

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 At 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Michael Guest, Ian Hartwell Alan Payne, Sam Parkes and Roly Whear

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Nigel Rock (Stratford District Council (SDC)), Cllr Bob Stevens (Warwickshire County Council) (WCC)), Parish Clerk Ian Wilson and one member of the public.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Derek Carless and were **accepted**.

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed**.

3 Declarations of Interest

Alan Payne declared an interest in discussions and correspondence around HS2.

4 Requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

5 Open Forum

An update on the Compton Buildings development was discussed. It was noted that Homes England were moving towards appointing a contractor and will then proceed with a planning application. The planning application and conditions could consider extending and improving the pavement and would revisit and review the speed limit by the site.

A resident informed the parish council that he had sent a formal complaint to SDC Chief Executive and leader of the Council regarding the recent consultation exercise on plans by SDC to charge for collecting green waste. It was noted that the majority of residents responding had opposed the charge. However, SDC still intended to introduce the charge for 2020/21. The complaint had tried to be constructive and had raised issues not covered in the consultation such as the cost of monitoring other SDC 'free refuse collections' to ensure green waste was not being included. The Parish Council had been copied into this complaint and a response was now awaited. The meeting discussed the consultation and noted that while the consultation had not been as extensive as it could have been, the reason for introducing this charge seemed to be for SDC to raise revenue for a non-statutory service and avoid having to cut other statutory services further.

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Speed Data – Noted that CLLR ROCK had received the information from satellite navigation providers. However, this didn't really provide a quick insight as evidence as to whether the speed limit by the railway bridge was too high. It was suggested that this matter should be reconsidered as part of the planning application for

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Compton Buildings expected during 2020.

Planning - Hornbeam application (19/03267/FUL) was now with SDC planners for consideration.

Defibrillator – Cheque from Parish Council now with GP surgery to fund the defibrillator.

Village Bus Stop – This appears to be used for school journeys, it appears structurally sound with the main problem being the urgent need to repair the roof. The cheapest prices found for replacement shelters were around £1700 and it was therefore **agreed** that the clerk would ask the handyman for a quote to repair the roof on the existing shelter.

Planning Process – No issues identified with SDC planning processes for CLLR Rock

Grass Cutting – Clerk is awaiting quotes for the cost to cut the grass owned by Orbit housing by Berry Meadow and Grants Close. He would also liaise with the handyman to determine which bits were currently being cut by the garages and elsewhere.

## 7 Correspondence

The meeting noted the correspondence following correspondence:

- Green Waste Charging – Robert Purse
- WCC – Streetlight Damaged
- WALC – Royal Garden Party Nomination
- WALC – Severn Trent Community Fund
- WALC – Competition for Village Halls
- WCC – Health & Wellbeing Fund Grants
- Common Place – HS2 Update
- Michael Mann – Mowing Season Quotes 2020

The mowing quotes for 2020 represented an increase of around 1% on 2019 and the budget for grass cutting should therefore be increased accordingly.

## 8 Planning

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>
<a href="#">19/03422/FUL</a>	10/01/2020	11 Berry Meadow Fenny Compton CV47 2YQ	Proposed single storey rear extension and proposed porch to front

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<a href="#"><u>19/03383/FUL</u></a>	03/01/2020	Manor Croft Northend Road Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2YY	Single storey front extension

The Parish Council made no representation for these applications

The following updates and decisions were noted:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
<a href="#"><u>19/03377/TREE</u></a>	Tree Works Approved	Dunkeld Bridge Street Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2XY	-T1 Zelkova - Reduce by approximately 2metres, back to previous pruning points.
<a href="#"><u>19/03130/LDP</u></a>	Proposed Lawful Development - Permitted	12 Berry Meadow Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2YQ	Loft conversion with dormer window, new rooflights and removal of chimney

### 9 Reports from WCC and SDC representatives

CLLR Stevens reported on behalf of WCC (report attached). The County Council was currently planning for 2020/21 and beyond taking account of the effect on local government of UK withdrawal from the EU, further constitutional and local government reform was likely to be on the agenda. Locally education would probably move to more multi-academy trusts of schools. Warwickshire is still considered a good place to live according to national comparators. CLLR Stevens noted the recent discussions on flooding and would endeavour to ensure that an officer from the County Council could attend a future meeting.

CLLR Rock reported that SDC will implement charging for Green Waste collection in 2020. The formal settlement from central government for 2020/21 amounted to £9.33m and SDC needed to find savings and revenue to maintain services, budget proposals with a small increase in SDC element of the council tax would be put out to public consultation in February before the budget and council tax requirements were agreed by SDC. As previously reported SDC was working to develop actions

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to respond the Climate Change Emergency, one of these measures included extra green requirements as part of planning considerations and again this was open for consultation during February

## 10 Financial Administration

The meeting noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (see appendix A) and approved the following payments:

20/01/2020 Ian Wilson (Salary and Expenses 11/2019)	£ 352.04
20/01/2020 E-ON (Steetlighting)	£ 437.15
20/01/2020 Ian Wilson (Utility Warehouse)	£ 26.55
Total	£4808.83

The meeting received the latest budget report for December and the proposed budget for 2020/21 (attached).The meeting discussed the proposed budget and **agreed** that the precept submitted to SDC should therefore be £24510.80

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council printer should be publicised as being available to the community in the next Parish newsletter.

## 11 Updates

Flood Prevention – Alan Payne referred the meeting to his earlier e-mailed reports (attached).The meeting noted that the last quarter of 2019 had been the wettest quarter of the decade. As yet there had been little response from WCC flood team and Alan Payne would draft a letter with CLLR Stevens to WCC officers requesting an update. In the village recently the group had looked at the Ridgeway development and CLLR Rock had been able to provide an update from SDC planners on enforcement action underway with the developers. Surface water in the development was currently being pumped back into the system and a drainage ditch was blocked. It was proposed and **agreed** to spend £200 from the Parish Council flood reserve to undertake flood alleviation measures after consultation with landowners. A stock take of sand bags would also be carried out.

The meeting also discussed flooding on the highway by Compton Buildings and it was agreed that CLLR Rock would liaise with CLLR Stevens so that WCC Highways could work with Homes England to alleviate this.

Neighbourhood Plan – Michael Guest reported that the final draft of the plan had been passed to the planning consultant for pre-screening. There would be some minor redrafting before this could go to government consultees, such as Natural England. Following the next meeting of the group the plan could go to statutory consultees and then in March for six week public consultation.

Allotments – The next step is to agree roles and responsibilities between the Parish Council and the management committee, guidance has been sought from the

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national allotments association over responsibility for on-going maintenance

Street lighting – The meeting discussed streetlights that hadn't yet been adopted and whether these should be included in the Parish Council inventory for future budgeting

GDPR – Nothing to report

Traffic Calming – The Parish Council had previously received proposals for Church Road, looking to alleviate congestion by the school and 'Give Way' at the Merrie Lion, particularly a deterrent to stop vehicles going the wrong way. It was **agreed** to spend £500 for WCC Highways to draw up plans for a scheme the Parish Council could then consider.

Highways – Potholes reported to WCC Highways

Playing Field & Equipment– Ian Hartwell was obtaining quotes to repair the cable slide and reported that more garage doors were now detached. Jon Dutton would again raise with the Colts what needed to be done with the garages by the playing field. Swing replacements were still to be considered for the playground, though there may be a possibility of some grant funding for this for WCC wellbeing fund.

## 12 Items to Publicise

- Parish Printer
- 2020 Meeting Dates

## 13 Future Discussion

- Bus Shelter

## 14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.45pm at Fenny Compton Village Hall.

**MEETING CLOSED 21:25**

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## Appendix A

### January Financial Administration

**Balances:** (See attached bank reconciliation)

<b>30 day notice</b> (Commuted on deposit)		<b>£910.31</b>
<b>12 month partial withdrawal</b> (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft £9051.51		
PC Balance £ 948.49		
		<b>£10000</b>
Deposit	£14284.74	
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	
<b>Deposit Account</b>		<b>£25,235.24</b>
<b>Current Account</b>	£3546.54	
Less payments	(£ 815.74)	
		<b>£ 2730.80</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward at 20/01/2020</b>		<b>£38876.35</b>

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## January Bank Reconciliation

### Bank Balances

<b>30 Day Notice</b>	£ 910.38
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b>	£10000.00
<b>Deposit Account</b>	£25235.24

**Current Account** £7165.33

Less unpresented cheques 27/12

002256	(£ 594.00)
002257	(£3565.37)
002258	(£ 24.00)
002259	(£ 352.04)
002260	(£ 53.42)

£ 2576.50

**Total Bank**

**£38722.05**

**Cash book balance b/f** £38670.83

Add receipts since last meeting:

Memorial	£ 50.00
Interest	£ 1.22

**Total Cash book**

**£38722.05**

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