The clerk has received the Rospa report on the existing play equipment which was passed to Mike Davies. Emma Wilkinson from the Playground Group attended the meeting and passed on the group's ideas for over 8's equipment. Mike confirmed that the Parish Council wants to include the existing play equipment. The new under 7's play equipment is being installed and will hopefully be finished next week.
- d) **Parish Plan:** Michael Guest has written to Network Rail to investigate the possibility of re-opening Fenny Compton Station.
- e) **Traffic Group:** Councillor Williams reported that a bid for a feasibility study on the construction of a footpath under the railway bridge with a preferred traffic route is being carried out. The next steps are to address proposals for two chicanes on Northend Road and Station Road and investigate the possibility of width restrictions on Church Street.

12. **Any Other Business:**

None.