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- (iii) WCC Streetlight maintenance quote. Councillors **agreed** to the updated quote at £2.34 per lantern
- (iv) Between meetings it was **agreed** to spend £115 on a replacement window for the bowls club

### 2023\_02\_11: Updates

- (i) Compton Locks Integration – Clerk has received a message from Church representatives to say that a leaflet was being put together with local information and contact details. Clerk to find out exactly what it will include to see if Parish Council need to do anything extra

No response from other clerk's regarding their experience

Clerk to invite representatives from Orbit to the next meeting to get a general update

- (ii) Flood Prevention –

Progress remains frustratingly slow. WCC have now had prices back for the majority of the properties, except the two to be surveyed on the 9th where the homeowners were unable to arrange a visit with Whitehouse sooner due to work commitments.

Some of the properties have come back triple the price of others, and as such WCC are currently in consultation with senior managers regarding the level of resident contribution that we will require for these properties. This is the first time such a vast price difference between properties in the same location on a PFR scheme has been encountered.

In relation to the S106 works at the surgery, WCC have had two quotes back from Balfour Beatty and will provide drawings so that we can see the two different options. They are very similar in price, however they are currently checking if additional costs such as an archaeological watching brief will be required that may increase the price of one option over the other. Also need to check with legal team if the landowner would be

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entitled to compensation for the same option which would involve running a 450mm pipe under the farmers field

Memorial Road - still awaiting confirmation from Highways for site inspection

- (iii) Trees – Memorial plaque is now in situ
- (iv) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Electrical works at corner of playing field left in a mess – Clerk to contact National Grid
- (v) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Fliers have been distributed. Referendum to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- (vi) Highways – No updates
- (vii) Street Lighting – No updates
- (viii) Traffic – No updates
- (ix) Future Strategy – No updates
- (x) Defibrillator Cabinet – The battery at the defibrillator has just been replaced. The current cabinet does not have a heater (a heated cabinet would extend the battery life). It would need an electrical supply and be fitted. Clerk to contact village hall regarding permissions and then get electrician to quote
- (xi) Updated policies and procedures – Outstanding
- (xii) Elections Preparation – Clerk to attend a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to get packs needed for prospective councillors
- (xiii) Parish Meeting Preparation – Meeting has moved to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and village organisations have been invited

### **2023\_02\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) NDP Referendum
- (ii) Remove fence around under 8 play areas
- (iii) The Slade – Aware and discussions with National Grid

### **2023\_02\_13: Future Discussion**

None identified

### **2023\_02\_14: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**MEETING CLOSED 21.15**

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## Appendix A

### January Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)	£
Traffic Management	2,135.82
Flood Relief Grant	2,057.16
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	-
Over 8's Play Area	100.38
NP Plan Projects	1,658.33
Allotments	250.00
Defibrillator	2,038.16
Other	- 0.10
<b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>8,239.75</b>
Cotters Croft	3,664.98
PC Balance	6,340.02
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):</b>	<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>	<b>11,903.52</b>
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>2,359.99</b>
<b>Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)</b>	<b><u>32,508.27</u></b>
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Cash Book Balance b/f	32,349.68
Add receipts since last meeting:	
County Councillor Grant	150.00
Bank Interest	8.59
<b>Total Cash Book</b>	<b><u>32,508.27</u></b>

## Appendix C - District Councillor Report

**BUDGET** It is that time when the District Council sets its budget and a series of scrutiny meetings are presently leading up to the full council decision on 27 February. The Conservative administration's proposals suggest a council tax rise of £5 for a band D property applied to the district council element of council tax. It is worth noting that the District Council gets its funding from a variety of sources – council tax makes up about 48% and business rates about 24% - the rest comes from various 'pots' of money from central government. One problem for the Council is the difficulty of forward planning these days because the government that used to give 'settlements' for the next three years expenditure, now only gives one year. With many other variables this makes it hard for councils to plan for the future.

The Council does have other sources of income, for instance, because the council has something like £10 million of revenue reserves, increasing interest rates are benefitting the council. Green bin users will have noticed the charge has gone up this year and it is the ruling administration plan for it to go up again for the next five years, year on year. The Lib Dem opposition will propose a review of this and of the collection of 'medical' waste in the grey bins for residents with extra need. The opposition are also proposing more resources to improve planning enforcement. The budget already includes provision for climate change (although we need to see how this is spent), cost of living, and improvements to the housing department processes.

**NHS** There has been a small amount of progress on the provision of the Doctor's Surgery at Upper Lighthorne in that the NHS have now acknowledged the need. However, at a recent meeting, a date of July 2027 for the permanent health facility emerged. Previous impressions given were mid-2025. Some mechanism needs to be found to deal with

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the interim period, as patients are registering in the surrounding practices as far away as Southam, placing additional strain on those facilities.

I have been working with GP Practices locally because the additional houses over the past few years and added population naturally increases demand. 1323 houses have been built in the Council wards in and around Southam since 2011 with another 263 approved. I have discovered that the Orbit development required a s106 contribution for health provision for the people of Fenny Compton.

**POSTAL VOTING - VOTER ID** I remind residents it is a good idea to get a postal vote to avoid photo ID problems at the polling station for the next election at the beginning of May. There has been some confusion about the last date to apply, which was previously said to be 18 April. It seems that because of the extra pressure the government has caused with these (unnecessary) extra rules, the actual deadline date might be a couple of weeks earlier than before to give election staff more time for processing applications. I recommend that residents apply for a postal vote in good time. More details here: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/postal-and-proxy-voting.cfm>  
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**SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN** This will set future planning policy. I have been in touch with the council about how difficult the public consultation is to understand and use. In response an additional document has now been produced which is intended to help. SWLP IO Summary.pdf (southwarwickshire.org.uk). This is much more user friendly than the main 1200 page document which is still on the council website for reference. [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp)

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

### **2023\_02\_01: Apologies**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Roly Whear and Derek Carless, and Councillor Christopher Kettle (County Council) and were **accepted**

### **2023\_02\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Parkes)

### **2023\_02\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Payne declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

Councillors Johnson and Payne declared an interest in the bowls club

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

Clerk declared an interest in planning application 23/00395/TREE due to residence

### **2023\_02\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2023\_02\_05: Open Forum**

Prospective Liberal Democrat councillor Natalie Gist was in attendance. There were no members of the public in attendance

### **2023\_02\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Play Area Refurbishment: Councillors Parkes and Briscoe have completed the Lottery Fund submission for £120,000. Clerk will complete and submit

No opinions were raised on Facebook regarding whether the fence around the under 8s play area should be removed or not. Councillors therefore **agreed** to remove the fence. Clerk will ask Mick Jones to take down and dispose of. ([Resolution under the Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976, s. 19, to provide recreational facilities](#))

Basketball equipment ready to be fitted

- (ii) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: No agreement until all houses are built. Patients will be spread over neighbouring parishes
- (iii) Electrical Works on Dog Lane/ The Slade: Reports of drain covers missing on The Slade. They have now been re-fitted. Cracks along The Slade have appeared. Clerk to report to National Grid
- (iv) Wall around war memorial: Safety tape has been put up and owners waiting for builder to repairs
- (v) Toilet facilities at the Sports Pavilion: Clerk has received no communication from The Colts.

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### 2023\_02\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

Council Tax increase of 3.24%

Councillor Rock discussed the South Warwickshire Local Plan and there were discussions about ideas of new developments within Fenny Compton. Councillor Rock urged the council to respond. Chair asked councillors to look and send comments. Chair will complete final submission

### 2023\_02\_08: Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
  - Flooding on Station Road between Berry Meadow and Thompsons Field
  - Area identified but not actively taken forward as no properties flooded. Maintenance issue as ditch along Station Road is blocked. Clerk to determine landowner
  - Poor state of the repairs to the potholes on the Avon Dasset Road, outside The Lodge
  - Clerk to report to WCC
  - Request for memorial tree/ bench for Kate
  - Councillors agreed in principle. Location needs to be agreed upon
- South Warwickshire Local Plan
  - Reminder that comments are due by 6th March
  - Discussed as part of District Councillor report
- Great British Spring Clean
  - 17<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April
  - Clerk requested to organise
- South Warwickshire Economic Strategy
  - The purpose of an Economic Strategy, is to give an overview of the economy of a local area and to provide an opportunity for the local Council to set out priorities for how it wishes to support the economy. This support can include (a) deploying resources (including staff resources) most effectively, (b) working with local employers and education institutions and (c) linking with, and obtain support from, outside agencies including Government.
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  - Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have decided to produce a joint Economic Strategy for the following reasons:
    - The shared economic geography includes some shared challenges and shared opportunities. These are better addressed across the wider area of both councils, particularly where an issue within one council's area can be better addressed by the other authority
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**POSTAL VOTING - VOTER ID** I remind residents it is a good idea to get a postal vote to avoid photo ID problems at the polling station for the next election at the beginning of May. There has been some confusion about the last date to apply, which was previously said to be 18 April. It seems that because of the extra pressure the government has caused with these (unnecessary) extra rules, the actual deadline date might be a couple of weeks earlier than before to give election staff more time for processing applications. I recommend that residents apply for a postal vote in good time. More details here: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/postal-and-proxy-voting.cfm>  
Email: elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk Telephone: 01789 260208

**SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN** This will set future planning policy. I have been in touch with the council about how difficult the public consultation is to understand and use. In response an additional document has now been produced which is intended to help. SWLP IO Summary.pdf (southwarwickshire.org.uk). This is much more user friendly than the main 1200 page document which is still on the council website for reference. [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp)

One thing to look out for is the option of new settlements with some suggestion of sites around this area, among very many other alternatives. Responding to the questions is probably better on the interactive online version so you can dip in and out and focus in on the sections that interest you. You don't need to answer all questions. The 'Issues and Options' questionnaire is about ideas and potential solutions. The council do say they want to hear people's views and no decisions have been taken yet. The Deadline for comments is 6th March.

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