

## Fenny Compton Parish Council

### Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at the Dassett School, Fenny Compton on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 At 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Emma Briscoe, Sam Parkes, Derek Carless, Roly Whear and David Johnson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Clerk Lydia Cox

1 Apologies

Parish Councillor Alan Payne, Councillor Chris Kettle (County Council) and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council) and were **accepted**

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Whear)

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Requests for Dispensation

None

5 Open Forum

There were six members of the public in attendance to discuss planning applications

Three residents wanted to discuss planning application 21/03397/FUL Rectory Cottage: They believe it is a flawed application and a range of points were discussed. There are some elements of the application that are wrong (Such as no trees within falling distance) and others that are not clear (Existing site plan inaccurate). There are also concerns about the effect on the neighbouring cottage (Concern about footings)

Three residents wanted to discuss planning application 21/03339/OUT Land West of Avon Dassett Road: It was queried whether there is any demand for self-build housing in the village? Cllr Carless responded to say that it didn't come up through the NDP process. There also appeared to be a lack of detail and information of what guidelines would be for self-build

Application states that Heritage England now fully on board, but no documentation in application to support this

Does the application comply with the NDP? It was discussed that the NDP is far enough advanced to be helpful to us as the application is outside the built up area boundary. The site isn't one of the 4 identified areas we already have in the village

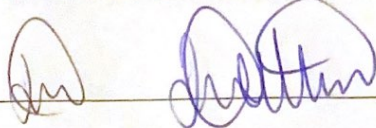
There is concern that if four houses are approved, what does that mean for the future?

**Three members of the public left the meeting at 20.10**

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Speed limit change request Wharf Road/ Station Road – See Cllr Kettle report in Appendix E
- (ii) Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Stratford-on-Avon – See Appendix C
- (iii) Bridge Street Bollards – Cllr Kettle has responded to say that officers have now been to look

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at the pavement. Whilst other areas may have had bollards installed previously, current highway standards would not permit bollards to be installed as the pavement would be too narrow to allow sufficient pavement width to meet those standards. This creates the risk of pedestrians being required to walk on the road

- (iv) Christmas Tree Donation – Tree has been donated and is now outside The Merrie Lion
- (v) Chapel War Memorials – It has been agreed to relocate the war memorials to the parish church
- (vi) Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment Consultation response – No update

#### 7 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

Councillor Rock submitted a report which can be found in Appendix D

Councillor Kettle submitted a report which can be found in Appendix E

#### 8 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
  - Donation of trees
  - Councillors agreed to ask the tree surveyor whether there are suitable places for further planting when the tree survey is completed next year
  - Wildlife Area – Update and next steps
  - Councillors agreed to The Green on Avon Dasset Road being the next potential location. Councillors are happy for Emma Wilkinson to do a residents leaflet drop and gather thoughts via social media
  - Noise Nuisance – Link Up Equine Event
  - Councillors discussed that the complaint needs to be sent to SDC
- Warwickshire Search and Rescue
  - WS&R support every single parish in Warwickshire and many across West Midlands
  - They have been called out more than once a week on average this year
  - WS&R are seeking help from Parish Councils to extend their list of suitable buildings and car parking where they could establish a rendezvous point if a person went missing in the local area
  - Councillors agreed to suggest the Sports pavilion
- COVID Survey
  - WCC is inviting people who live, work or study in Warwickshire to take part in a survey to help understand the impact of the COVID-19 on our communities
  - The results from the survey will highlight key issues faced by people throughout the past 18 months and will help to inform how services and communities recover to be the best they can be following the pandemic
  - The first survey was conducted over a year ago and the feedback helped to shape council services to support residents:
    - People said that outdoor space was important - The council supported the hospitality sector to provide seating outdoors and have waived fees to use pavements, and are also investing in improving green spaces

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- People said the pandemic negatively impacted wellbeing - The council secured £1m to invest in initiatives to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation
- People said you were walking and cycling more for short distances - The council invested in improving the cycling safety network across Warwickshire
- People said you were unsure how to access tests and general support through the pandemic - The council increased promotion of 119 & nhs.uk/ coronavirus as well as sending COVID support guides to households across the county
- The survey, which should take around 15 minutes to complete, is available online at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/covid-recovery-survey-2021>

#### 9 Planning

- (i) 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>
21/03339/OUT	22 Dec 2021	Land West Of, Avon Dasset Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2FW	Outline application for the erection of 4 custom and self-build Houses with all matters reserved except for access
21/03814/TREE	22 Dec 2021	Wood Farm Land, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton	G1 - ash x3 - Remove
21/03397/FUL & 21/03398/LBC	4 Jan 2022	Rectory Cottage, Church Street, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2YE	Demolish existing rear L shaped extension and construct two storey L shaped rear extensions at each end of the Cottage. Install new 1st Floor above Garage Area, replace Asbestos sheeting with clay tiles to match existing roof, also raise the rear roof (only) to this area to provide additional head height. Widen existing Garage doors and lower Garage floor and carry out internal alterations. Cut back rear garden and form new retaining wall
21/03407/FUL	7 Jan 2022	Land Adjacent To Railway, Wharf Road, Fenny Compton	Installation of two temporary boreholes

- a. 21/03339/OUT: Councillors agreed to respond with 'Object to the application for the following planning reasons' – Cllr Dutton will draft a response.
- i. NDP 'D2 Sustainable Development' – Application is beyond Built Up Area Boundary
  - ii. NDP 'NA 1 Protected View' – Location is a Valued View landscape
  - iii. NDP 'HE1 Conserving or Enhancing Historic Environment' – Location of historic importance and adjacent to conservation area
  - iv. No requirements for self-build within NDP and will have enough houses when Compton Buildings site complete
  - v. Four driveways on to main road and blind bend. No footpath
  - vi. Impact on flooding
- b. Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to the remaining applications

Remaining members of the public left at 20.30

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- (ii) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
21/03212/FUL	30 Nov 2021	Permission Granted	11 Grants Close, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2YA	Provision of first floor balcony to rear of existing dwelling

- (iii) Further Updates:

- a. 21/00496/LBC Old Toft: To be considered at SDC planning committee on 15 Dec
  - i. As council had previously responded with 'no representation' it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to attend the meeting in support
- b. 17/03277/REM: Amended details, comments due by 24 Dec
- c. 20/02701/REM: Amended details, comments due by 24 Dec

#### 10 Financial Administration

- (i) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Briscoe):

DEC_21_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses December)	£ 374.91
DEC_21_2_SO	SDC (December Pension Contribution)	£ 102.24
DEC_21_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 11.28
DEC_21_4_DD	E.ON (Street lighting)	£ 178.58
DEC_21_5	Dasset School (Hall Hire)	£ 84.75
DEC_21_6	WCC (Street Lighting Replacement)	£ 1,368.00
DEC_21_7	Roly Whear (Reimburse for padlock)	£ 2.49
DEC_21_8	WALC (Clerk Training)	£ 72.00
DEC_21_9_DD	WaterPlus (Playing Field Water)	£ 18.04
DEC_21_10_CHQ	Smart N Tidy (War Memorial Clean)	£ 187.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 2,366.78</b>

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them
- (iii) Second draft budget – No further updates were made

#### 11 Updates

- (i) Flood Prevention – Cllr Payne sent a written report
- Aqueous have had confirmation that the business case has passed through all the necessary approvals and is being processed by the Environmental Agency (EA) finance team, being set up with a project code and grant letter against which we draw down the funding. The EA have indicated this normally takes around 2 weeks. In order to help expedite the scheme, WCC are currently out to tender for a Managing Agent to come on board with the scheme who have expertise in delivering PFR schemes and gaining listed building consents
- (ii) Trees – No update
- (iii) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Padlock has been fitted. Repairs have been completed on the fence. Three people are looking at structural survey reports
- (iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Feedback received from SDC. Format of the

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Consultation Statement (embedded appendices) needed to be changed and has now been resubmitted. Next steps is to close the NDP website and add supporting documentation to PC website instead

- (v) Allotments – No updates
- (vi) Highways – No updates
- (vii) Street Lighting – Annual risk assessment has been completed by Cllr Carless
- (viii) Traffic – No updates
- (ix) Future Strategy – Councillors met on the 24<sup>th</sup> November with representatives from the Village Hall. Councillors discussed the state and use of existing assets, what the benefit of doing anything was to the village and next steps. The next meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February to evaluate the benefits identified. Councillors would like to thank Chandima Dutton for facilitating the meeting
- (x) Councillor Responsibilities – Agreed to leave list as is
- (xi) Policies and Procedures – Business Continuity Plan, Emergency Plan, Publication Scheme, Privacy Notice and Gifts & Hospitality were all **ratified** by Councillors
- (xii) Risk Assessments – Berry Meadow noticeboard needs some repair

#### Items to Publicise

- (i) Green bin collection
- (ii) The Green wildlife area
- (iii) Land west of Avon Dasset planning application
- (iv) Strategy meeting

#### 12 Future Discussion

Budget

#### 13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January

**MEETING CLOSED 21.40**

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### Appendix A

#### November Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)	£
<b>30 Day Notice</b>	910.83
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b> (High interest deposit):	
Cotters Croft	7,052.63
PC Balance	2,947.37
	10,000.00
Deposit	13,807.30
Traffic Management	2,135.82
Flood Relief Grant	2,281.12
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	-
Over 8's Play Area	604.23
NP Plan Projects	(527.17)
Allotments	250.00
Defibrillator	2,021.38
<b>Deposit Account</b>	20,572.68
<b>Current Account</b>	9,902.00
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)	<u>41,385.52</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)	
Lydia Cox (Dec Salary & Expenses)	(374.91)
SDC (Pension contribution Dec)	(102.24)
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	0.00
EON (Street Lights)	(178.58)
Dasset School (Hall Hire)	(51.75)
WCC (Streetlight Replacement)	(1,368.00)
R Whear (Reimburse for padlock)	(2.49)
WALC (Clerk training)	(72.00)
WaterPlus (Playing Field Water)	(18.04)
Smart N Tidy	(187.50)
<b>Current Account</b>	(2,355.50)
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>	<u>39,030.02</u>

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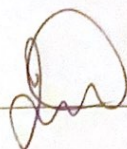
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### Appendix B

#### November Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£	
30 Day Notice	910.83	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00	
Deposit Account	20,572.68	
Current Account	10,809.91	
Less paymentss outstanding:		
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(105.00)	
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(600.00)	
SP Services (Defib pads)	(100.68)	
SDC (Pension contribution Nov)	(102.24)	
Current Account	9,902.00	
Total Bank		<u>41,385.52</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	41,375.30	
Add receipts since last meeting:		
Bank Interest	10.22	
Total Cash Book		<u>41,385.52</u>

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### Appendix C- Boundary Changes for Stratford District Response

This response is submitted on behalf of Fenny Compton Parish Council and focuses on the impact of these proposals on our Parish area.

While we are not opposed to the principle of multi-member wards, we believe the application of this to the proposed ward of 'Bishop's Itchington, Fenny Compton & Napton' poses substantial practical problems that are detrimental to local representation in our community. We place a strong value on the close link to a single councillor who has a good knowledge of our community and its issues. It is hard to envisage how this can be maintained in a ward which has the proposed geographical reach and number of parish councils to represent. The proposed ward is so large that it cannot be argued that it groups parishes with common issues and concerns. Inevitably, we believe, both members and parishes will seek to allocate primary responsibility for each parish to one or other of the members, in order to reduce travel and workload pressures on members and maximise the effectiveness of local representation.

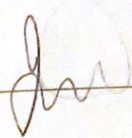
We believe that the proposals place too much weight on a desire to achieve a target number of voters, and this has been achieved at considerable detriment to community interests and the effectiveness of local government. Even more so given that the voter numbers used do not seem to account for the proposed development of 100 residential properties in the Fenny Compton Parish area.

We understand that the district and county councillors of all parties have worked together to propose a new set of single member wards that better represent local interests. We support these proposals, as they are closely aligned to our own proposals. Having considered the existing administrative boundaries aligned to school and GP catchment areas, as well as the natural relationships and common interests that exist with neighbouring parishes, we had independently identified the following ward definition based on parish council boundaries:

Fenny Compton, Burton Dasset, Avon Dasset, Farnborough, Warmington, Shotteswell, Wormleighton

We trust that the Local Government Boundary Commission will take account of these views and revise their proposals accordingly.

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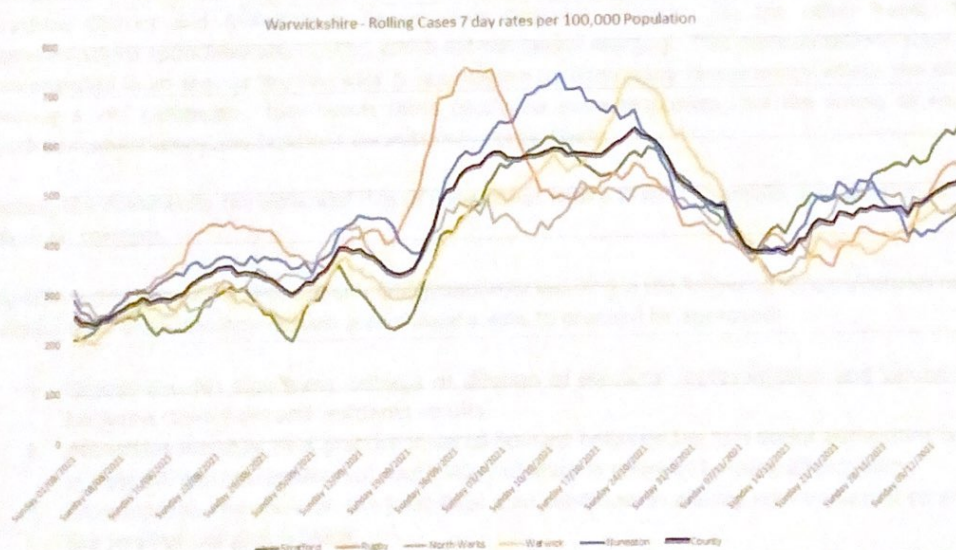
### Appendix D - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

**Covid** - At present the district is experiencing its highest level of cases since the start of the pandemic. The current rate per 100,000 over 7 days (3 day lag) is 621.6, the previous high was at the start of October when the same rate reached 605. The district is well ahead of the County average which is currently 507.4, with the next highest district being Rugby whose rates are currently 529.4.

Case numbers change from week to week but these high infection rates in Stratford District vary from just under 500 to 1026 (per 100,000) by local area. There have been hot spots of infection in Stratford and Shipston, with wards having rates among the highest in Warwickshire. Adjoining areas to us in Northamptonshire are also high. The government has implemented some extra controls at the time of writing such as mask wearing and recommending working from home advice.

There is quite a range in the case rates across the age bands. The highest rates are amongst those aged 5-14 where the rates are above 2,100, however, there are also extremely high rates in those aged 35-39 (827.9) and 40-44 (1064.0). In the older age groups the figure are very much lower with no cases in the 80-84 age band and those aged 90+, with a rate of 69.1 for those aged 85-89. Overall, the rate in the over 60s is now below 100 at 98.9.

I have written to Jeremy Wright MP about remote and hybrid meetings. The Council continues to work with the Local Government Association to lobby government to enable remote meetings.



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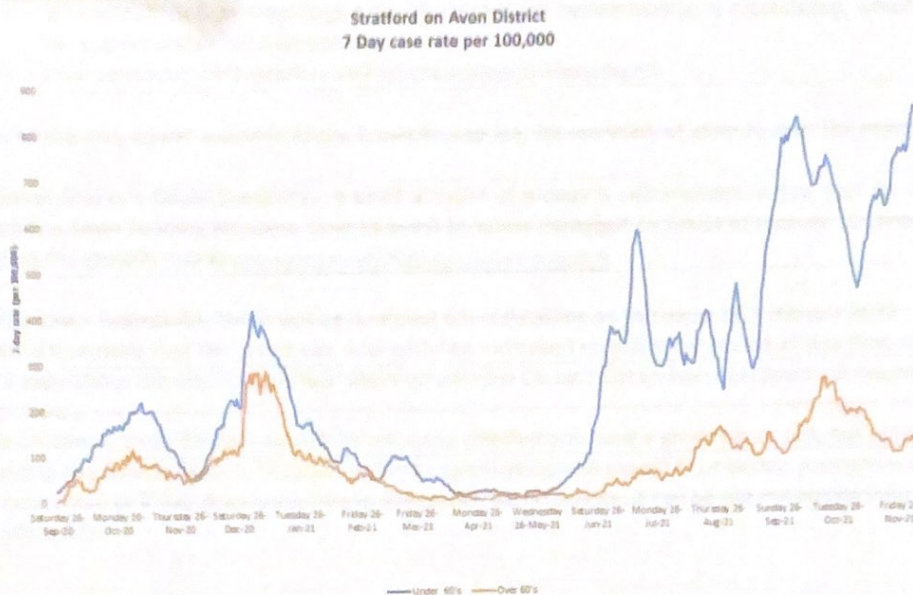
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**Merger** - At the time you read this Warwick and Stratford District Council will be deciding whether or not to trigger a merger process. The consideration is quite complex with various pros and cons. A public consultation from a statistically representative sample gave a headline result of 60%/31% in favour from Stratford District and 55%/32% in favour from Warwick District. On the other hand, there were representations spontaneously sent in, which did not favour merging. This representations were somewhat concentrated in an area of the Warwick & Leamington parliamentary constituency where the MP has been running a 'no' campaign - four wards there produced more responses that the whole of Kenilworth & Southam constituency and Stratford constituency respectively.

Among the comments, the potential loss of connection with a District councillor and dilution of service are the main concern.

My efforts and that of the Liberal Democrat group have resulted in the following actions/considerations being incorporated to an implementation plan should a vote to proceed be approved:

1. Democracy. No significant damage or dilution of electoral representation and valued connection between councillors and residents results.
2. Affordable Housing. Best practice in social housing between the two donor authorities is considered noting the national position of south Warwickshire in terms of housing affordability.
3. Environment. The work on the joint local plan continues in placing environmental consideration at the forefront of plan making.
4. A system of planning committees is established which recognises the characteristics and requirements of the different area of the combined district.
5. There is working towards maximum engagement with town and parish councils, delegating such authority as may be appropriate to each council at their option and by agreement.

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6. A timetable and methodology towards council tax harmonisation is established, which is which is fair and equitable for stakeholders.
7. That continuing consultation with all councillors is encouraged.

Even so the only power available to the Councils is to ask the secretary of state to start the merger process.

**Business Grants – Covid Recovery** - A small amount of money is still available in the 'pot' for this scheme which has been running for some time to assist business damaged by Covid to recover. Businesses should contact the growth Hub at [www.cwgrowthhub.co.uk/get-support](http://www.cwgrowthhub.co.uk/get-support)

**Green bins** - Regrettably there will be no green bin collections on the week of 7 January 2022. The reason given is to ensure that the crews can deal with the increased recycling generated at this time of year. I am not happy about the decision and will take it up with the Council. Green bin collections will resume as normal after that.

Real Christmas trees for disposal will be collected whether you have a green bin or not, but only on the next recycling day, which for us is 21 January. They can be cut up and placed in or beside your green wheeled bin for collection, or if you don't subscribe to the garden waste service, it can be put out beside your blue-lidded recycling bin.

Cllr Nigel Rock

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### Appendix E- County Councillor Report

One of the main concerns in Fenny Compton is the proposed introduction of a speed limit on Station Road. Much as residents may want to reduce the speed limit, firstly to do so on any road requires WCC to balance the needs of road users generally with the concerns of local residents. Every village in Warwickshire has hot spots where local residents want speed limits to be reduced. Further any change in speed limits incur costs need to be met from someone's budget, which will cost considerably more than just putting up a sign post, as it changing the legal status of that section of the road, and will require consultation with all interested parties, safety audits etc.

Whilst I know the road well and the speed with which cars drive down it, they are probably complying with the 60mph limit and it has not been identified as an area with a history of KSI accidents, (Killed or serious injured).

However when a new development introduces new traffic onto the highway, then WCC can require road safety improvements including changing speed limits, which will be funded by the developer. I have now had a clear indication that Highways will, as part of the planning application for the Compton Buildings site, require developers to fund the necessary works to change the speed limits.

However that legal obligation will not arise until the planning application is approved and then there will be an agreed timetable for them to pay WCC for the improvements after which WCC can then implement the change. WCC will not do it until the developers cash is in the WCC bank.

So it now seems likely that the introduction of a speed limit on Station Road will happen but not at the speed residents might want.

**Covid** - The data for the Napton and Fenny Compton Ward for the week ended 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec was that the ward had recorded 10 cases and was 7<sup>th</sup> from the bottom of the District ward list, with a case rate of 294 per 100k. This compares to rates in the highest SDC ward of 1,755 per 100k.

The most recent data for County division was 423 per 100k.

On Tuesday 30 November new government guidelines came into force to curb the spread of new variant of concern Omicron, including:

- Face coverings are compulsory in shops and on public transport from Tuesday 30 November. Pubs and restaurants will be exempt, as are places of worship. You can find the full list of venues covered [here](#).
- All international arrivals to take a Day 2 PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.
- The Government is strongly advising that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all educational settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. They should also continue to wear face coverings on dedicated school transport unless they are exempt.
- Individuals notified by NHS Test and Trace or a public health official that they are a close contact of a confirmed or suspected case of the COVID-19 Omicron variant will be legally required to self-isolate, regardless of their age or vaccination status.
- 10 countries are now listed on the 'red list', which you can find [here](#).

These new measures will be reviewed in three weeks.

**Virtual Q&A session about the COVID-19 Vaccine – 14 December 2021** - Warwickshire County Council and the NHS are inviting people to join a virtual Q&A session about the COVID-19 Vaccine on:

**Tuesday 14th December 2021 on Microsoft Teams at 5.00pm until 6.00pm.** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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They can take the opportunity to ask questions and speak to staff from Public Health and Primary Care to address any concerns you may have about having the vaccine. The event is open to anyone who wishes to join in online. A digital flyer to support promotion this event is available in the Downloads link.

**Avian Flu** - There has been a significant outbreak of Avian Flu in the UK with major outbreaks in Worcestershire, Welford and Stratford.

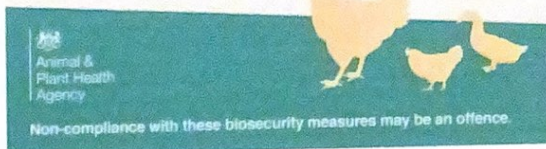
This year's strain of the disease is considered to be a highly virulent risk to wild and domestic bird population but to have a low risk of transmission to humans. The advice is not to touch what may appear to be sick dying or dead birds. SDC will remove large bird carcasses for incineration but if small birds are found they should be double bagged and placed in refuse bins

On 29<sup>th</sup> November new Poultry and Captive Bird Keepers Guidance was issued as follows:

### AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POULTRY AND CAPTIVE BIRD KEEPERS

- ☒ Keep free-ranging birds in fenced areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry or captive birds.
- ☒ Inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers and wild bird carcases.
- ☒ Fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds.
- ☒ Provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it.
- ☒ Make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- ☒ Keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- ☒ Store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ☒ Clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing Government approved disinfectant at all entry and exit points.
- ☒ Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- ☒ Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- ☒ Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- ☒ Keep records of poultry, captive bird and egg movements.
- ☒ Maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water ingress
- ☒ Ensure pest control is effective.



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**Birmingham CWG 2022 – General Ticket Sales (Twitter and Facebook)** - The remaining tickets to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games are now on General Sale

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