

# 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 24 February 2020 at 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Derek Carless, Michael Guest, Alan Payne, Roly Whear

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Bob Stevens (Warwickshire County Council (WCC)) Cllr Nigel Rock (Stratford District Council (SDC))

## 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sam Parkes and were **accepted**.

## Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 20 January 2020 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed**. Proposed Michael Guest, seconded Alan Payne.

## 1 Declarations of Interest

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

## 2 Requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

## 3 Open Forum

None

## 4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Bus stop, Station Road – nothing to report.

Grass cutting – the clerk is still awaiting quotations to cut the grass owned by orbit Housing in Berry Meadow and Grants Close and the other areas by the garages.

## 5 Correspondence

Fraser Wayne, EOS Contracting – there are a number of trees that need to be trimmed to keep them off a number of power lines around the parish. This is in connection to the issue discussed in a previous meeting where trees in The Slade were in contact with power lines. However before preventive action could be taken, a branch from a tree in a neighbouring property brought the line down in a recent storm. Western Power pruned the trees and restored the line. Roly Whear also raised an issue of a tree in the verge in The Slade which may be an obstruction to large vehicles. Action – response required to EOS and the verge tree needs investigation.

Leicestershire Gardens – landscaping contractor – offering to quote for our maintenance works. Action – ask them to quote to undertake the grass cutting operation at the next opportunity.

Robert Purse – forwarding SDC's response to his complaint about the decision to implement a charging regime for green waste collections. The matter has now been taken to the ombudsman.

WALC - Local Electricity Bill, requesting support. It was agreed not to support this.

Martin Swindon, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service – notice about the need to recruit firemen.

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### 6 Planning

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
<a href="#"><u>20/00244/VARY</u></a>	09/03/2020	13 Northend Road Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2YZ	Variation of condition number 2 (Approved drawings) of planning permission 19/01174/FUL (New extensions to the existing residential property to create an additional bedroom and bathroom on the first floor; a new dining room; a new entrance area on the ground floor and changes to fenestration) VARY would add plans AA-545-002, AA-545-004 to accommodate a dormer window added to south west elevation, windows omitted. Ground floor extension increased from 3 metres to 5 metres in depth.
<a href="#"><u>20/00171/FUL</u></a>	19/02/2020	9 Berry Meadow Fenny Compton CV47 2YQ	Single storey front porch extension

The Parish Council made no representation for the first applications. The deadline to respond had passed for the second application.

The following updates and decisions were noted:

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<a href="#"><u>19/03422/FUL</u></a>	Permission with conditions	11 Berry Meadow Fenny Compton CV47 2YQ	Proposed single storey rear extension and proposed porch to front
<a href="#"><u>19/03383/FUL</u></a>	Permission with conditions	Manor Croft Northend Road Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2YY	Single storey front extension
20/00192/TREE	Tree Works Approved	Stonegate Church Street Fenny Compton CV47 2YE	-G1 conifer x2no. - Remove. T1 - laurel sp. - prune to shape following removal of adjacent conifers

### 7 Reports from WCC and SDC representatives

WCC – centrally, things are settling down and more clarity is expected over the next two months

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on terms of the governments direction of travel. Likely to be more devolved powers away from govt. The budget available on the WCC website. Finances are sound with WCC possibly over-prudent during austerity with some risks which were factored in, not materialising. Some reorganisation of third tier management taking place. Fenny Compton flooding is moving up the agenda thanks to a twin pronged approach between Cllr Stevens and Alan Payne. Some money has been allocated for a third jetting vehicle across the county and they will be working 7 days a week. HS2 likely to mean more traffic on Fosse Way and A423. The next Southam community forum will be on 25/3. The Small Community Grants Scheme is open for applications. There is also the Highway Fund for Minor Improvement Schemes. Cllr Stevens in his capacity as Armed Forces Hero, met Prince Charles at the Veterans Centre in Nuneaton last week.

SDC – at today's SDC meeting the Lib Dem contingent had asked that the green waste debate be deferred until the financial settlement was known, but this was outvoted and is going ahead as before. Lengthy budget debate concluded with a 3.59% increase for council tax. HS2 - the construction commissioner was in the area on Friday. Cllr Rock and other councillors were invited and then uninvited. Questions were raised today about councils coordinating activity up and down the HS2 route including one about the burden on policing. In addition, could we do more about planning enforcement. There is a 20 day window for the team to respond but if something has happened there needs to be a swift investigation, e.g. wrong tree felled. Cllr Rock asked whether there was an update on the Hornbeam House planning application. SDC confirmed they are waiting for more information from the applicants. Compton Buildings site – Cllr Rock has discussed the question of the housing mix for the site with SDC officers and whether 100% affordable is appropriate. Contracts are ready to be signed at the end of the month between Homes England and a site purchaser. Cllr Rock has received assurances that once the contract is signed, they will arrange to meet with the Parish Council.

## 8 Financial Administration

No finance update was available for the meeting.

The chair proposed that no cheques be signed because the corresponding invoices and paperwork were not available.

Alan Payne noted that the invoice for the tree works near the surgery has been sent to the clerk.

No further expressions of interest have been received for the printer or shredder. The school were mentioned as being interested in the absence of any other party.

## 9 Updates

Flood prevention – despite the incessant rain the system has performed well. It was agreed that thanks should be recorded to the riparian owners for their ongoing maintenance. There was a question in the Chronicle last month about pumps at the railway bridge. There is no evidence that any pumping equipment has ever been installed at the railway bridge and that view is supported by WCC Highways and Network Rail. Action - offer to meet the person concerned at the bridge to explore the situation fully. The contractor has removed most of the willow obstructions from the agreed works behind the surgery, however one particular significant obstruction remains. The contractor may also have undertaken removal of fresh obstructions which were not there at the time the job was agreed. It was agreed that the invoice was fair for the work undertaken and should be paid. Removal of the remaining obstruction will be undertaken by the Aqueous volunteers.

Kevin Blount was off sick hence the delay in response from WCC. AP had one note from him. An application has been made for capital investment from WCC for property flood resilience. They are also still exploring options of natural flood management in the upper reaches of the catchment with a view to securing further funding. No answer yet to specifics on funding and how many

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properties. Cllr Rock has spoken to Andy Crompton and confirmed that Fenny Compton remains second on the list across the county. MG confirmed that this was the case at the first meeting in 2012 with thousands spent on consultants since and still nothing has been done.

The Ridge Way flooding issue. Alan has obtained the Land Registry plans showing the land that Lagan Homes has registered, and there appears to be a gap between that boundary and the boundary line of the gardens in Cotters Croft. The Ridge Way road was formerly an overgrown green track and there may have been a ditch alongside. The track may have acted as a sponge, but now its a road, the water moves faster. The ditch runs down the boundary to a kink in the fence where it appears to be blind. Lagan Homes deny that the ditch is their property. It's possible that the strip is still owned by Christ Church College. Action – we need to establish the boundary for the land Lagan Homes bought from Christ Church College.

Playing field and play equipment – no progress made regarding the garages. We have had a question from the Colts regarding replacing the pavilion. Action – need to respond to the enquiry.

Neighbourhood Plan – the consultation process with the three statutory authorities should be complete by the end of February. The consultant has advised that a full environment survey will not be required. March Chronicle should contain notice of an open meeting on 27 March to display the principal policies. A response form will be available for parishioners to provide their views. Consultation will start at beginning of April and take six weeks. Notices will be published in the Stratford Herald and Banbury Guardian regarding this. Still waiting for a definitive list of consultees from SDC. The draft plan will go on the neighbourhood plan website. The form will be structured to allow room for comments alongside each policy. The OS licence number needs to be added to the parish map. Derek Carless has sent Michael Guest the details.

Allotments – the lease needs to be registered. The chair has contacted Aplins who have provided an estimate of £200 to £400.

Highways – there is one large and two small pot holes in the High Street outside the Coop. The footpath in Wharf Road between the last business unit and the Wharf slip road still needs attention, both in terms of clearing grass which has encroached on the tarmac and trimming the hedge back to make the path passable. The hedge is so overgrown pedestrians have to walk in the road in places. It was noted that this matter had been discussed some months ago, but had not been tracked through matters arising and had therefore not been followed up. Action – report to WCC highways who will raise the hedge trimming matter with the landowner. Highways may need to scrape the grass off the tarmac path.

Streetlights – it was confirmed that the Ridge Way lights will remain the responsibility of the management company looking after the development. There are three streetlights not working. Light no. 1 Memorial Road, light no. 2 Avon Dasset Road and the light on the wooden pole in the bottom of the dip in Dog Lane (un numbered). This also emphasises the need to chase up the list of actions including renumbering those lights without numbers and updating the inventory from the streetlight assessment which took place in October. Actions – report the three lights not working and check on the progress of the updates required such as renumbering.

GDPR- nothing to report

Traffic – the chair submitted a request to the WCC safety team. This included inappropriate traffic using Church Street, school congestion, pub corner parking and shop congestion. The chair had previously asked for guidance on what constituted a scheme. Parking and yellow line questions need to go to a different department. The safety scheme only work on physical alterations as opposed to signage or lines. Cllr Stevens recommended that the parish council be absolutely clear on expectations before the cheque is sent.

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10 Items to Publicise

- a) Fire station recruitment
- b) EOS contractors undertaking tree pruning

11 Future Discussion

- a) Standing orders
- b) Financial regulations
- c) Risk assessment

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.45pm at Fenny Compton Village Hall.

**MEETING CLOSED 9.00pm**