

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held by Zoom On Monday 26th April 2021 At 7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, Councillor Andy Crump (Warwickshire County Council) and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council)

1 Apologies

None

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 15th March 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Whear)

The Minutes of the Extraordinary planning meeting on 7th April 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Parkes 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

No members of the public were in attendance

Councillor Crump left the meeting at 19.55

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Orbit grass cutting – It has now been confirmed by SDC that they are responsible for the land on the Station Road side of the hedge at Berry Meadow. They in turn send the Parish Council a grass cutting contribution for it. The land on the Berry Meadow side of the hedge is owned by Orbit according to SDC, which is contrary to what they have said in the past. All information has been sent to Councillor Rock to help move this forward
- (ii) Playing Fields – No progress has been made regarding a meeting with the Colts representatives
- (iii) Internet Banking – Payments can now be raised and approved online. Councillor Carless has requested access as a third signatory if needed. Councillor Dutton to add Councillor Carless to the approvers list
- (iv) Toddler Swings – Councillors discussed the cost of new toddler swings and new clamps that would be needed to fit them. It was decided that if the council were going to look into the possibility of applying for a Lottery grant it would be a good idea to price up additional new equipment. Councillor Whear would look into this and Councillor Dutton would ask the parish via Facebook of what residents would like to see at the playground

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- (v) Traffic Management Proposals – Councillor Dutton has sent a reminder email to WCC but has not yet heard back
- (vi) Paving at Millennium Stone – Clerk is waiting for quotes from Mick Jones
- (vii) Sports Pavilion Electricity Contract – Clerk has looked into whether there is a cheaper supplier than Utility Warehouse. As the usage is so low there isn't a better deal, however, if this were to change it can be revisited. The Utility Warehouse deal is a rolling monthly contract so can be easily changed
- (viii) Boundary Changes – Councillor Dutton will put together a response and circulate to Councillors for discussion. Deadline has now been extended to 18th June

Councillor Rock joined the meeting at 20.40

7 SDC Report

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

WCC Report

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

8 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
 - Complaint regarding street light at Cotters Croft
 - Water leak at Sports Pavilion
 - New Support officer for Fenny Compton fire station – Would like to meet Councillors
 - Removal of concrete block outside field next to doctors surgery
 - Manhole cover missing on Northend Road
 - Further correspondence regarding WI Centenary garden
 - Dog fouling
- Notice of Election
 - Warwickshire County Council
 - Police and Crime Commissioner
- Remote Meeting Powers not Extended
 - Robert Jenrick MP, has confirmed that the government will not bring forward emergency legislation on the issue of remote meetings at this time. The government has also updated the guidance on the safe use of council buildings
 - NALC's chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, has responded to express her disappointment, as has the Local Government Association (LGA) in their statement. NALC will be working with county officers to assess the new guidance, provide feedback to the government and give further advice. NALC is also supporting an application to the High Court by Hertfordshire County Council, Lawyers in Local Government and Association of Democratic Services Officers for a declaration. This will continue despite the government's decision and is expected to be determined before the end of April

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- Great British Spring Clean
 - Keep Britain Tidy want #LitterHeroes across the country to get outside and get active and help clean up a million miles of UK streets, coastline, parks, footpaths and neighbourhoods
 - Supporters can join us by again making a simple pledge as to how many minutes they'll clean-up for during the campaign (28 May – 13 June 2021)
 - Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS)
 - SDC invites the submission of projects for consideration for inclusion in the next version of the IFS. Following the completion of the 2020/21 IFS, the available CIL monies will then be considered in autumn 2021 for funding based on the allocation criteria set out within the IFS
 - Submissions needed by Friday 7 May 2021
- (i) Clerk to report bright street light to WCC team
- (ii) Councillor Dutton expressed his thanks to Councillor Whear for fixing the water leak at the Sports Pavilion
- (iii) Councillor Dutton to send further information to the Clerk regarding the missing manhole cover on Northend Road
- (iv) Options regarding future meetings – Councillors discussed the various options regarding virtual and face to face meetings from May. It was decided that Councillors are happy to start meeting face to face in the Village Hall. Before this, Councillor Dutton will speak to village hall representatives to make sure that they are Covid compliant and Councillors Dutton and Parkes will complete a risk assessment

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>
21/00765/FUL	15/04/2021	Waylands Farm , Wharf Road, Fenny Compton, CV47	Proposed 2no. dwellings for market rental along with parking and amenity space
21/00568/FUL	15/04/2021	The Grange , The Slade, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YB	Proposed two storey front and side extensions
DISCN/00222/21	22/04/2021	The Grange , The Slade, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YB	Related Application Reference: 19/00883/FUL An application has been received for the discharge of condition attached to the above permission dated 5 July 2019. Discharge of condition application is submitted for stone samples/panels
21/00576/TREE	22/04/2021	Brooklands , Memorial Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XU	T1 - holly - Reduce by 1.5metres and clear overhanging footpath T2 - thorn - Reduce by 1.5metres and clear overhanging footpath
21/00575/TREE	22/04/2021	The Post House , Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	T1 - ash - Reduce lower canopy by approx 3metres

Please see separate minutes from Extraordinary meeting regarding Waylands Farm

Between meetings Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' for all other applications

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

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
21/00497/TREE	17/03/2021	No Objection	The Old Rectory , Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	T1 and T2 yew: Fell
21/00537/TREE	18/03/2021	No Objection	Knotts Cottage, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, Southam, CV47 2XY.	-T1 Lawson cypress- Fell -T2 Lawson cypress- Reduce to hedge height
21/00725/LDP	13/04/2021	Formal planning permission is not required	18 Brook Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YH	Replacement of external communal entrance door

10 Financial Administration

(i) Councillors **approved** the following payments apart from APR_21_5 as it was deemed no longer needed (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Briscoe):

APR_21_1	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses March & April)	£ 611.28
APR_21_2	SDC (April Pension Contribution)	£ 98.27
APR_21_3	WALC Subscription	£ 327.00
APR_21_4_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 9.88
APR_21_5	CPRE (Subscription)	£ 36.00
APR_21_6	Avon Planning Services (NDP)	£ 546.00
APR_21_7	Stratford District Council (Website Domain)	£ 437.77
APR_21_8	MJB Glazing (Bowls club repairs)	£ 495.00
APR_21_9	WALC Training Course	£ 36.00
Total		£ 2,597.20

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

(iii) Councillors **approved** the final 2020/2021 accounts

(iv) Councillors **approved** the final 2020/2021 fixed asset register

(v) Councillors **agreed** that the Clerk's pension contribution can be paid via Standing Order

(vi) Insurance premium renewal – Councillors discussed the quote received from the current supplier (Zurich) but agreed to seek other quotes prior to the next meeting

11 Updates

(i) Flood Prevention – The pumps at Ridgeway have been modified and should now work the drain the system automatically. However, there has not been any rain since to test it. As the ditch system is dry, chamber covers have been lifted and it does appear that the field system is not connected into the development surface water system. The key to resolving the flooding resides with WCC and delivery of the offsite works funded by the S106

A head wall in the ditch opposite Berry Meadow has been found and the whole system is silted up and needs cleaning. Aqueous will endeavour to identify and

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contact the owner/tenant farmer to undertake any riparian owner's responsibilities
The larger capital investment solution is still on going. The modelling work is complete and WCC are preparing a business plan. WCC have requested some additional information on the extent and severity of the flooding at a number of properties to back up the business case. Aqueous will support collection of data if it exists

Councillor Rock left the meeting at 21.00

- (ii) Trees – Cost of the remaining work that the tree survey highlighted has been confirmed and is in line with the original quote, therefore Councillors agreed to proceed. Clerk will liaise with Andrew Saunders
- (iii) Playing Field – At the previous meeting it was agreed to remove the cricket scoring hut. Since then the residents that use it have tidied the area up and so it has been agreed to leave it for the time being.

Councillor Whear will go ahead with the repair of the surface of the under 8 play area

- (iv) Neighbourhood Plan – The first draft of the 'Aspirations' document has been written by Councillor Johnson. This will be shared with other Councillors prior to approval at the next meeting
- (v) Allotments – Councillor Dutton to provide an update regarding the status of the lease registration at the next meeting
- (vi) Highways – Clerk to report the bus stop sign on Wharf Road that is knocked over
- (vii) Street Lighting – All lights that were waiting for replacement lanterns have now been repaired
- (viii) Traffic Calming – No further updates
- (ix) Risk Assessments – Councillor Whear has undertaken the assessment for the war memorial and there are currently no concerns
- (x) Adoption of new Code of Conduct – Councillors have **approved** the use of the new policy and will formally adopt it when the relevant Associations and local councils have done so
- (xi) Documents for review – Councillors have reviewed and **approved** the following updated documents; Standing Orders, Cemetery Charges, Financial Regulations, Environmental Policy, Social Media Policy, Complaints Policy, Training Policy and Health & Safety Policy (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

12 Items to Publicise

- (i) Face to face meetings
- (ii) Play area updates
- (iii) Speed Watch
- (iv) Elections

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13 Future Discussion

Aspirations document

Annual Meeting

14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 17th May

MEETING CLOSED 21.45

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Appendix A

March Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
30 Day Notice		910.75
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft	7,602.63	
PC Balance	2,397.37	
		10,000.00
Deposit	13,320.55	
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,510.00	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	372.36	
Over 8's Play Area	604.23	
NP Plan Projects	662.83	
Allotments	-	
Defibrillator	2,122.06	
Deposit Account		21,727.85
Current Account		2,224.17
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>34,862.77</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Salary)	(611.28)	
SDC (Pension Contribution)	(98.27)	
WALC (Subscription & Training)	(363.00)	
CPRE (Subscription)	(36.00)	
APS (NDP)	(546.00)	
SDC (Website domain)	(437.77)	
MJB Glazing (Bowls Club repairs)	(495.00)	
Utility Warehouse	(9.88)	
Current Account		(2,597.20)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>32,265.57</u>

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Appendix B

March Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£	
30 Day Notice	910.75	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00	
Deposit Account	21,727.85	
Current Account	2,464.17	
Less cheques outstanding		
2358 PKF LittleJohn	(240.00)	
Current Account	2,224.17	
Total Bank		<u>34,862.77</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	31,638.23	
Less payments between meetings:		
Pension contribution	(196.54)	
Add receipts since last meeting:		
VAT Reclaim	3,420.88	
Bank Interest	0.20	
Total Cash Book		<u>34,862.77</u>

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Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Elections

Polling cards and postal votes have been sent from the returning officer at Stratford for local elections on 6th May. There are two ballots, one for the County Councillor Feldon Division and one for Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire. Fenny Compton will be hosting additional electors from Wormleighton.

A reminder that there will be an emergency 'Covid proxy' available on the day, so positive Covid electors do not have to go to the polling station. Ring the elections office 01789 260236 for this and any other enquiries.

Covid

From Monday 12 April there was a further easing of Covid restrictions which will allow for a number of sectors to open, including:

- Hairdressers, nail salons, libraries and community centres, indoor leisure facilities and gyms
- Outdoor attractions including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks and drive in cinemas
- Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets

The District has been working with others to enable these to reopen safely and a number of on line information sessions have been provided to local businesses to help assist with compliance with regulations.

The Council's Leisure Centre in Southam has reopened. In Stratford, the Council offices will be open to the public between 10am to 2pm and the Shopmobility Service in Stratford upon Avon has also resumed service

The Council's officers have been working hard distributing payments to businesses under the Government's Restart Grants initiative. As before, the task for local staff has not been helped by the late approval of the Government's software to administer the scheme and the team had to work across the weekend to get things working.

As of the middle of April, Stratford district had the highest rollout of vaccinations in the country. Both in Stratford District and locally, the number of cases has levelled out at a lower level of around 30 per 100,000.

I wish those businesses and residents badly affected by the restrictions a return to prosperity, but in a measured and sustainable way.

The Covid legislation allowing County, Districts and Parishes to meet safely by remote meetings is about to expire. The situation is a something of a mess because the Government won't allow parliamentary time to extend the regulation, giving councils a headache to find large, safe venues where social distancing can happen. At the time of writing, local government is taking legal action in attempt to allow remote meetings to continue. In an even more strange twist one arm of central government (DCLG) is reported as supporting that legal action!

HS2

The Councillors around Southam continue to offer unified and united pressure on HS2 to sort out the road closure of the A425. We had another meeting in the middle of April with them and our

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MP. I have to say I find HS2 a considerable challenge, with them offering a fairly uncaring approach to our local communities.

It continues to be unclear why the diversion road was not built, but what is clear that the work near the polo ground is overrunning to the extent that it might take double the time HS2 first thought. My own approach is that we should strain every sinew to get HS2 to build the promised diversion road, difficult as that seems. Additionally, very robust representations have been made by us and HS2 now seem to be thinking about the possibility of compensating for the financial hardship to business and residents. Cllr Bromwich of Southam has kindly coordinated the setting up of email address so that people affected can record their losses and difficulties and it can be relayed to HS2. The email address is hs2southam@gmail.com. As much information as possible about the financial impact is needed so we can make the representations to HS2. We have no idea if we will be successful, but we can only try.

Nigel Rock, Councillor for Napton & Fenny Compton Ward 07971 343065

Appendix D - Report from Cllr Andy Crump – Acting councillor for the Feldon Ward

Following the untimely death of Councillor Robert 'Bob' Stevens last year I agreed to cover the Feldon ward and well as my own ward of Southam Stockton and Napton. It has been an eventful 9 months.

I would like to say how devastated I was by Bob's passing on Friday 31st July 2020, I'd known him for over 40 years (I must have been very young) , first meeting him at Long Itchington Cricket Club. He was a great friend, mentor and colleague and I will always remember his cheery hello whenever you met him (that was even cheerier in the Blue Lias). Even when he wasn't in the best of health, he would make light of it, usually using some nautical term.

Many have commented that Bob was a true gentleman, I couldn't agree more, who worked tirelessly for his community and Warwickshire, in general. His support for ex-service personnel as well as the British Legion (Galanos House in particular) was legendary. If I didn't know something, I would turn to 'Uncle' Bob, usually at the cost of a pint or two, it would be money well spent.

I spoke to Bob, in hospital, on evening before he died and he had hoped to be out in a few days, after he'd had a MOT, Service and oil change. He was his usually cheery self.

RIP Bob, - a great loss to your family as well as the Long Itchington, Feldon and Southam areas

Since August I've attended most FCPC meetings and provided a weekly update to the clerk and local Fenny Compton Facebook.

HS2 – having 2 wards affected by it, has given me double the trouble. In my opinion and others too, it has lost all credibility with its poor workmanship on road repairs, short notice closures, breaking agreements and more recently wanting to extend the A425 road closure by 4, 6 or 11 months or maybe even longer. I and 5 district councillors plus our MP are holding HS2 to account. Certainly, the closure is having a detrimental effect on local roads, either increasing traffic on them damaging those roads or creating speeding traffic

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Speeding traffic through on the A423 is still a problem and I've asked the Police to undertake speed checks whenever they can. There have also been issues with dumped caravans and the theft of caravans, which I've liaised with the Police about.

Developers – The Parish, District and County are working to ensure local developers meet S106 obligations and planning conditions

Safer routes to School -The Road Safety Education Team recently launched a brand-new awards scheme being introduced to all primary schools – The SAfER Schools Award (Sustainable Active Focussing on Environment and Road safety)

The SAfER Schools Programme has been developed to promote and support road safety and active travel activities in schools across Warwickshire.

The Safer School Programme aims to:

- Promote safe and active travel to and from school and beyond
- Reduce the number of vehicles idling and parking outside schools
- Use SAfER school activities to link with the curriculum and other programmes already running in school
- Work together with the wider community to make a difference and
- keep children safe

This would benefit the Primary school and is free too, especially as I've had complaints about speeding traffic

Various meetings have been held to try to resolve the various flooding issues in the village and to get someone to take ownership of the issues. I've been round several times and facilitated meetings with WCC officers. I have been trying to ensure the S106 obligations for developments are being met too.

I wish whoever takes over from me on 7/5/21 the best of luck.

Kind regards

Andy