

The Minutes of Fenny Compton Parish Council Meeting – 16th May 2011

- e) **Police Report:** The Parish Council has not received any police updates this month, however there have been many Southam Farm Watch emails. The Chair asked Michael Keyte if there had been any more issues with nuisance youths outside his house. He responded that it had calmed down and was more sporadic. The youths still sit at the bench however it is often not youths from this village who cause the trouble.
- f) **Highways:** The posts on the Avon Dasset Green have still not been installed even though the Clerk has chased the Highways department again. A wooden post by the entrance to C W Knights yard has been knocked over. David Clarke had contacted the Clerk to let her know that their drivers were not responsible for the incident. It was agreed to ask Mick Jones to remove the post. CL
- g) **Parish Council Contacts:** It was agreed to contact the Chronicle after the meeting to ask if they could include contact details for the Parish Councillors. CL
- h) **Cemetery Rules:** Mike Davies is still in the process of updating the Cemetery Rules. MD
- i) **Merrie Lion:** The Clerk has sent a letter to Purple Sprouting Broccoli Limited but has not received a response.
- j) **SpeedAware:** The SpeedAware campaign started on the 11th May and will end 25th May. A full report will be sent to the Parish Council at the end of the campaign.
- k) **Core Strategy:** Mike Davies attended a meeting at Harbury. He reported that the meeting was to ascertain if there was anything that had been omitted in the strategy via a set of workshops. Mike felt that the meeting was not particularly useful.
- l) **Dog signs:** The Clerk has ordered the signs at a cost of £52.54.
- m) **Cemetery Duties:** The Chair and Clerk still have to compile a list of cemetery duties for Peter Hughes. DL/CL
- n) **Bowling Club steps:** Councillor Williams reported that the Bowling Club steps were inspected by the District Council who did not deem them to be in a state that required repairs. Michael Guest had also examined the steps and he felt that they were not in a dangerous state at the moment.

6. Correspondence:

- a) **Stratford upon Avon District Council:** Planning Enforcement Training Session – 14th June 2011, 2-4pm.
- b) **WALC:** New Councillor Training Day: 18th June and 16th July 2011.
- c) **Stratford upon Avon District Council:** A request to hold free sport sessions at Fenny Compton Playing Field during the summer holidays. Dave Miller has confirmed that the dates were fine with other users of the field and the Clerk will contact the District Council to agree to these sessions. CL
- d) **Robert Weeks – SDC:** The District Council will provide additional planning notices for the Parish Council to display in prominent areas to inform residents of a forthcoming planning application. The planning department will continue to contact neighbouring properties directly and display a notice at the site.
- e) **WALC:** A legal briefing on the options open to parish or town councils when the Localism Bill has repealed the duties on a parish council as set out in Part 111 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). Pass to Mike Davies. MD
- f) **Keith Binding:** Details of the Farnborough Flier Fun Run on Sunday 19th June 2011.
- g) **WALC:** Details of consultation into the Government's plans to move inland waterways into a new charity in England and Wales.
- h) **NALC:** Revised first edition of 'Standing Orders for Local Councils'. Pass to Mike Davies. MD
- i) **Warwickshire County Council:** The Southam/Feldon Community Forum Library Consultation is on Wednesday 18th May, 7pm at Southam Fire Station. Plans include a reduction in hours at Southam and the closure of Kineton.
- j) **Rob Mantell WCC:** Following the Rural Isolation Needs Assessment last year Mr Mantell would like to meet with the young people he spoke to again, to feedback on what has come out of the process. The Parish Council confirmed that it was his responsibility to contact the group. CL
- k) **Returning Officer SDC:** Results of District Council Election for Fenny Compton Ward. Christopher Williams was duly elected.
- l) **Warwickshire County Council:** Temporary road closure. Station Road will be closed to through traffic for approx 30m either side of Railway Bridge SJT1/62, from 16th June to 4th July 2011 for repairs to the railway bridge.

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- m) **WALC:** WCC are consulting on future arrangements of structures for working with their partners. It contains proposals to abolish the Area Committees and give greater power to Locality Forums. Pass to Mike Davies. MD
- n) **SDC:** Rural Housing Enabling Event. Monday 4th July 2011.
- o) **WALC:** Wellesbourne Parish Council has raised concerns at proposals to arbitrarily cut the evening bus service in Warwickshire. Their County Councillor has said that no evidence of usage was given and no consultation was made with any user groups. They would therefore encourage all areas to raise objections to these proposals until details of usage are produced on which to make an informed decision. The Parish Council agreed to offer their support to Wellesbourne Parish Council on this issue. CL

7. **Planning:**

- a) **Planning Permission Granted 11/00430/COUNTY:** Demolition of the existing Fenny Compton Fire Station drill tower and the construction of a new 15 metre high training tower in the north-eastern corner of the site. Fenny Compton Fire Station, Memorial Road, Fenny Compton.
- b) **Planning Notification Amended Details 10/02711/FUL:** Change of use of site from B2 to construction training facility. Retention of seven portacabin buildings to facilitate training business and retention of two gazebo smoking shelters and scaffold tower. Apple Construction Training, Station Fields, Fenny Compton. The amendment relates to the inclusion of a further parcel of land to the south and west thus increasing the size of the application site. This additional land is used by the applicant as a gigging area which forms part of the applicant's business. The Parish Council agreed not to alter their response to this application.
- c) **Planning Permission Granted 11/00238/FUL:** New dual pitched roof construction over utility room, installation of air source heat pump and erection of timber framed garden workshop. Blacksmiths, High Street, Fenny Compton. Mr G Southgate.
- d) **Planning Application 11/00678/AGNOT:** Agricultural store for farm machinery, equipment and feed. Waylands Farm, Wharf Road, Fenny Compton. Mr R Hughes. District Council Planning Officer Alice Cosnett contacted the Clerk informing her that the District Council had employed an agricultural consultancy to assess the need for a store for agricultural purposes. They recommended that the site did need a store but with a reduction in size by 50%. Alice asked if the Parish Council would object with this reduction in size. The Clerk contacted the Chair who confirmed that the Parish Council would not object to a reduction by 50% in size.
- e) **Planning DA/2011/0150:** Daventry District Planners and Boddington Parish Council have asked for comments from the Parish Council regarding an application for the erection of a wind turbine at land north of Boddington Reservoir. The Parish Council is opposed to this planning application due to the impact on the local landscape.
- f) **Planning Application 11/00363/FUL:** Demolition of rear single-storey lean-to and construction of rear flat roof single-storey extensions to provide additional shop sales area and chiller housing plus the replacement of the shop front including the repositioning of the entrance door and ATM. Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, High Street, Fenny Compton. Heart of England Co Op Soc. Ltd. The Parish Council supports the application but would like a condition imposed to require provision for off street parking.
- g) **Planning Application 11/00364/DEM:** Demolition of rear single-storey lean-to. Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, High Street, Fenny Compton. Heart of England Co Op Soc. Ltd. No representation.
- h) **Planning Application 11/00776/FUL:** Erection of a single anemometry mast no more than 70m in height for a temporary period of three years. Land near to Stoneton Moat Farm, and Oxford Canal, Stoneton. EDF Energy-Renewables – Mr D Cuming. The Parish Council will look at the plans and respond via email.

8. **County and District Councillor's Report:**

Councillor Williams made the following report:

The review of the Library Service is gathering pace and a Public Meeting was held in Kineton last Friday and residents are considering putting together a business plan where they can effectively still provide a book lending service with the cooperation of the Village Hall. There is a meeting this Wednesday in the Fire Station at Southam 7.00 p.m. where a similar debate will take place,

Cllr CW

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Southam Library is not closing but it will operate with reduced hours. The main concern is the reduction of the Mobile Library Service and the debate will be around how the Mobile Library can provide better value for money working on the principal of altering routes and attending villages at a time when more of the population is at home rather than at school or work.

For the last month the District Council's elections have been the main exercise for the authority. The elections on 5th May 2011 resulted in a higher than average turnout. In Fenny Compton 305 people voted representing a turnout of 52.3%. Fenny Compton Ward overall turnout - 55.4%. The result was: Chris Williams – 695, David Booth – 366, Majority – 329.

The political balance at the District Council has altered slightly as the Conservatives increased their overall majority by 2. In addition to the District Council Election, a National Referendum was held regarding a proposal to change the voting procedure. In the West Midlands area the turnout was 50.1% and by a ratio of 3:1 the proposal was rejected.

9. **Parish Plan Action Plan:**

JD/CL

The Parish Council reviewed the Parish Plan Action Plan updating the action points.

Mike Davies agreed to investigate the possibilities of accessing the mobile skateboard park.

Over 8's play ground equipment: Mike Davies reported that only 22 responses to the playground questionnaire had been received, which was disappointing. The results of the questionnaire could not be used when applying for funding as the response rate was too low. The Council will need to investigate how to get more responses, possibly through the school.

Jon Dutton will update the action plan and the Clerk will put it on the website.

10. **Finance:**

- a) **Commuted Sum Re-imburement:** The Parish Council agreed to withdraw the interest and the cost of Grasscutting and landscape maintenance for 2010/2011 from the two commuted sums at the February meeting. The amounts for withdrawal are as follows:
Field Gate Lane: Grasscutting £565.00, Bank Interest £3.23. Total £568.23
Cotters Croft: Grasscutting £505.00, Bank Interest £13.87. Total £518.87
- b) **HMRC PAYE and NIC for Clerk's salary:** Awaiting Mike Davies report as to whether the Parish Council needs to be registered as an employer with HMRC. MD
- c) **Bowling Club Electric:** The Bowling Club have not paid their share of the electric costs so the Clerk will contact them again. CL
- d) **Grasscutting:** Jim Twaddle had asked for an item to be included in Mill Lane. Councillor Williams confirmed that according to the Land Registry the land is within the curtailage of Jim's property. CL
- e) **Pavilion Electric:** Dave Miller has read the pavilion meter and the Clerk has phoned this through to the Utility Warehouse. The meter reading will not show on the invoices until June.
- f) **External Audit:** The Clerk will now approach the internal auditor. CL
- g) **Insurance:** The Clerk has received a quotation from Zurich Insurance. The Clerk then contacted A-on to see if they would revise their quotation, they said they would email their response but none had been received before the meeting. Michael Guest agreed to read through the Zurich quotation and check to see if the cover is comparable with A-on. The Parish Council agreed to accept Michael's recommendation. MG
- h) **Cemetery:** The Clerk had received a quote for the removal of spoil of £150 plus VAT from Alan Sheasby. This was approved by the Parish Council.

Bank Balances 16th May 2011

Commuted sum on deposit	£6268.42
Deposit Account	£37388.81
Current Account	£638.70
Business Reserve Account	£13382.46

Transfers

17/05/11 Business Call to Current	£1250.00
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Interest Income included in Bank Balances

Business Call Account	£1.31
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Commuted Sum

£0.28

Cheques requiring payment

1521: M Jones: Grasscutting x 1 and Landscape Maintenance.	£345.00
1522: Safety Shop Ltd: Dog Signs for Playing Field.	£54.52
1523: MFM Services: Mowing Playing Field – April.	£120.00
1524: E-On: Bowling Club Electric.	£36.87
1525: Severn Trent Water Ltd: Playing Field Water.	£93.54
1526: Severn Trent Water Ltd: Bowling Club Water.	£35.27
S/O: C Lambert: 2 months salary.	£564.00

Payments Received

1: Stratford upon Avon District Council: 6mths Precept.	£9440.00
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Jon Dutton seconded by Mike Davies, proposed acceptance of the financial statement, which was agreed.

11. **Updates:**

- a) **Flood Prevention:** Michael Guest reported that he had not heard any progress reports from David Tiley or the District Councils solicitors. Councillor Williams agreed to investigate.
- b) **Playing Field:** The ditch has been dug out and cleared by Alan Sheasby who carried out an excellent job. The scoring hut for cricket has had a replacement window and the pavilion has been completely repainted by Warwick Probation.
- c) **Play Equipment:** Mike Davies had already reported on the results of the playground questionnaire.
- d) **Traffic Group:** Nothing to report.

12. **Co-option to fill Parish Council Vacancies:**

Following the uncontested Parish Council Election there were three positions still left vacant for which the Parish Council were able to co-opt.

The Chair closed the meeting to the public.

The Clerk had received applications from Jim Twaddle, Dave Miller, Pat Walker and Keith Bloodworth.

The Parish Council agreed to the co-option of Dave Miller, Jim Twaddle and Keith Bloodworth.

The Clerk will inform the candidates accordingly, asking them to complete their Notification of Financial and Other interests within 28 days.

CL

13. **Any Other Business:**

- a) Mr and Mrs Leck gave a presentation to the Parish Council regarding their proposals to run the Merrie Lion as a public house. They gave a pack to Councillors to show their vision for the building. Mr and Mrs Leck highlighted the essential need for the involvement and support of the village. They plan to hold a meeting on the 15th June in the Village Hall to engage the local community. If there is no support then the project will not go ahead.
- b) Councillor Williams reminded the Parish Council that the Community Forum will be held on the 8th June in the Dasset School. Youth club activities will be discussed. The meeting will start at 6.30pm for the neighbourhood police and the main meeting starts at 7pm.