

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 17th January 2022 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 and Councillor Chris Kettle (County Council)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council) and were **accepted**

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th December 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Payne declared an interest in any discussions around HS2 due to employment

4 Requests for Dispensation

None

5 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Speed limit change request Wharf Road/ Station Road – No further action to take
- (ii) Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment Consultation response – Chair responded with the following between meetings: “The framework appears to be broadly consistent with the approach used in the Site Allocation Plan process as implemented by Stratford District Council. However there appears to be no mention in this draft HELAA of any requirement to consult on the proposals that come out of the process. We therefore request that an additional step is added to require District Councils to consult with Parish Councils and others and incorporate their feedback, where possible, into their proposals”

7 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

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

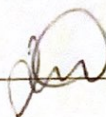
Councillor Kettle arrived at 20.10 and left at 20.30

8 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
 - Received the news of death of ex Parish Councillor Clive Walton
 - Corroded sign post
 - **WCC have reviewed and agreed to replace**
- South Warwickshire Local Plan
 - Both SDC and WDC have committed to undertaking reviews of their existing Core Strategy and Local Plans. The SDC Core Strategy runs to 2031 and the WDC Local Plan runs to 2029.

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New plans are needed to plan for the development challenges beyond these dates and so a new South Warwickshire Local Plan is being prepared that covers both Stratford and Warwick areas. As a first stage in the Local Plan making process, a Scoping and Call for Sites consultation ran for 6 weeks from 10 May to 21 June 2021

- o Following the consultation, officers have been through 561 responses received on the Scoping document. A Consultation Statement has been produced which details the methods used to promote the consultation, information on responses and an analysis of the responses received to each of the scoping consultation questions and the issues raised from our Duty to Co-operate partners
- o The consultation responses will be used to inform the next stage of preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan - the Issues and Options consultation document. This will propose more specific issues that the Plan will need to address as well as outlining some potential options of how these can be met. This will consider what the strategy for meeting our development needs and managing development to 2050 may look like. There will also need to be a number of updated and potentially new evidence-based documents to help identify issues and support arguments both for and against potential options
- o **Councillors discussed and will await the latest updates from SDC**
- Have your say on Warwickshire's Vision for Bus Travel
 - o The Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Plan was published by WCC at the end of October 2021 and is available on the public transport webpage - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses>
 - o Two documents have been created:
 - Warwickshire Enhanced Partnership (EP Plan); and
 - Warwickshire EP Scheme 1
 - o Both documents will be the subject of a statutory consultation running until 1 February 2022
 - o You can contribute via the following weblink: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-bus-travel/>

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>
21/03760/FUL	12 Jan 2022	Lamaca House, The Tunnel, Farnborough, OX17 1EH	Single storey rear extension to create utility room, home gym and indoor spa

Between meetings councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation'

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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>
21/03331/FUL	21/12/2021	Permission Granted	The Grange, The Slade, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2YB	Proposed north extension to the farmhouse
21/03332/FUL	21/12/2021	Permission Granted	The Grange, The Slade, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2YB	Erection of a single storey kitchen extension
21/03814/TREE	06/01/2022	No objection	Woad Farm Land, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton	G1, ash x3no - Remove
21/00496/LBC	10/01/2022	Permission Granted	Old Toft, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Install solar panels to east elevation roof

(iii) Further Updates – See Appendix E for the planning objection wording that was submitted for 21/03339/OUT (Land West Of, Avon Dassett Road)

10 Financial Administration

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

JAN_22_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses January)	£ 341.00
JAN_22_2_SO	SDC (January Pension Contribution)	£ 102.24
JAN_22_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 15.14
JAN_22_4_DD	nPower Business (Street lighting)	£ 253.94
JAN_22_5	Sort IT (Website Domain Name)	£ 18.00
Total		£ 730.31

Clerk expects c.£50 refund for JAN_22_4_DD due to being charged the wrong VAT rate

Street Lighting is now out of contract and clerk will update councillors before the next meeting as to options

(ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them

(iii) Final agreement of Budget and Precept – Can be found in Appendix F

Councillors discussed the impact of the electricity price rises and agreed to increase the precept by 5% to cover this. The remaining increase will be taken out of unallocated reserves but councillors will look to replace as many bulbs as possible to LED. Clerk to review and to look at difference in cost between LED and non LED bulbs

Councillors **agreed** a precept of £27,065 (Proposed by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

11 Updates

(i) Flood Prevention - Everything has now been approved by the Environment Agency. WCC have appointed a delivery organisation, Wardell Armstrong, and they have appointed a Project Manager in Kerry Whitehouse. They are developing an implementation and communication plan. This will include a virtual homeowner surgery for the 52 properties identified by the scheme and also a face to face meeting in the village hall

(ii) Trees – No update

(iii) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Councillor Whear has completed the monthly risk

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assessment of the play area

Wickstead have suggested to do an inspection of the castings on the swing and document how it is all working

Play area committee – There has been no update so Councillors Briscoe and Parkes will set up a meeting for the week commencing 31st January for 7pm (which is prior to the Future Strategy meeting). Advertise for residents to join

- (iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan – SDC will start Section 16 Consultation on 3rd February and runs for 6 weeks. Clerk has uploaded various documents to PC website and then old NDP website will be switched off
- (v) Allotments – No updates
- (vi) Highways – Clerk will send list of outstanding items to new officer at WCC
- (vii) Street Lighting – No further updates
- (viii) Traffic – Site survey and fixed distance measurement have to be done by the police before speed watch can start. Four residents have been trained, police will lend a speed gun
- (ix) Future Strategy – Next meeting will move from 9th to 16th February
- (x) Risk Assessments - Councillor Carless has completed the annual risk assessment of the salt bins. Salt bin on The Slade needed to be righted and has been done so. Clerk to request salt bins at Wharf to be filled (Moved to correct position first)

Councillor Briscoe has completed the annual risk assessments for the bus shelters, Bear & Ragged Staff and the Burial Ground. The bus shelter on Station Road has some rotten wood – Clerk to contact M Jones to have a look

- (xi) Meeting Dates – 16th May will be Annual Meeting. Parish meeting will be held on June 20th. Clerk to check that we can use large hall and start at 7.

Items to Publicise

- (i) Flooding updates
- (ii) Precept increase
- (iii) Playground meeting

12 Future Discussion

Usual agenda

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 21st February

MEETING CLOSED 21.30

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Appendix A

December Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
30 Day Notice		910.84
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft	7,062.68	
PC Balance	2,937.32	
		10,000.00
Deposit	13,807.47	
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	
Deposit Account		20,572.85
Current Account		7,502.21
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>38,985.91</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Jan Salary & Expenses)	(341.00)	
SDC (Pension contribution Jan)	(102.24)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(15.14)	
npower Business (Street Lights)	(253.94)	
Sort IT (Website)	(18.00)	
Current Account		(730.31)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>38,255.60</u>

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Appendix B

December Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice	910.84
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00
Deposit Account	20,572.85
Current Account	8,496.94
Less payments outstanding:	
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(105.00)
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(600.00)
SDC (Pension contribution Dec)	(102.24)
Smart N Tidy (Memorial Clean)	(187.50)
Current Account	7,502.21
Total Bank	<u>38,985.91</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	38,985.74
Less payments between meetings:	
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	0.18
Total Cash Book	<u>38,985.91</u>

Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Covid: We face a very serious situation with Covid infections. The 7 day rate per 100,000 for the district is 1,530, a month earlier the figure was 545. The reporting areas around Southam had rates just over 2000 cases per 100,000 population. There has also been a similar increase in the rates for the over 60s in the district at 880 per 100,000, whereas two weeks earlier this figure was less than half this at 344 per 100,000.

The effect on the health service is showing, with ambulance and A&E wait times at hospitals lengthening. At Warwick Hospital 28% Patients waited more than 30 minutes to be handed over from ambulances to A&E staff, (27 Dec to 7 Jan) up from the preceding week's figure of 17%. Waiting times at A&E for more than 4 hours were 34% (against 13% two years ago and against the average for England of 26%).

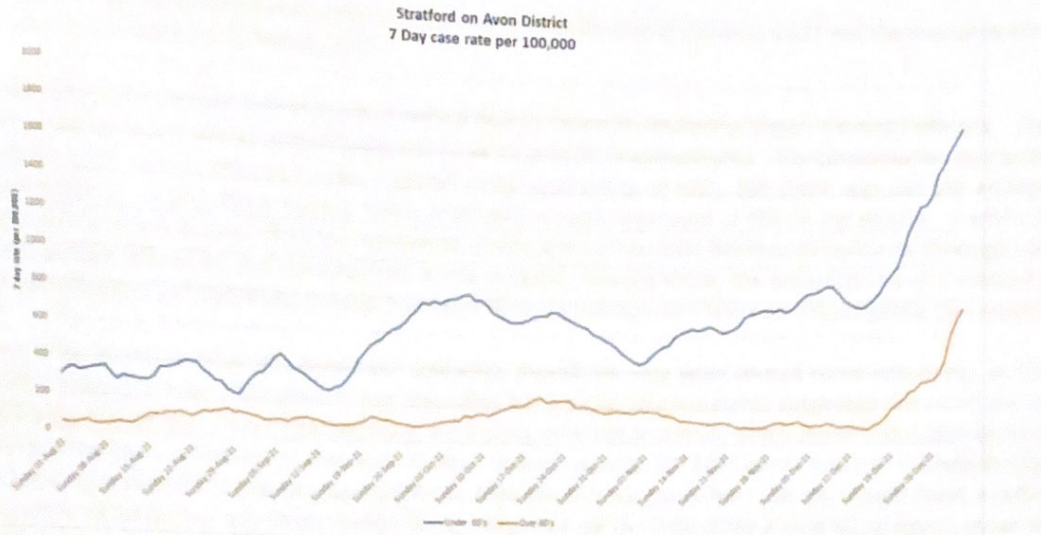
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There is better news in relation to the boosters/third vaccinations within the District. So far 88,807 adult vaccinations have been delivered. This means that the vaccination rate in this age group is above 80%, this is one of the highest rates in the country. Even better still, the rate in and around Southam is 90%, which is perhaps as well given the high infection rates. We can only hope with this protection and great caution, communities will be impacted to the minimum possible.

The government has declared that public services are at risk and yet the law forces Parish, District and County council to meet face to face to conduct business, despite recent experience showing this could be readily done remotely. The problem is the definition of the 'place' for council meetings. Last year a court case failed in defining a 'virtual place' as qualifying as a meeting place. So we are stuck with it after the emergency regulations expired in May. The District has restricted their face to face meeting to the statutory committees and discouraged attendance by the public and officers who are not essential. Attendees are asked to take lateral flow tests (LFTs) before attending, although now LFTs are sometimes in short supply.

I continue to be frustrated by the legal situation and have written to our MP to ask for parliament to rectify this crazy situation. I would encourage others to do so. It appears that Omicron variant transmission may occur more readily with consequential implications for risk. I deem it responsible to not attend meetings in person unless essential that I do so. Of course, for parish councils I will send in written reports and respond to any enquiries that are made of me.

Covid Grants: Just before Christmas the Government announced some new grants for businesses affected by the Omicron Variant of Coronavirus. However, as has been the case several times before, the government has made the announcement without the detail of implementation through local councils being sorted out. The District Council still does not have the final version of the guidance from Government on who is to be included in this scheme, nor has the funding and software system been released. The District Council will process these grants as soon as possible. When available, information will be here: www.stratford.gov.uk/coronavirus/additional-business-support-grants.cfm

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The scheme will be expected to be open to applications until the end of February 2022 and the final payments will need to be made by 31 March 2022.

Merger: On 13 December Warwick and Stratford District Councils decided to trigger a merger process. The votes were 26 to 3 at SDC (2 abstentions) and 23 to 12 at WDC (5 abstentions). The consideration was quite complex with various pros and cons. I gather some councillors at WDC felt there was not yet enough information to support the proposal. Other reservations were expressed at SDC in the debate. I voted in favour of the plan because, all things considered, I believe it is in the best interests of residents although I do recognise the difficulties and uncertainties in the decision. Among these, the potential loss of community connection with the District and through the councillors is a concern, so I have been investigating that aspect.

A key issue is the number of electors per councillor should the new large council come into being. At the moment this is around 2700 electors per councillor, but a paper by consultants suggested this could rise to 3600 after the merger. I have been working, cross party, on a research study which shows that such a dilution is unreasonable and well out of step with all other district councils. (Of 181 District Councils in England only 11 have more than 2800 and two councils above 3000 electors per councillor.) Like the merger itself, it is the Secretary of State that will finally decide these things but we can only make a case for common sense to prevail.

HS2: HS2 contractors have announced that they are to close the Kineton Road just south of Southam towards Deppers Bridge 19-31 January. This is to build a reinforced crossing for construction vehicles. The reason given for the closure is that the gas and water mains at the side of the road are shallower than originally thought. I, and other councillors, have had difficult meetings with the contractors in an attempt to explore alternatives to a full road closure. We consider we have not had a full explanation of what other ideas were considered. We hope that the closure period will actually be less than stated as there are a number of traffic light restrictions on other roads around Southam.

Cllr Nigel Rock
nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Appendix D - County Councillor for Feldon Division

C-19 – Omicron: Before Christmas this ward was running at 412 / 100,000 cases. Whilst case numbers continue to rise across the County, generally we are not seeing these translate into hospitalisation, serious illness, or deaths. Our priority remains to support the hospitals, the NHS, and to ensure that public services are maintained. At this point in time, it looks ok.

The most recent data from WCC shows that the division increased to over 2,072 per 100,000 after Christmas but fell to 1,572 cases last week and is now running at 924 cases.

Highways: Patch Byrne has now retired and his place has been taken by Mr Hobday who has already started and I know is picking up the reins where Patch finished.

The Harbury Lane / Fosse Way works have now gone out to tender. This delay is disappointing but all the designs are completed and it is now up to the developer to formally instruct the contractors once tenders are received. Work is now anticipated to start in March

The Police and Crime Panel: Today the PCP voted to reject the PCC's budget proposals of an increase in the Police precept of some £3 million, representing a £10 rise per band household. The PCC can ignore the

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...ponse of the Panel but is expected to come back to the Panel with a revised response at the beginning of February.

Keep yourself Warm and Well in Warwickshire: Keep yourself warm and well in Warwickshire this winter by following our Winter Warmth Checklist at <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-630-883> A free advice line is also available at 0800 988 2881.

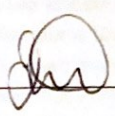
County Councillors Grant Fund: The second round of the County Councillors Grant Fund was open for applications. However, the deadline for applications was Sunday 23 January at 5pm. Education

Children mental health and wellbeing grant funding: Warwickshire County Council is inviting education settings in the county to apply for grant funding to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. The application window is open now. To find out more and how to apply visit: <http://ow.ly/Akhc50HkWA3>

SEND in Warwickshire: Quick fire facts 86,995 children educated in Warwickshire’s state-funded schools 3,112 have an EHCP and 10,552 require SEN Support 247 state-funded schools, 10 are special schools educating 1,678 pupils

Gender:	
Males:	3,439 (72%)
Females:	1,330 (28%)
Age:	
0-4 (Nursery)	15
5-11 (Reception to Y6)	1,532
12-16 (Y7 to Y11)	1,549
17-18 (Y12 to Y13)	641
19-25 (Y14+)	1,032
Top 4 Primary Needs:	
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	1,613
Social Emotional & Mental Health	1,151
Speech Language & Communication Needs	729
Moderate Learning Difficulties	502

SEND Funding Age-Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) funding - Schools get a set amount of funding for every pupil (regardless of whether they have SEND) to cover the main costs of educating that child/young person. It is called age-weighted pupil unit (AWPU) Notional £6,000 - This is an amount of money each school gets annually and is sometimes called their 'delegated' SEND budget. This is based on a formula that should match the proportion of children with SEN they have compared to other schools. It is to fund the special educational provision for children on SEN Support and a proportion of funding for children with EHCPs.

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Appendix E – Planning response 21/03339/OUT Land West Of, Avon Dassett Road

Fenny Compton wishes to OBJECT to the above planning application

We note that previous planning applications 16/03403/OUT and 17/03520/OUT were previously refused permission, the latter also being refused on appeal (APP/J3720/W/18/3214028).

We believe that the following reasons for refusal of the appeal continue to apply:

47. The appeal proposal would be located outside of the physical confines of Fenny Compton and would be contrary to Policies CS.15 and AS.10 of the Core Strategy. It would also be contrary to Policy CS.8 in respect of heritage matters and Policies CS.5 and CS.12 of the Core Strategy in relation to landscape and visual effects.

48. 'It would result in less than substantial harm to the settings of the Fenny Compton Conservation Area, Rectory Farmhouse and Gredenton Hill Camp, all of which are designated heritage assets, and result in substantial harm to the ridge and furrow, a non-designated heritage asset. Special attention should be given to the harm to the setting of Rectory Farmhouse, and great weight to the conservation of all heritage assets.

49. 'The proposal would also be harmful to the character and appearance of the area to which I have given significant weight.'

We summarise our reasons to object to this application as follows:

1. Policy AS.10 (Countryside and Villages) of the adopted Core Strategy establishes that, within the rural part of the district, residential development should comprise small-scale schemes located within the physical confines of a settlement. This proposal is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary that has been defined for Fenny Compton and as such extends the physical confines of the village.

2. Similarly policy CS.15 (Distribution of Development) establishes that, for Local Service Villages such as Fenny Compton, residential development should comprise small-scale schemes located within the physical confines of the village. This proposal is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary that has been defined for Fenny Compton and as such extends the physical confines of the village.

3. When considered against the number of homes for which outline planning already exists in the village, including the proposed developments at the former Compton Buildings site, the proposed development is well in excess of the number of homes allocated to Fenny Compton under policy CS.16 (Housing Development).


4. We also note that the Stratford District Council Site Allocation Plan (SAP) process has placed Fenny Compton in Tier 7, the final and lowest priority tier for releasing reserve housing sites, as it is a Local Service Village that already has outline planning permission for a significant quantity of new housing. This site was not one of the four Fenny Compton sites proposed for inclusion in the SAP.

5. The applicant claims 'there is a clear need for additional CSB provisions in the local area', however this is not evidenced by a housing needs survey and was not a requirement captured through our Neighbourhood Development Plan survey or through the SAP process. Policy SAP6 establishes that 'Self-Build and Custom housebuilding sites have been identified to help meet specific identified housing needs. Applications for schemes that provide for general market housing on self-build and customer housebuilding sites will not be supported'.

6. The development is in an area known for high levels of run-off contributing to flooding downstream and has been considered for further flood prevention works. The application does not provide any detail on the flooding prevention measures that are being included to ensure that the development does not have a detrimental impact on the flood risk in the parish, indeed flooding does not appear to be mentioned.

7. Given the close proximity of the development to the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Gredenton Hill

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Camp, the development does not meet the requirement that "proposals will be high quality, sensitively designed and integrated with the historic context. The design and layout of development proposals will be informed by an understanding of the significance of the historic asset and environment" as required by policy CS.8 (Historic Environment).

8. Given the proposal's location within the Ironstone Hill Fringe, defined as a Special Landscape Area, the proposal does not respect the current and historic relationship of our settlement within the landscape, as required by policy CS.12 (Special Landscape Areas).

9. The location of the site is already problematic, at the bottom of a hill where the speed limit changes from 60mph to 20mph, and with no public footpath along a series of bends. The addition of this development, which proposes 4 new driveways opening onto the road with associated vehicles reversing out and no provision for visitor parking, together with the associated increase in both motorised and pedestrian journeys along this section of Avon Dassett Road, would present an unacceptable increase in risk for new and existing users, particularly cyclists for whom this is a popular route.

10. The Fenny Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan (FCNDP) completed extensive consultations with village residents and is now with Stratford District Council for evaluation. The Plan, while not yet formally adopted, is now at a stage where it can be considered in the context of this application. The application is contrary to the following policies from the FCNDP:

NA1: Protection of Valued Landscapes: This proposed development would have a considerable detrimental effect on the 'Green Vista' – one of three Valued Landscapes identified in the FCNDP. Development proposals should ensure that all landscapes valued by residents are maintained and safeguarded, particularly where they relate to heritage assets, rising land, village approaches and settlement boundaries.

HE1: Conserving or Enhancing the Historic Environment: The medieval ridge and furrow cultivation in the field west of Avon Dassett Road and Gredenton Iron Age Hill Fort (a scheduled ancient monument) are both listed in Section 12.2.2 of the FCNDP as heritage assets and settings which should be protected and conserved.

FL1: Ensuring Development Manages the Flood Risk: states that development proposals will only be supported if they do not exacerbate the risk of pluvial and fluvial flooding. The application appears to make no reference to the importance of the proposed site in relation to flood risk in the village, or to state how the proposed development will manage these risks.

RO1: Appropriate Traffic Management Measures: requires new developments to minimise any impact they will have on the local highway network and include adequate and safe provision for off road parking and accessing arrangements. None of these aspects are addressed by this proposal, which will have a considerable adverse effect on road safety.

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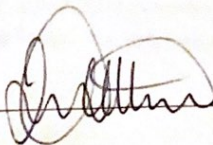
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Appendix F – Final Budget

	2021/22	2022/23	
	Budget	Proposed Budget	Variance to 21/22 Budget
Receipts			
Precept	25,765.00	27,065.00	1,300.00
Parks	204.00	215.00	11.00
Bank Interest	100.00		(100.00)
VAT Reclaim	2,214.05	1,940.00	(274.05)
Cemetery/ Misc	-	-	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	28,283.05	29,220.00	936.95
Payments			
Regular Costs			
Streetlighting Electricity	2,640.00	5,420.00	# (2,780.00)
Clerks Salary	5,200.00	5,400.00	# (200.00)
Administration	650.00	650.00	# 0.00
Grasscutting	2,600.00	2,600.00	# 0.00
Playing Field Maintenance	3,300.00	3,150.00	# 150.00
Playing Field Water	160.00	160.00	# 0.00
Playing Field Electricity	120.00	120.00	# 0.00
Cemetery	740.00	500.00	# 240.00
Meeting Room Hire	150.00	200.00	# (50.00)
Sundry Items	100.00	50.00	# 50.00
Bin emptying	-	138.00	(138.00)
Landscape Maintenance	840.00	840.00	# 0.00
Sub-Total	16,500.00	19,228.00	(2,728.00)
Contingencies and repairs			
Tree works	3,040.00	2,000.00	1,040.00
Streetlighting Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Bowling Green/Churchyard	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Other Maintenance	100.00	660.00	(560.00)
Under 8's Play Area	250.00	250.00	0.00
Sub-Total	5,390.00	4,910.00	480.00
Special Projects			
Streetlighting Replacements	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00
Sub-Total	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00
Fees and Charges			
Insurance	1,300.00	1,200.00	100.00
Auditors Fees	375.00	560.00	(185.00)
Subscriptions	430.00	370.00	60.00
Election Costs			0.00
Website	460.00	460.00	0.00
Sub-Total	2,565.00	2,590.00	(25.00)
Donations to village organisations			
Section 137	700.00	700.00	0.00
Sub-Total	700.00	700.00	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	28,255.00	30,528.00	(2,273.00)
REVENUE SURPLUS	28.05	(1,308.00)	(1,336.05)

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