

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Derek Carless, Michael Guest, Ian Hartwell Sam Parkes and Alan Payne

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Nigel Rock (SDC), Cllr Bob Stevens (WCC) and Parish Clerk Ian Wilson.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Roly Whear and were **accepted**.

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 21st October 2019 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** subject to item 6 (c) being amended to reflect that this had been raised by Derek Careless and not CLLR Rock.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

5 Open Forum

No matters raised.

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (a) Open Forum - The clerk reported that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways had asked for evidence before considering any request to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph on Wharf Road.

The meeting discussed potential sources of evidence including the number of access and entrance points on the road and planning proposals in relation to new developments, which may provide planning evidence for consideration and SAT NAV data which may provide information on mean and average speeds travelled. It was suggested that Avon Dassett Parish Council may be able to help as they had been able to reduce speed limits in their parish area.

It was agreed that CLLR Stevens would raise the issue of speed reduction with County Highways, CLLR Rock would look at speed data available and the clerk would contact the clerk of Avon Dassett Parish Council.

- (b) Matters Arising – CLLR Rock reported that he was trying to broker an agreement between the applicant (19/01947/FUL, Hornbeam House) and the planning officer now that this application of a Hornton Stone Garden Screen had been withdrawn. A living wall had been suggested, a hedge in front of the wall, and the planning officer had indicated that this may be acceptable. The applicant would therefore be submitting a new application accordingly.

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

- (c) Reserve Sites – The detail of sites following the recent consultation would be available for publication in spring 2020.
- (d) Defibrillator – Sam Parkes reported that Dr Sharpels had now ordered the cabinet, this would cost £495, with £99 VAT. The parish council would pay this from the defibrillator lottery grant received and reclaim the VAT
- (e) Grass Cutting – CLLR Rock confirmed that grass cutting in Berry Meadow was Orbit Housing responsibility. However, Orbit were about to review their portfolio of land holding and it was **agreed** that CLLR Rock would make enquiries as to whether the parish council could take over responsibility for cutting here with an appropriate contribution from Orbit.

7 Correspondence

The meeting noted the correspondence from a resident regarding damage to the bus stop in the village. Michael Guest had now carried out a risk assessment and found serious defects. The parish council should therefore either repair or look to replace the bus shelter, initial enquiries suggested replacement could cost around £1700. Ian Hartwell would take a further look to see if the bus stop could be repaired. However, if the bus shelter is rarely used demolition would be another option. The meeting discussed how often the stop was used and it was thought that only the school bus used it on a daily basis.

It was **agreed** that the clerk would obtain a brochure of bus stops from County Highways and councillors would also seek to find out through social media etc., how often the bus stop was being used

8 Planning

Planning application 19/01947/FUL (Hornbeam House) had now been withdrawn (see matters arising 6 (a)). Noted that tree works at Contone House (19/020808/TREE) had been approved by Stratford District Council

9 Reports from WCC and SDC representatives

CLLR Stevens had sent a report (attached). The forthcoming general election was highlighted and the meeting agreed to receive a further update on HS2 work at a future meeting.

CLLR Rock reported that two councillors had been reprimanded following an investigation on allegations made by the former head of paid service at SDC.

It was noted that SDC had agreed to raise councillor allowances, was reviewing their opposition to HS2 and had established a working group to examine actions for SDC in response to the climate emergency recently declared by SDC. CLLR Rock would circulate the findings to parish councillors.

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

10 Financial Administration

Agreed the bank balances, bank reconciliations (see appendix A) and the following payments.

18/11/2019 E-ON (November Streetlights)	£ 437.75
18/11/2019 Frank Mann (Grass Cutting 10/2019)	£ 171.60
18/11/2019 Utility Warehouse (Pavilion Electricity)	£ 25.01
18/11/2019 Ian Wilson (Salary and Expenses 10/2019)	£ 352.04
18/11/2019 ROSPA	£ 124.20
18/11/2019 Andrew Saunders (Tree Surgeon)	£1400.00
18/11/2019 Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath)	£ 50.00
18/11/2019 Information Commissioner's Office	£ 40.00
18/11/2019 SMART & TIDY	£ 196.00
Total	£2796.60

The meeting received the latest budget report and considered an initial proposal for 2020/21. The meeting discussed increasing the amounts set aside for street lighting, tree works and flood prevention and asked CLLR Stevens to enquire as to possible grant funding available for replacing the village bus stop.

11 Updates

Flood Prevention – Alan Payne referred councillors to his report (circulated prior to the meeting and attached). The meeting discussed the recent flooding and noted that this was a 'wake up' call for the village and a prompt to chase up Warwickshire County Council to provide a survey and plan for the village so that Environment Agency funds could be accessed.

In relation to the flooding on 14/11/2019 the ponds in the village had done their jobs in the east, but it was now clear that there was insufficient capacity to keep water underground in the west. This had caused the flooding by the surgery.

The meeting discussed immediate actions. It was **agreed** SDC planners should be contacted regarding inadequate drainage for new developments, landowners regarding ditch maintenance and County Highways regarding water under the bridge at the Compton building site. Alan Payne would provide evidence to the relevant authorities, look at drainage ditches and would also report back on further initiatives following a meeting with the Shipston Flood prevention team planned for 29/11/2019.

The meeting also discussed the response from the parish council, including whether flooding should be added to the emergency plan and where sand could be stored for future use. It was **agreed** to carry out a stock take of sand bags to determine whether anymore were needed. The clerk would contact BT and the County Council locality officer to check on progress on works planned under the bridge.

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

Neighbourhood Plan – Michael Guest reported that further consultation was due with statutory consultees prior to submission. This would take around six weeks and was being handled. SDC had now received a draft and the next meeting of the neighbourhood plan group (4/12/2019) would start to consider the pre-consultation draft. The next update to the Parish Council would be after the January 2020 meeting of the group. Full consultation and final submission of the plan was expected by the middle of March 2020.

Allotments – Nothing to report

Highways – Follow up outstanding items with County Highways

Street lighting – Derek Careless is undertaking a full review and will inform the clerk which lights need replacing. This overall assessment will be used to plan the funding required in 2020/21

GDPR – Annual subscription to the Information Commissioner's Office was now paid and it was agreed to pay this by direct debit in future. Councillors would also look at their parish council emails to ensure that parish council business was separately identified and relevant information was being retained should there be a data request.

Traffic Calming – Noted that the Parish Council would need to pay £500 to investigate options for the village.

Playing Field – Ian Hartwell is obtaining three quotes to repair the cable ride. Ian Hartwell and Jon Dutton have inspected the garages, nothing of value is being stored there, so as a minimum the garage doors should be removed and the cost of demolition should be explored, after agreeing this with the Colts. The clerk would review financial regulations to see how many quotes should be obtained for demolition.

12 Items to Publicise

- Flooding
- Bus shelter
- Speeding

13 Future Discussion

- 2020 meeting dates

14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.45pm at Fenny Compton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 21:15

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

Appendix A

Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)

30 day notice (Commuted on deposit) **£910.31**

12 month partial withdrawal (High interest deposit):

Cotters Croft £9051.51

PC Balance £ 948.49

£10000

Deposit £21964.09

Traffic Mgt £ 2635.82

Flood Relief Grant £ 2510.00

WCC Flood Attenuation Grant £ 1133.76

Over 8's Play Area £ 604.23

NP Plan Projects £ 1449.43

Defibrillator £ 2617.26

WCC Violin Grant £ 0.00

Deposit Account **£32914.59**

Transfer to current account (£2000.00)

Current Account £1070.95

Transfer from deposit account £2000.00

Less payments (see agenda) (£)

£

Total Balances carried forward at 19/11/2019

£

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm

November Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances

30 Day Notice	£ 910.31
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	£10000.00
Deposit Account	£32914.59

Current Account £2200.13

Less unpresented cheques:

002241 £215.14

002242 £ 19.24

002243 £334.80

002244 £560.00

£1070.95

Total Bank £44895.85

Cash book balance b/f £45222.07

Less payments since last meeting

Add receipts since last meeting

Total Cash book £44895.85

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 18th November 2019 At 7.45pm