

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall,
Fenny Compton on Monday 25th April 2022 At 7.45pm

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

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

2022_2_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Briscoe and Parkes and were **accepted**

2022_22_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 28th March 2022 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Whear and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

2022_02_03: Declarations of Interest

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

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

Councillor Payne and Johnson declared an interest in the bowls club

2022_02_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2022_02_05: Open Forum

There were three members of the public in attendance to discuss the recent dam building in the brook at Memorial Road. It was asked whether signage could be put up to ask people to dismantle dams after being built, or does access need to be blocked entirely? Residents worried that if they do not remove the debris then flooding problems will occur

Parish councillors thought that putting signs up would have little impact

Aqueous position is that currently all are vulnerable as no flood protection, although this should be rectified within the next few months. The dam building debris shouldn't cause a big problem and so thought it was a relatively low risk to properties

Parish council agreed to put up a sign to see if it is a deterrent. Councillor Payne will devise the wording

Members of the public left and Councillor Kettle joined at 20.10

2022_02_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Play Area Refurbishment: Clerk met with a representative from PlayDale to discuss ideas for the play area. They were very positive and suggested refurbishing the current under 8's area, keeping the zip wire and newer swings and replacing everything else. They will come up with some suggestions and quotations over the next few weeks. Wicksteed have also been contacted for a quote
- (ii) Wildlife Area Update: No update
- (iii) Bowls Club Repairs: Councillor Johnson has looked at the parts needed for the repairs and they will cost in the region of £300 – Councillors agreed that instead of continuing, it would be best to revert to using an electrician. Clerk will get more quotes
- (iv) Retaining wall flood risk: Ongoing exchange between adjacent owners and WCC Flood team. WCC have inspected site again and don't seem to be overly concerned about the impact on other properties. Aqueous have said that flood walls will be a proposed solutions to a number of properties being protected. Whilst there may be some small increase in water levels which will be modelled it is unlikely to create a tipping point

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whereby other properties are adversely impacted

- (v) Fieldgate Lane overgrown hedge: Mick Jones to complete the work

2022_02_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

Orbit have been given permission to go ahead with Compton Locks. SDC have still not approved the remaining application for 21/02174/FUL (Surface water attenuation basin) - SDC are confident that they can resolve Network Rail issues. Councillor Rock suggests that the Parish Council approach Orbit to get communication started about the development

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

Councillor Kettle confirmed that the TRO for 20 mph within Compton Locks does not supersede the TRO for the speed limit on Station Road

Councillor Kettle also gave more details on the reason why the council merger is no longer going ahead

Councillors Rock and Kettle left the meeting at 20.45

2022_02_08: Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Broken glass and rubbish at the playing field – Contractors equipment damaged
 - Removal of cricket hut will hopefully resolve the problem
- Various emails from residents regarding dam building in the brook and risk of flooding
 - Discussed in open forum
- South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)
 - Two virtual briefing sessions will be run to update Parish Councils on the progress of the SWLP
- New 123 Waste Service
 - Booklets will start to be delivered to residents from 19th April with the new food caddies
 - SDC are looking for events that they can attend in different wards as roadshows to explain the new system. Can we suggest any?
 - FAQs are added to the SDC website
- NALC Smaller Councils Committee
 - NALC has a committee specifically dedicated to smaller local councils (electorate under 6000)
 - NALC would like to hear of any issues that they can help to address and what services they could offer to meet needs

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> |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 21/03127/FUL | 3 May 2022 | Winniefreds Cottage, 6 Mill Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YF | Replacement roof to main dwelling, new porch canopy, replacement of single storey outbuilding to side, replacement shed and new oil storage container, resurfacing of the existing drive |

- Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation'

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

| Reference | Decision Date | Status | Address | Proposal |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 17/03277/REM | 31 Mar 2022 | Approved | Banbury Compton Limited, Station Works, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XB | Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 13/02734/OUT for a development of 80 affordable dwellings |
| 20/02701/REM | 31 Mar 2022 | Approved | Banbury Compton Limited, Station Works, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XB | Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 18/01097/OUT for a development of 20 affordable dwellings |
| 21/04038/FUL | 7 Apr 2022 | Permission Granted | 8 Berry Meadow, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YQ | Single storey extension to rear of kitchen and side of existing dining room extension |
| 22/00569/FUL | 19 Apr 2022 | Permission Granted | 12 Northend Road, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2YZ | Proposed single storey side extension with associated works including roof light to north-west elevation |

(iii) Further Updates: 17/02362/FUL Lankett Development – Chair has received a response regarding the queries raised about the development:

- a. The planning officer has stated that the boundary treatments, (hedging and existing post and railing fencing), would indicate a breach in planning condition 8, which has been discharged
- b. The erecting of a gate is concerned permissible under permitted development right but will need to be rectified through planning permission
- c. The occupation of the any property on the development appears to be a breach of condition 16

The planning officer has contacted the agent of the development and speculates that a VARY will be submitted for the boundary fencing and condition 16 will be submitted for discharge

- d. The width of the footpath has to be pursued with the right of way team at Warwickshire County Council. Clerk will contact

(iv) Planning Applications 21/03397/FUL and 21/03398/LBC for Rectory Cottage, Church Street have been withdrawn

2022_02_10: Financial Administration

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

| | | |
|--------------|---|-------------------|
| APR_22_1_SO | Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses April) | £ 334.15 |
| APR_22_2_SO | SDC (April Pension Contribution) | £ 104.31 |
| APR_22_3_DD | Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity) | £ 12.51 |
| APR_22_4_DD | Yu Energy (April Street lighting) | £ 405.61 |
| APR_22_5_DD | WaterPlus (Sports Pavilion Water) | £ TBC |
| APR_22_6_DD | Npower Business (Dec – Feb Street Lighting) | £ 667.59 |
| APR_22_7 | WCC (Website Hosting) | £ 437.77 |
| APR_22_8 | WALC (Annual subscription) | £ 328.00 |
| Total | | £ 2,289.94 |

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

(iii) Street Lighting Upgrade Quotes: Clerk has received another quote from R&M Lighting but council still requires one more. Clerk will speak to WCC again

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- (iv) Audit: Councillors **agreed** the Fixed Asset Register and variance analysis to prior year. Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Whear

2022_02_11: Updates

- (i) Flood Prevention –

Property resilience scheme: 31 properties have signed up, 28 of these require surveys with 3 properties already surveyed via the pilot scheme. Property surveys are underway (around 2/3 completed). There is a meeting with procurement on Monday to go through a draft which is based on the EA Framework template to appoint a contractor. The survey reports need to be completed before tender is issued

Station Road/The Ridgeway: Discussions ongoing with the landowner, highways team and right of way team to come up with an option that works for all to route flows off the highway. The main point being that the right of way would need to cross the channel and if this involves a culvert/small timber deck bridge who would then take on the maintenance of such a feature. Property Flood Resilience for the doctors surgery will be included in the same tender as the rest of the properties but paid from separate funding

Memorial Road: WCC looking to set up a multi-agency meeting

- (ii) Trees – Tree survey will take place on 27th April

- (iii) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Councillor Whear has repaired the Hopscotch flooring. The hedge next to Fieldgate Lane has been cleared

- (iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Comments have been received from the consultation. The NDP steering group have responded to these in draft form. Councillors **agreed** these comments and Councillor Carless will respond appropriately

With regard to the detailed Lagan Homes response (They objected to all responses in the plan that would cause a problem to their potential application). Councillors discussed and were satisfied that the Fenny Compton allocation for houses has already been satisfied and that we have no evidence of the need for self-build houses

- (v) Allotments – No updates

- (vi) Highways – Clerk to report corroded sign on Station Road. The bollard at the Wharf has been repaired

- (vii) Street Lighting – Clerk to get an update from WCC regarding repairs and quote for 3 Dog Lane

- (viii) Traffic – No updates

- (ix) Future Strategy – Chair has drawn up a list of questions. There were no comments from councillors so meetings can go ahead

- (x) Risk Assessments: The following risk assessments need to be completed - Benches, Sports Pavilion, Equipment Shed, Millennium Stone

Clerk will ask Mick Jones to repair the noticeboard outside the village hall

2022_02_12: Items to Publicise

- (i) Compton Locks engagement - TRO speed limit for Station Road

- (ii) NDP Reg 16 consultation complete

- (iii) Flooding scheme – 2/3 responded

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(iv) Building of dams

2022_02_13: Future Discussion

Annual Meeting

2022_02_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd May

MEETING CLOSED 21.50

Appendix A

March Financial Administration

| | | |
|---|----------|-------------------------|
| Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation) | | £ |
| Traffic Management | 2,135.82 | |
| Flood Relief Grant | 2,395.56 | |
| Over 8's Play Area | 604.23 | |
| NP Plan Projects | 1,397.83 | |
| Allotments | 250.00 | |
| Defibrillator | 2,021.38 | |
| Other | 0.15 | |
| 30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves) | | 8,804.97 |
| Cotters Croft | 5,167.68 | |
| PC Balance | 4,832.32 | |
| 12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit): | | 10,000.00 |
| Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves) | | 15,387.71 |
| Current Account | | 3,756.14 |
| Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation) | | <u>37,948.84</u> |
| Less Payments (See agenda item 10) | | |
| Lydia Cox (Apr Salary & Expenses) | (334.15) | |
| SDC (Apr Pension Contribution) | (104.31) | |
| Utility Warehouse (Electricity) | (12.51) | |
| Yu Energy (Apr Street Lighting) | (405.61) | |
| WaterPlus (Water) | TBC | |
| npower Business (Jan & Feb Street Lighting) | (667.59) | |
| WCC (website Hosting) | (437.77) | |
| WALC (Annual subscription) | (328.00) | |
| | | (2,289.94) |
| Total Balances carried forward | | <u>35,658.90</u> |

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Appendix B

March Bank Reconciliation

| Bank Balances | £ |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves) | 8,804.97 |
| 12 Month Partial Withdrawal | 10,000.00 |
| Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves) | 15,387.71 |
| Current Account | 4,917.58 |
| Less payments outstanding: | |
| Mick Jones | (600.00) |
| SDC Pension | (127.16) |
| WCC | (247.68) |
| Lydia Cox | (186.60) |
| Current Account | 3,756.14 |
| Total Bank | <u><u>37,948.84</u></u> |
| | |
| Cash Book Balance b/f | 37,948.66 |
| Less payments between meetings: | |
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| Add receipts since last meeting: | |
| Bank Interest | 0.18 |
| Total Cash Book | <u><u>37,948.84</u></u> |

Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Council Merger On the day I wrote this piece, a surprise announcement was made that the Conservative leadership of the two Councils have decided that the merger cannot go ahead as anticipated. Work to assess the viability of the merger had been going on, both at central government (who would have to decide whether to permit it) and between Warwick and Stratford Councils. We knew detailed investigation work was expected, and was showing that the financial factors to align the two councils with one another may have been challenging, but I am concerned to learn that the merger has been called off at this late stage and after a considerable amount of time and money has been spent on it. Financial savings were being forecast from the merger and the question now must be what happens if those savings don't arrive. A special council meeting to discuss the situation is to be called for 11 May.

Covid I am sure everyone knows someone with Covid, or has had it themselves. The severity and post infection effects appear to vary widely, but absenteeism has been having an effect on public services, including the health services. I have found it has become more difficult to get objective data locally by age, but infection rates locally are showing signs of falling back in the area around Southam to around 500 per 100,000 at the time of writing.

Council Tax Rebates A-D Bands The Council have just received the software to pay the £150 rebates, which was announced by the Government some weeks ago. Council staff now have much work to do which has included working over the Easter break to start making payments, spread out over the coming weeks. This will commence with direct

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debit payers. Others will need to be contacted and dealt with manually.

The Council is also starting to look at the Discretionary scheme for those customers most in need of extra help who are not covered by the main scheme.

Homes for Ukraine This complicated scheme is just getting off the ground. The following link provides details: www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions Rather like the rebates intended to help with Council tax and fuel bills, these announcements have been made by the Government without working out the methods of how to do the job, so there have been delays. The work has fallen on local government without any extra resource, and I thank Council staff for their dedication in doing their best in difficult circumstances.

Cllr Nigel Rock
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Appendix D - County Councillor Feldon Division Monthly Report

Local issues Warwickshire Highways have confirmed, and as previous set out in the Outline Planning approval S106 report for the former Compton buildings site, that it is still the intention to implement a TRO to introduce speed restrictions on Station Road. The proposed will depend on a survey work which has yet to be carried out.

The WCC flooding team are investigating what may be unauthorised development within the village.

Ukrainian Support Project WCC is the lead authority in providing support to Ukrainian refugees. By mid-April 554 people have been matched with Sponsors in Warwickshire across 367 family groups. 233 sponsors have offered accommodation. WCC is facilitating DBS checks with District Council's offering accommodation checks. There is a Facebook page for sponsors, (Warwickshire Homes for Ukrainian Sponsors) and a Ukraine helpline 0800 408 1447. Warwickshire CAVA is collaborating with WCC to establish a directory of offers of help & support from local organisations to signpost to those involved in supporting Ukrainian guests & host families. Follow this link for more info & to complete the form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGjXcT0rYi4Cvch-g-er2qVdUQk6tlyv1yXT84H9UjUI3g0w/viewform>

Councillor Grant Fund Organisations or groups can now apply online for WCC Councillor Grant Funding. As part of the 22/23 budget this amount has been increased to £8,000 per County Councillor. The deadline for applications for the first round of funding is 5pm on Sunday 29 May 2022.

Reception place offer day Thousands of children across Warwickshire were offered places at primary schools on Tuesday 19 April, with 90% of Warwickshire children starting school in Reception offered their first choice.