Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at the Dassett School, Fenny Compton on Monday 18th October 2021 At 7.45pm

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

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

1 **Apologies**

None

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

> The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th September 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were agreed (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Payne)

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

- **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - Speed limit change request Wharf Road/ Station Road Application for Orbit development (i) is still with Planning as Warwickshire Highways still has concerns. Cllr Kettle has reiterated the previous concerns that have been raised
 - Managed Wildlife Areas Preparation of the area is now complete. Instructions have been (ii) left as to how to manage the land for the next few years
 - Cricket Club memorial bench Bench is not ready yet. M Jones has agreed to fit (iii)
 - Damage caused to The Green by contractors Still outstanding (iv)
 - Consultation on Proposed South Warwickshire Council Cllr Payne has reviewed the (v) documents and will draft a response
 - Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Stratford-on-Avon -(vi) Boundary commission has recommended multi member wards. SDC and WCC have asked for the work to be done again with single member wards only. Chair will draft a response
- **District Councillor and County Councillor Reports** 7

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

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

Cllrs Rock and Kettle left the meeting at 20.20

Correspondence 8

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

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Parish council will continue to monitor

State of pavements and parking on pavements

Parish Council has reported to WCC in the past and they have said they are not bad enough to do anything about

- Highway Verge Management Policy Consultation
 - The policy aims to raise awareness of the biodiversity value of our roadside verges in Warwickshire and sets out how verges can be managed to maintain their high value, whilst recognising the over-riding importance of road safety
 - Following an increase in the level of interest the council are introducing a scheme for local groups to explore the possibility of reducing the level of cuts to enable the existing flora and fauna to flourish or to plant wildflower areas. The scheme will allow local groups to work with the parish, district or borough councils to apply to the county council to collectively contribute to improving biodiversity and to increase the aesthetic appeal of their area
- Help make Warwickshire be the best it can be what's important to you?
 - WCC has recently launched an online survey asking for the feedback of anyone who lives, works or studies in Warwickshire to help inform the development of the refreshed Council Plan
 - WCC are refreshing their five-year Council Plan to take account of the challenges ahead of
 us and to better understand the things that are most important to Warwickshire people
 - o The survey can be completed through www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask

9 Planning

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

Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address MAIN	Proposal
21/03127/FUL	15 Oct 2021	Winniefreds Cottage , 6 Mill Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YF	Replacement roof to main dwelling. New porch roof, new garden to Mill Lane, rebuild of outbuilding, with replacement shed

Councillors agreed to respond 'no representation'

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

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
21/02695/TREE	12 Oct 2021	No	The Woad House, Bridge Street,	T1 and T2 black cherry plum - Reduce both trees by 2metres, where
		objection	Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	overhanging the highway, due to infection by Phellinus pomaceus
21/02213/FUL	15 Oct 2021	Permission Granted	Bayards , Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Installation of solar pv panel ground array within paddock

- (iii) The following applications have been withdrawn:
 - a. 21/02635/FUL: Proposed single storey kitchen extension at The Grange, The Slade
 - b. 21/02639/FUL: Proposed north extension to the Farmhouse at The Grange, The Slade

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10 Financial Administration

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

OCT_21_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses September)	£	327.50
OCT_21_2_SO	SDC (September Pension Contribution)	£	102.24
OCT_21_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£	10.36
OCT_21_4_DD	E.ON (Street lighting)	£	178.58
OCT_21_5	Mick Jones (Grass cut)	£	560.00
OCT_21_6 DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavilion Water)	£	28.76
OCT_21_7	Royal British Legion (Wreath)	£	50.00
OCT_21_8	Frank Mann Farmers (Playing Field Mow)	£	228.00
OCT_21_9	APS (Neighbourhood Development Plan)	£	600.00
OCT_21_10	Reimburse R Whear (Playground Repairs)	£	167.80
Total	anned is an Cathary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18	£	2,253.23

Parish Council agreed to hold OCT_21_9 payment until the next Neighbourhood Plan grant has been received

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) Council have received a response regarding the Wayleave submission for the junction box on The Green. The council will receive £435.75
- (iv) Councillors agreed to pay £15 per hour for the school hall rental for the foreseeable
- (v) Bowls Club Repairs Quotes have been received for the electric work needed. Councillors agreed to carry out the replacement of the fuse board and undertake the inspection and the electrical testing at a cost of £750.00

 Alternative quotes will be sought for replacing toilet lights, emergency lights and the fluorescent lights

<u>Updates</u>

(i) Flood Prevention – The business case is still with the Environment Agency, but will have a progress update this week. The sample surveys were all completed on 23 September. They are currently being reviewed and hopefully should get some feedback this week. WCC have also procured the remaining surveys via the EA national Property Flood Resilience Framework. RAB consultants won the tender and progress can be made quickly as soon as the Business case is approved

Doctors Surgery/Station Road: Highways are going to provide a quote for the works to route flood water into the watercourse from the highway. WCC have asked their archaeology team for advice on what we are able to do/what working methods we will need to use to ensure the proposal does not disturb the Saxon remains in the field adjacent to the highway. A survey was also done at surgery so the potential for fitting property protection will also be reviewed

Attenuation Pool – There have been issues accessing the pool due to gate being locked. There may be future problems as new fencing that is going up in the field. Clerk to speak to Michael Mann to see if they could use the Dog Lane access. Clerk to contact new owners

(ii) Trees – No update	ates	Trees - No upd	(ii)
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(iii) Playing Field — Padlock to sports pavilion drive has been reinstated

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Under 8's Playground repairs will be completed over the next few days

Vandalism to fence around Under 8's play area has been reported to the police. Clerk to ask M Jones to repair

Cllr Whear has arranged for someone to take the cricket hut down. Sports hut on the field is not used by the Colts so councillors have agreed to padlock it

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Carless circulated the updated Plan and councillors approved them. (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Whear). Plan will now be submitted

NDP team would like to close down their website and transfer documents to the parish council website

Application for Grant is in process

- (v) Allotments No updates
- (vi) Highways Clerk to report Triangular sign that is flat in the verge on the A423 and eroded sign on Station Road
- (vii) Street Lighting Number 3 High Street has been reported as not working
- (viii) Traffic Two people have been trained on Speedwatch
- (ix) Future Strategy Clerk to set up meeting with representation from village organisations in November which will be facilitated. (Scouts, bowls club, Colts, Village Hall, Church, WI, Allotments, Playground group)
- 11 Items to Publicise
 - (i) Don't park on pavement
 - (ii) Green Areas Wildlife Area and WI garden
 - (iii) Neighbourhood Development Plan imminent submission
- 12 Future Discussion

Budget

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 15th November

MEETING CLOSED 21.30

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Bank Balances £
30 Day Notice 910.81
12 Month Partial Withdrawal 10,000.00
Deposit Account 20,126.54

Current Account 14,069.54

Less paymentss outstanding

APS (neighbourhood Plan) (105.00) SDC (Pension contribution Sep) (102.23)

Current Account 13,862.31

Total Bank 44,899.66

Cash Book Balance b/f 32,416.97

Less payments between meetings:

Village Violin School Grant (400.00)

Add receipts since last meeting:

Second precept payment 12,882.50
Bank Interest 0.19

Total Cash Book 44,899.66

Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Covid Rates There has been something of a surge of Covid infections. As I write this, numbers in our area have more than doubled from a month ago with Stratford District and all the council wards in the east of the District around Southam exceeding 600 cases per 100,000. This rate of infection is more or less in line with Warwickshire as a whole and the other areas adjoining both the District and County. This reflects a national trend attributed by researchers to the virus circulating within children of school age. It would seem a key problem is reduced testing and the difficulty in telling the difference between minor colds and the virus. Caution is required. Flu and third booster jabs are being rolled out locally by invitation, so please take these up when invited

HS2 On 23 September our local area was visited by Andrew Stephenson the Minister responsible for HS2, in the company of Jeremy Wright MP. Whilst it was positive that he came, very little time was allocated and Mr Stephenson could only listen to the significant range of complaints thrown at him, by a combination of local elected representatives. I thought the comments from local councillors were useful, clear and objective – but robust. Unsurprisingly, no answers were forthcoming, despite him saying the Prime Minister had charged him with making sure that local communities were not disadvantaged by HS2 more than necessary, and that he was committed to this. Whilst I supported other councillors' messages on the history of complaints, I made clear I wanted to see a change in future. Cllr Louis Adam (Long Itchington) and I repeated our request for an independent enforcement body to investigate and control the more questionable activities of HS2 such as unilateral changes that affected the environment and local communities. Road diversion and hedge removal were cited as examples.

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There will continue to be a number of road closures, traffic lights and roads works at various places. Possibly one of the more significant areas will be at the Fosse Way - Welsh Road junction which has already suffered major changes to the landscape. Two mini roundabouts are to be constructed and there are to be a series of rolling closures over coming months.

I continue to be assured that that the Banbury and Kineton Roads south of Southam will not be fully closed. Both are places where the railway needs bridges constructed. There may be traffic lights though

District Council Representation The consultation gathering views on a potential merger between Warwick and Stratford Districts will close on 24 October. I will decide my position when I see what local people have said in that consultation. I see that the Warwick and Leamington MP is opposed to the merger, apparently concerned that the combined district authority will be too big for local control. The arguments are not clear cut, but a takeover of the whole of Warwickshire, abolishing districts, which is a possible further future outcome, would be much worse. This is the sort of large 'local' authority that has been imposed elsewhere. I see a South Warwickshire unitary as the best objective and the present merger as a possible stepping stone towards that. The question is whether that would be the outcome, which requires us to guess central Government's intent.

There is still time to comment on the Boundary Commission's ideas to create a 'mega ward' for our patch that stretches from Shuckburgh in the North East, to Shotteswell in the south, and the M40 Junction at Gaydon in the west. This giant ward would have two councillors instead of one. Nearly all councillors are opposed to the rearrangement and want one councillor per ward and for them to be more compact. Public comment can be made up until 8th November 2021. See the Boundary Commission's web site: www.lgbce.org.uk (Select Stratford on Avon Council.)

Local government faces many challenges at present with mixed messages coming from central government on planning, on organisational structures and finance. I fear that local control over people's lives is being eroded

123+ Waste Collection Service I was asked at Napton Parish Council Meeting about the decision making process which works towards a '123+' three weekly waste collection service. This followed the recent announcement for the appointment of a contractor. Some unease was expressed about the changes. The proposed methodology for collections was discussed about a year ago. I think it fair to say there were some loose ends then. We awaiting the communication plan and its implementation.

For your information here is some background:

- A paper was prepared and presented the cabinet on Cabinet 9th November 2020: https://democracy.stratford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=485&Mld=5682&Ver=4
- link to the paper: https://democracy.stratford.gov.uk/documents/s56132/Waste%20Propsals%20Cabinet%20November%202020%20Report%20FINAL%20231020.pdf
- Among other things it was claimed in para 8.3.1 that 'The 123+ system is designed to minimise
 carbon footprint by reducing vehicle mileage, increasing recycling and reducing residual waste and
 the amount of waste going to landfill.' Clearly a good thing if supported by evidence, but this a key
 service that will require the full engagement of the public.
- This decision had to ratified by the full Council 14 December 2020. The Lib Dem opposition were concerned about the detail of the operation which is a fundamental change for residents. There was then was robust debate about how the changes to system would be communicated to the public. In the absence of a reassurance about the detail of how it would work, and a communication plan, I and colleagues were reluctant to support the scheme but the vote was carried to implement the change. This can be watched on you tube from the 0:58 minute marker. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Cy3Fpb9Nt4 it lasts about 20 minutes

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Appendix D: WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Feldon Division

Covid19 The rate of infections across the district has increased slightly to 590/100,000 from 566 last week, the over 60's rate has increased to 160/100,000 (104 last week) with 68 cases over the last seven days; Warwick 554/100,000 and Rugby 490/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone up from 562/100,000 to 580/100,000.

There have been no further Covid related deaths this week across Stratford District (total now 148 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 99 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,536 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 4 this week (729) with a total of 6,455 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 316 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,330(10,839 total deaths).

https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swc/consultation.cfm

Proposed A425 – single lane closure via traffic lights ClIr Crump and I have been in contact with HS2 about the A425 lane closure and LM's (Fosse Way) road closures, with them overlapping. I've just had this email back from them - HS2 and BBV have worked together to postpone the A425 temporary lane closure and traffic lights, and have now notified stakeholders and the general public that this traffic management won't ake place until early 2022 at the earliest, to avoid it overlapping with LM's closure of the Fosse Way.

Council Plan Survey – The Environment I care about the environment and I know we need to make changes to positively affect climate change. That's why I shared my views on Warwickshire County Council's new Council Plan.

Share yours and let WCC know what matters to you http://ow.ly/YoQI50GqC0y

The Butterfly Effect at Shire Hall Warwickshire County Council's Shire Hall will be the location for an incredible light installation next week as The Myton Hospices' The Butterfly Effect takes flight.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2494/butterfly-effect-takes-flight-at-shire-hall-in-warwick

Caring roles countywide More people are needed to look after those in our communities who need additional support.

You could make a real difference in people's lives by taking on a flexible role in the care sector.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2495/there-are-caring-jobs-available-across-warwickshire.now

Gritting Warwickshire County Council's gritting fleet is unaffected by the ongoing shortage of HGV Drivers and will operate as normal over the winter months.

More: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2492/warwickshire-roads-will-be-gritted-as-normal-this-winter

Keeping families together The Coventry Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC) is launching a partnership with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to give families an even better service.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2496/combined-service-will-help-parents-fight-addiction-and-keep-families-together

Thinking about adoption Adoption Central England (ACE), the regional adoption agency for Coventry, Solihull, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, is once again celebrating National Adoption Week -18 to 24 October.

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Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2497/support-for-people-thinking-about-adoption

Climate Emergency Website The Leasowe Land Regeneration Project will soon be planting 2600 trees to create a Children's Forest at Leasowe Farm in the village of Radford Semele.

Get inspired and find out how you can make a difference to our environment: https://www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk/get-inspired/childrens-forest-leasowe-farm

Stoptober 2021 Stopping smoking is one of the best things you'll ever do for your health, which is especially important when there's increased pressure on the health service.

Quit today with support from Quit4Good, and start seeing the benefits almost immediately.

Integrated Sexual Health Service Warwickshire's Integrated Sexual Health service offers free sexual & reproductive health.

It is reviewing its service and wants to hear from you. There are two survey options; one for 13-21-year-olds and another for people aged 22+

All feedback welcome > http://ow.ly/2zyI50GnJYh

Local issues

- I have had an e-mail from Scott Tomkins that he is now actively looking at the issues of Station Road and a speed restriction. WCC Highways still has problems with the layout of the road infrastructure which Orbit do not seem to want to acknowledge
- Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.
- · And for Street lighting:
- streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC.)
- https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire
- It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.
- During normal office hours 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515
- The 2nd round of my Councillor's Grant Fund is likely to be launched in December so watch this space.

WCC Councillor for Feldon

Signed ______Chair .

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