

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall,
Fenny Compton on Monday 21st February 2022 At 7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council) and Councillor Chris Kettle (County Council)

2022_2_01: Apologies

There were no apologies

2022_22_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17th January 2022 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Whear)

2022_02_03: Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Whear and Councillor Payne declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

2022_02_04: Requests for Dispensation

A request has been received from Councillor Whear for a dispensation regarding the Allotment Association and Aqueous and councillors **approved** (For two years)

2022_02_05: Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance

2022_02_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Station Road Bus Shelter: Mick Jones has inspected the bus shelter and is happy that no further work is needed
- (ii) Play Area Meeting: Two residents attended the meeting on 31st January to discuss a possible pump track and are putting together a design. There is possible funding through British Cycling. A survey has been created using Survey Monkey that will be sent out (Facebook, school newsletter, Abacus newsletter) which will ask residents about what they would like to see. Clerk to contact suppliers about costing
- (iii) Wildlife Area Update: Another meeting was held with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust regarding the Bear & Ragged Staff Green being the next wildlife area. Councillors agreed in principle subject to resident's agreement. Clerk will contact the residents immediately around the Green

Councillor Rock joined the meeting at 19.55

2022_02_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

Council Tax agreement was made today. District Council element will increase by 3.3%

Councillor Rock raised a point about that it seems to be unclear who is responsible for dropped curbs (DC or CC) – Need to make sure that Orbit have incorporated into plans for Compton Buildings

The Chair asked about the living fence that was needed at Hornbeam House – Councillor Rock stated that they have three and a half years to complete

The Chair asked about the planning permission request that went in for drainage opposite Compton Buildings (21/02174/FUL) – National Rail have stated that the drainage pond would undermine the embankment. Councillor

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Rock stated that Orbit could still go ahead with the houses even if didn't get permission for the pond

County Council: Council tax element will increase by 3.75%. Police and crime commissioner element by 3.85%

2022_02_08: Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
 - Query regarding new footpath opposite new builds on The Lankett
 - Chair will look to see if it complies with approved plans – Both the width of the path and whether there was a fence in the original plan
 - Abandoned vehicle on Memorial Road
 - Has now been removed
 - Should we turn lights off over night to save money?
 - Parish council are on an unmetered supply so wouldn't make any difference
- Road Closures
 - Dog Lane (The Slade end) will be closed from 02/05/22 to 06/05/22 for Severn Trent Water
 - Burton Hills Road and Bonfire Hill will be closed from 11/02/22 to 12/02/22 for WCC Highways
- Great British Spring Clean 2022
 - From 14 Feb, residents can pledge to take part
 - Parish councils who take part can order free Great British Spring Clean litter collection bags
 - Councillor Parkes will raise this with the school
- Platinum Jubilee Events
 - Potential funding is available from WCC. Clerk forwarded to Merrie Lion as organising Street Party. Any other events?
- Levelling Up The UK White Paper response
 - WALC have been asked to comment on this as the county association, but are interested in hearing any comments from councils
- Play Area Committee
 - Various residents expressed an interest in joining the meeting
 - Ideas:
 - The unmown border around the park between the trees is currently unloved scrub land with brambles and high grasses in summer. This area runs from the car gate by the cricket pavilion, along the back perimeter and round the corner to approximately half way across the field. This border area could be cleared and mown annually and planted with pollinator friendly plants and wildflowers
 - Propose installing adult gym equipment in the playing field
 - Propose installing a mountain bike pump track. There are many keen cyclists in the village, and this would be a health, well-being and recreation benefit for many members of the community of all ages and abilities. Various grants available

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2022_02_09: 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>
21/02174/FUL	16 Feb 2022	Banbury Compton Limited, Station Works, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2XB	Change of use of land and engineering operations to provide surface water attenuation basin for affordable housing development south of Station Road
21/04038/FUL	24 Feb 2022	8 Berry Meadow, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YQ	Single storey extension to rear of kitchen and side of existing dining room extension

- Between meetings councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' for 21/02174/FUL
- Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to 21/04038/FUL

- (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>
21/03760/FUL	21 Jan 2022	Permission Granted	Larnaca House, The Tunnel, Farnborough, OX17 1EH	Single storey rear extension to create utility room, home gym and indoor spa
21/03407/FUL	3 Feb 2022	Permission Granted	Land Adjacent To Railway, Wharf Road, Fenny Compton	Installation of two temporary boreholes
21_01187_FUL & 21/01188/LBC	15 Feb 2022	Permission Granted	Knotts Cottage, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Proposed two storey rear gable elevation extension and a single storey rear extension

Councillor Rock left the meeting at 20.25

2022_02_10: Financial Administration

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

FEB_22_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses February)	£ 365.37
FEB_22_2_SO	SDC (January Pension Contribution)	£ 102.24
FEB_22_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 11.96
FEB_22_4_DD	nPower Business (Street lighting)	£ TBC
FEB_22_5	Mick Jones (Village maintenance)	£ 140.00
FEB_22_6	Sort IT (NDP Website Decommission)	£ 312.00
Total		£ 931.57

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them
- (iv) Street Lighting Contract: Between meetings councillors reviewed quotes from electricity providers as the contract with npower Business (previously EON) finished. Councillors **agreed** to a one year contract with Yu Energy
- (v) Street Lighting Upgrade Quotes – At the last meeting councillors discussed upgrading the remaining dated street lights to save on energy costs. Quotes have been received from Indo Lighting (£4,412.04) and Zeta Specialist Lighting (£13,116). Clerk is still waiting for WCC to come back with a quote. Councillors discussed further and wanted to check whether the Indo quote included fitting and to also look for potential grants
- (vi) Quarterly Finance Check: Cllr Payne has completed the third quarter finance check and all is in order

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2022_02_11: Updates

(i) Flood Prevention –

Property scheme: 20 of the 52 properties have expressed an interest and attended a presentation with WCC/Waddell Armstrong. Presentations have been well received but concerns have been raised as to why some properties in High St and Church Street are at risk. Three updates have been added to Social Media to encourage take up. Waddell Armstrong are considering a personal approach to the remainder. The Parish Council has signed a Data Protection Agreement so we have information on which properties have not yet responded

The next step will be to undertake the property surveys and make recommendations. The question has been raised as to whether it will be possible to undertake a couple of pilot projects to act as demonstration projects and allow people to see quality. As yet there is no contractor appointed to undertake the work which might make that difficult. The surgery is also in discussions over property protection works

Other issues: WCC have been in contact with landowners and archaeologists over flood routing solution to manage run-off from the Willow Brook development. An acceptable solution to all parties looks likely. The watercourse has also been cleaned in this location which will help flow of water through the village

Memorial Road: WCC have suggested a multi department meeting to review issues as it needs to involve highways team

(ii) Trees – No update

(iii) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Utility Warehouse could not install a new smart meter in the sports pavilion as the board it is mounted on is asbestos. Councillors agreed to put up Asbestos signs

Removal of cricket club – Councillor Whear will contact the resident that is going to take it down to do so as soon as possible

Fence near sports pavilion has fallen over – Is a fence required in this location? Councillor Whear will take a look and report back

Swing that is in use has been inspected and is in line with recommendations – Councillor Whear will write a report. The swing that isn't in use needs more work needed

(iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Grant has been received for £2,285. SDC consultation is up and running

(v) Allotments – No updates

(vi) Highways – Salt bin at The Wharf has now been filled

Clerk to raise a job for the Pot hole that has appeared outside the school and the bollard that has fallen at The Wharf junction

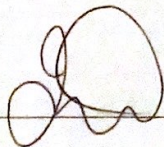
(vii) Street Lighting – No 3 Dog Lane has been reported. Clerk to chase those that have already been approved

(viii) Traffic – Still waiting for site survey by police to determine where speed watch will be done. Councillor Kettle will help

Councillor Kettle left the meeting at 21.15

(ix) Future Strategy – Meeting was held on 16th February. Considered the options and scored against a criteria. Next meeting on 2nd March to agree next steps and who will be involved

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2022_02_12: Items to Publicise

- (i) Flood prevention scheme
- (ii) Playground survey link
- (iii) Electricity provider and lighting upgrades

2022_02_13: Future Discussion

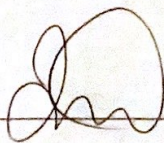
Usual agenda

2022_02_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 28th March

MEETING CLOSED 21.30

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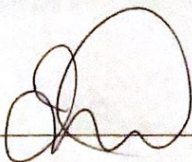
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Appendix A

January Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,395.56	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	-	
Over 8's Play Area	604.23	
NP Plan Projects	(575.17)	
Allotments	250.00	
Defibrillator	2,021.38	
Other	66.44	
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)		6,765.38
Cotters Croft	7,062.68	
PC Balance	2,937.32	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		10,000.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		13,807.47
Current Account		7,682.92
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>38,255.78</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Feb Salary & Expenses)	(365.37)	
SDC (Pension contribution Feb)	(102.24)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(11.96)	
npower Business (Street Lights)	0.00	
Mick Jones (General maintenance)	(140.00)	
Sort IT (NDP website decommission)	(312.00)	
Current Account		(931.56)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>37,324.22</u>

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Appendix B

January Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	6,765.38
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)	13,807.47
Current Account	8,490.15
Less payments outstanding:	
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(105.00)
APS (Neighbourhood Plan)	(600.00)
SDC (Pension contribution Jan)	(102.24)
Current Account	7,682.92
Total Bank	<u>38,255.78</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	38,255.60
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	0.19
Total Cash Book	<u>38,255.78</u>

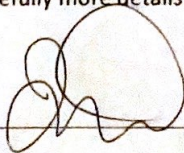
Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Council Budget: Stratford will be deciding its budget at the Council meeting on 21st February. The budget paper proposes a rise in council tax of £5 for the district council element which is the maximum permitted. This will bring the district council portion to £154.12 for a band D property. A number of measures are proposed to control expenditure and income. The controversial green bin charge is planned to rise to £42 and thence add £2 per year every year going forward. The Lib Dem opposition will be proposing a number measures within the total expenditure figures, including an advice service to residents to help with home energy. The budget detail will be debated at the Council meeting.

A significant part of council income comes from central government. One big problem for the Council is the Government will only say what they will provide over the coming year rather than declaring their finance grants over three or four years as they used to. This uncertainty constrains financial planning for the council.

Energy Price Rises: You may be aware of that the government intends to give help with Energy Prices by means of £150 Council Tax Rebate for properties in Bands A-D. The District Council will have to administer the scheme, but at the time of writing the council staff who will have to do this have no actual details of how this might work. There was also the announcement of a £144 million Discretionary Scheme to help those who are not included in the £150 Rebate. Also there are no details as to how this might operate, what our share of the pot is or how it is to be paid. It is unfortunate that these announcements are made (like some of the Covid grants last year) before the operation of the scheme has been decided, but hopefully more details will come out over coming weeks.

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Covid: At 6 February the 7 day infection rate per 100,000 for the district was 1045. The Fenny Compton area had rates of 1299 cases per 100,000 population and 989 around Southam. It seems that everyone knows someone that has Covid in the area. Rates seemed to have fallen less quickly in rural areas than some of the metropolitan areas of the West Midlands. To put this in context, the District rates from September to mid-December fluctuated around 490, rising to peak about 1600 at the beginning of January, before falling back to now be about double the prevailing infection rate over the months before the post-Christmas peak.

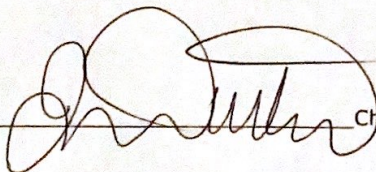
The government has decided the trends are sufficiently positive to release all control in coming days.

Although it is reported the Omicron variant is fortunately a bit less serious, the health service locally is still challenged. At University Hospital Coventry a worrying 42% of ambulance patients waited more than 30 minutes to be handed over to A&E staff (figures for the week to 6 February). This is a jump from 29% the week before. However, for the ambulance waits at Warwick the figure was 19% (down from 28% the week before).

Road Closure: From 21 February to 7 March HS2 will be closing the road from Wormleighton to Boddington at the Junction which leads to Priors Hardwick. They are building a reinforced crossing for construction vehicles. This is a 24 hours 7 day closure unlike the previous closures which were working day times only.

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