

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 10th October 2022 At 7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council Councillor)

2022_10_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor David Johnson and Councillor Christopher Kettle (County Council), and were **accepted**

2022_10_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 26th September 2022 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Whear and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

2022_10_03: Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Payne declared an interest in the bowls club

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

2022_10_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2022_10_05: Open Forum

There were no residents in attendance

Three representatives from Warwickshire Fire & Rescue attended the meeting. Main discussion point was to increase recruitment at Fenny Compton station. Currently only have 5 firefighters, which means that the station is only really available in the evenings, with no day cover apart from at the weekend

The country relies heavily on 'On call' fire fighters. Warwickshire has roughly a 50/ 50 split. There are 23 engines of which 12 are on call. To be an on-call firefighter you have to be able to respond to the fire station within 5 minutes (Can be from work place). Currently looking at initiatives to allow people to work from the fire station to increase the area that recruitment can take place from

Firefighters are paid basic on call retained salary, and then get paid for training and call outs

Councillor Rock joined the meeting at 20.05

2022_10_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(i) Play Area Refurbishment: Clerk has heard back from the Prime foundation and we were not successful with the grant application. Councillors Parkes and Briscoe to apply for Lottery and HS2 grants

An open afternoon was held to gather feedback from residents and was well attended. Clerk to send all information to councillors for review

County Councillor Grant has also been applied for to cover the cost of the basketball hoop and backboard

The scouts have started work on the mural for the wall

(ii) Memorial Tree: Clerk has looked at plaques and it will cost c.£100. A Fenny Water pipe runs under the area of green so will need to be avoided when planting

(iii) Millennium Stone Repairs: Area has been roped off. Clerk has received one quote and is waiting for two more

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for the repairs to the paved area

- (iv) Playing Field Trees: Chair has reviewed the trees along the boundary of Fieldgate Lane and Berry Meadow, and the Play Area. Clerk to respond to resident that raised initial query

2022_10_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

2022_10_08: Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents Correspondence
 - Speeding and prevent parking on footpaths
 - Chair already responded via social media
 - Dog Lane street lighting
 - Resident has now resolved the issue
 - Trees at Squire Place
 - Chair to take a look at the trees before responding
- Fenny Compton Affordable Housing
 - It is five years since the parish council last undertook a housing needs survey, which means the data contained within the report is now out-of-date. WRCC have written to ask whether the parish council would like to update this work which, as previously, can be undertaken at no cost to the parish council other than delivering one survey pack (cover letter, survey form and Freepost envelope) to each dwelling across the parish. Survey forms are returned directly to them, or respondents can complete the survey online if they prefer, and an anonymised report is provided to the parish council
 - Councillors agreed to wait until the Compton Buildings development is complete
- Energy Bill Relief Scheme
 - This scheme will provide energy bill relief for non-domestic customers in Great Britain. Discounts will be applied to energy usage initially between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023
 - The government will provide a discount on electricity unit prices. To calculate the discount, the estimated wholesale portion of the unit price we would be paying this winter will be compared to a baseline 'government supported price' which is lower than currently expected wholesale prices this winter.
 - For all non-domestic energy users this government supported price has been set at £211 per megawatt hour (MWh) for electricity. For comparison, wholesale costs are currently expected to be around £600 per MWh
 - Suppliers will apply reductions to the bills of all eligible non-domestic customers
 - The discount applied will be in pence per kilowatt hour (p/kWh). The p/kWh government support for comparable contracts will be the same across suppliers, but the absolute level of individual bills will continue to vary across different contracts and tariffs
 - For fixed contracts the discount will reflect the difference between the government supported price and the relevant wholesale price for the day the contract was agreed. The government will publish the wholesale prices we will use for calculating this for each day from 1 April 2022

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- Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare
 - The Integrated Care Board has commissioned a consultancy to produce a report on Primary Healthcare options in Upper Lighthorne. The report contains the possibility of no dedicated primary healthcare in Upper Lighthorne itself, which would mean some 7,200 new patients registering at existing practices in surrounding parishes (including Fenny Compton). Nine parish councils so far have signed up to a statement of objectives
 - Meeting on Wednesday 19th that Chair will attend
- Review of Polling Districts and Places for the district of Stratford-on-Avon 2022
 - The first consultation phase has now concluded. The comments received as part of that first review can be accessed on the Council's website at www.stratford.gov.uk by clicking on the 'Polling Station Review' button
 - The second consultation period will run from Thursday 6th to Monday 31st October

2022_10_09: Planning

(i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address	Proposal
22/03013/FUL	7 Nov 2022	8 Station Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YW	Proposed two storey side, single storey rear extensions with associated internal and external works

Councillors discussed and **agreed** to respond with 'no representation'

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

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
22/02571/TREE	30 September 2022	No Objection	Brecksides, Brook Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YH	G1 Conifers: Reduce height by 2metres and side to clear electricity building
21/02174/FUL	14 October 2022	Permission Granted	Banbury Compton Limited, Station Works, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XB	Change of use of land and engineering operations to provide surface water attenuation basin for affordable housing development south of Station Road

(iii) Further Updates:

- a. 17/02362/FUL Lankett Development: Clerk has still not heard anything ref footpath
Chair has started to have conversations with the owners of the houses that back onto the footpath and their responsibilities regarding the hedge
- b. Compton Locks Development
 - i. Meeting with developers held on October 7th with members of the parish council, Councillor Rock and representatives from Orbit and the construction company. Main points were:
 - Steve Underwood (Site manager) would be our main contact on site. They were open to the idea of attending our meetings
 - It will be a two-year construction from now until January 2025. First occupation will potentially be June 2023, depending on the SDC process to allocate housing. Orbit should be able to help with integrating the new residents into the village. They would appreciate some support in advertising shared ownership housing nearer the time
 - They seemed genuine in their desire to minimise traffic through the village but they may point the finger at their suppliers if they use vehicles that are too large to get under the bridge. They were open to the idea of putting extra signage further out from the village,

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like has been done for Kineton. They said they would not use any driver again who came through the village unnecessarily if registration plates were provided. They also assured us they would keep the road clean

- The application to reduce the speed limit was submitted several weeks ago. They were a bit unclear on details but alluded to substantial works on the footway between the site and the village
 - There has been a lot of negotiation with Network Rail but they claimed the attenuation pond would now deliver a "30% betterment". They expect that the pond will be adopted by Severn Trent.
- ii. Street Lighting – Correspondence from WCC asking whether the parish council want to take ownership and be responsible for the new street lights within the development and the new lights on Station Road outside the development. Councillors discussed and **agreed** that WCC should take responsibility
- iii. Application for Discharge of Conditions. Reference No: DISCN/00337/22, Banbury Compton Limited, Station Works, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XB
Councillors will review as want to ensure that the correct stone is used. Currently having difficulty accessing the documents

2022_10_10: Financial Administration

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

OCT_22_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses October)	£ 491.60
OCT_22_1	Lydia Cox (Reimburse for paint for mural)	£ 353.93
OCT_22_2_SO	SDC (August Pension Contribution)	£ 104.31
OCT_22_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 15.75
OCT_22_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street lighting)	£ 328.28
OCT_22_5	Mick Jones (Village Grass Cut and Maintenance)	£ 545.00
OCT_22_6	Michael Mann (Sports Field Cut)	£ 294.60
OCT_22_7	Michael Mann (Flood Pool maintenance)	£ 324.00
OCT_22_8	Shire Forestry & Fencing Ltd	£ 350.00
OCT_22_9_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavilion Water)	£ 6.54
OCT_22_10	RoSPA (Play Area Safety Inspection)	£ 126.00
Total		£ 3,010.01

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them
Clerk noted that a refund has been received from Eon in relation to overpayment of prior year street lighting costs

2022_10_11: Updates

- (i) Flood Prevention – A drop-in session will be held on Tuesday 18th October. The event will allow households to ask questions to a member of staff from Warwickshire County Council, Whitehouse Construction or Wardell Armstrong regarding the property flood resilience scheme for Fenny Compton and next steps/installation information
Whitehouse Construction will be bringing along a couple of examples of flood resilience measures (e.g. flood

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door, airbrick etc)

- (ii) Trees – No further updates
- (iii) Playing Field and Play Equipment – The annual safety inspection has been completed and there are no significant findings

The cricket score hut has now been dismantled. Unfortunately, we were let down by the demolition company so councillors and residents did the work at the weekend. Thanks to Dave Hart, Ian Hughes, Steve Brande and Jack Allen for their help
- (iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan – SDC have now completed four maps out of five so we are nearing completion
- (v) Allotments – Land Registry application moving forward
- (vi) Highways – Clerk to ask residents to cut back hedges near the doctors surgery and along Avon Dasset Road

A meeting will take place on Monday 24th October at the village hall for residents of Dog Lane and The Slade regarding the electrical work that will take place in December
- (vii) Street Lighting – Clerk has requested updated consumption data from Western Power now that the upgrade work has been completed

Number 4 & 5 Avon Dasset Road are not working. They have been reported to WCC but the issue is with the supply not the lights – WPD have been informed
- (viii) Traffic – No updates
- (ix) Future Strategy – No further updates
- (x) Risk Assessments: Equipment Shed – Chair has reviewed and there are no issues to report
- (xi) Bowls Club: Register Land – Bowls club land has never been registered – Clerk to start process

Councillors Rock and Whear left the meeting at 21.45

2022_10_12: Items to Publicise

- (i) Fire fighter recruitment
- (ii) Orbit meeting regarding Compton Locks
- (iii) Cricket hut dismantled
- (iv) Scout mural

2022_10_13: Future Discussion

Budget

2022_10_14: Date of next meeting

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

MEETING CLOSED 21.55

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Appendix A

September Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,381.16	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	-	
Over 8's Play Area	604.23	
NP Plan Projects	1,658.33	
Allotments	250.00	
Defibrillator	2,038.16	
Other	1.26	
Deposit Account		9,068.96
Cotters Croft	5,170.88	
PC Balance	4,829.12	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		10,000.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		11,684.06
Current Account		14,551.72
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>45,304.75</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Oct Salary and expenses)	(491.60)	
Lydia Cox (Reimburse for paint for mural)	(353.93)	
SDC (Pension contribution Oct)	(104.31)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(15.75)	
Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(328.28)	
Mick Jones (Village Grass Cut)	(545.00)	
Michael Mann (Sports Field Cut)	(294.60)	
Michael Mann (Flood Pool)	(324.00)	
Shire Forestry & Fencing Ltd (Tree works)	(420.00)	
WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(6.54)	
RoSPA (Play Area Safety Inspection)	(126.00)	
Current Account		(3,010.01)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>42,294.73</u>

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Appendix B

September Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances		£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)		9,068.96
12 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,000.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		11,684.06
Current Account	14,657.86	
Less payments outstanding		
WaterPlus	▼ (1.83)	
SDC (Pension contribution Sep)	(104.31)	
Current Account		14,551.72
Total Bank		<u>45,304.75</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f		31,306.21
Less payments between meetings:		
Add receipts since last meeting:		
Second precept payment		13,532.50
Reverse last month reconciling figure		(2.94)
Eon Refund		468.11
Bank Interest		0.87
Total Cash Book		<u>45,304.75</u>

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Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

BIN COLLECTIONS The Council's Scrutiny Committee met on 30 September to review the changeover. In summary, and like previous discussions, the presentation gave more emphasis on the elements that had gone well and what a major undertaking the switch over had been, rather than the problems. The service failures were said to be much less than half a percent. The new scheme was considered by some a major success for its communications and it was also said it had received fulsome praise across parish councils. The 'service design' had attracted few complaints and the engagement with the public and the rate of take up of food waste collections was reported as good. Residual black bin tonnages had fallen. Personally, I welcome these environmental benefits, but as I have said before it's not quite that bit where the problems have been

Under questioning, it was conceded that there had been problems with food caddie deliveries, that the food caddies might not be the best design, and some areas (the east of the District where we are) had suffered repetitive failures attributed to the move of collections to the Warwick depot of Biffa, where this had previously been done by the Stratford depot

Although week by week the reports of problems diminish, it has certainly been a trying time. From the perspective of this area, I have found the reports of the Council give a rather more rose-coloured picture than my experience has shown, and I continue to monitor the operation of the system.

FIVE YEAR HOUSING SUPPLY AND PLANNING POLICY The council has to demonstrate a 5 year 'housing supply' of planning permissions in the pipeline. If not, decisions and appeals will be granted, overriding other policies and we will be stuck with unsuitable and excessive developments. It now seems Stratford District is far beyond the 5-year target (last time it was 7 years) with 10.06 years which should be an argument that weighs against inappropriate housing. Whilst locally we have this over provision, nationally the 'new' government has once more signalled that they think planning regulations are a blockage to economic growth and that they intend to reduce planning controls. We have seen this debate over and over again. As far as I can tell, while the planning system is far from perfect, there are many reasons that might slow up development decisions, and just reducing democratic control for local people would be a backward step and is unlikely to help anyone

ORBIT DEVELOPMENT STATION ROAD As the Parish Council will be reporting elsewhere, I attended a meeting with the Chairman and vice Chairman of the Parish Council and the Orbit team that will be building the site. As there will be 100 homes there, this is a significant development for the village. We established the key contacts with Orbit and the nominated site manager who will be the day-to-day point of contact. His name should be displayed at the site with contact details in due course. The main concern was to minimise traffic through the village, although it was clear that much of the equipment and vehicles for the ground work will not be able to pass under the railway bridge. Orbit were fully appreciative that the primary preferred route should avoid the village. A number of other matters were discussed from road layouts, speed limits, environmental measures, construction methods and arrangements for eventual occupancy

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