

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 At 7.45pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Christopher Kettle (County Council) and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council Councillor)

### **2023\_03\_01: Apologies**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Samantha Parkes, Emma Briscoe and Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and were **accepted**

**Minutes were taken by the Chair due to the Clerk's absence**

### **2023\_03\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

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

Councillors Payne and Whear 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

### **2023\_03\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2023\_03\_05: Open Forum**

One member of the public was in attendance to discuss the production of an information leaflet for the new residents of Compton Locks. The Parish Council agreed to support and took an action to contact local organisations and ask them to provide some introductory text and contact details. Clerk to contact Orbit for details of the Community Integration person

### **2023\_03\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Play Area Refurbishment: Lottery grant has been submitted
- (ii) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: Pressure is being maintained to try to ensure a temporary healthcare facility is installed as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the development to be completed
- (iii) Electrical Works on Dog Lane/ The Slade: Clerk and Chair met with National Grid on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Repairs will be made to the wall near the stream and the salt bin reinstated. The pot holes on Dog Lane were not made by them so Clerk has raised a fault with WCC. The District Council have been contacted regarding the damage to the 'Dog Lane' street sign.  
  
A separate meeting will be held to discuss the works needed to prepare for the wildflower meadow on the green.
- (iv) Wall around war memorial: No update
- (v) Toilet facilities at the Sports Pavilion: No update from The Colts
- (vi) Flooding on Station Road: Owner of field has been contacted to clear the ditches. Councillors also noted that the ditch has no outlet. Clerk will raise this with WCC
- (vii) Upgrade to Defibrillator Cabinet: Village hall have agreed that an electrical feed can be made to the new cabinet. Clerk organising for electrician to attend

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### 2023\_03\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

It was requested that Councillor Kettle ask for the 'Keep Clear' road signs to be repainted outside the village shop as residents have reported problems with access.

### 2023\_03\_08: Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
  - Request to use sports field for a bouncy castle
  - **Between meetings it was agreed that this was ok**
  - Coronation Street Party – Request for funds
  - **Councillors discussed and agreed in principle but needed further information on what the money would be spent on and whether the correct bank accounts were in place**

### 2023\_03\_09: Planning

- (i) No applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting
- (ii) There following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
23/00238/TREE	13 Mar 2022	No Objection	Stonegate, Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	-T1 silver birch - Reduce height by 3-4metres, to approximately 1metre above previous reduction points, pruning to appropriate growth points to shape

(iii) Further Updates:

- a. Compton Locks Development
  - i. Bus stop request – No further information received from the County Council

### 2023\_03\_10: Financial Administration

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

MAR_23_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses March)	£ 521.49
MAR_23_2_SO	SDC (March Pension Contribution)	£ 111.77
MAR_23_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ TBC
MAR_23_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street lighting)	£ 230.28
MAR_23_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavilion Water)	£ 7.74
MAR_23_6	WCC (Street light maintenance)	£ 171.94
MAR_23_7	Mick Jones (Grass cutting and maintenance)	£ 515.00
MAR_23_8	Andrew Saunders (Tree works)	£ 380.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 1,938.22</b>

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

### 2023\_03\_11: Updates

- (i) Compton Locks Integration – Discussed as part of Open Forum
- (ii) Flood Prevention – No progress to report. An update letter has been sent to all residents involved. Councillor Kettle was requested to try and encourage WCC to arrange a site meeting to discuss the flooding on Memorial

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- (iii) Trees – A tree fell down near to the entrance of the school on Memorial Road between meetings. Andrew Saunders has made safe and will be raising a planning application to remove the remaining trunk and branches
- (iv) Playing Field and Play Equipment – Councillor Whear to sort out the chain link fence by the cut through  
Structural surveyor will visit the sports pavilion on 28<sup>th</sup> March
- (v) Neighbourhood Development Plan – The NDP referendum was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March and was passed. Turnout was 21% (143 voters) with 134 voting ‘yes’
- (vi) Highways – No updates
- (vii) Street Lighting – No updates
- (viii) Traffic – No updates
- (ix) Future Strategy – No updates
- (x) Updated policies and procedures – The Emergency Plan has been refreshed. The Emergency Box in the village hall has been checked and a new first aid kit purchased. Training Policy, Publication Scheme, Records Retention, Reserves Policy and updated Cemetery documentation have all been ratified

### **2023\_03\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) Production of Compton Locks leaflet
- (ii) Avian Flu
- (iii) Parish Council elections
- (iv) Parish Meeting

### **2023\_03\_13: Future Discussion**

Internal Audit and AGAR

### **2023\_03\_14: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**MEETING CLOSED 20.30**

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## Appendix A

### February Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)		<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,057.16	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	-	
Over 8's Play Area	78.87	
NP Plan Projects	86.33	
Allotments	250.00	
Defibrillator	1,846.16	
Other	0.61	
<b>Deposit Account</b>		<b>6,454.95</b>
Cotters Croft	3,664.98	
PC Balance	6,340.02	
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b> (High interest deposit):		<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>		<b>12,319.61</b>
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>1,203.11</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>29,982.68</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Mar Salary & Expenses)	(521.49)	
SDC (Pension contribution Mar)	(111.77)	
Yu Energy (Street Lights)	(230.28)	
WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(7.74)	
WCC (Street light maintenance)	(171.94)	
Mick Jones (Grass cut and maintenance)	(515.00)	
Andrew Saunders (Tree works)	(380.00)	
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>(1,938.22)</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>28,044.46</u></b>

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### February Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
<b>30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)</b>	<b>6,454.95</b>
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b>	<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>	<b>12,319.61</b>
<b>Current Account</b> 3,029.88	
Less payments outstanding:	
SDC (Pension contribution Feb) (111.77)	
Groundworks (NPD Grant repayr (1,523.00)	
S Parkes (Defib battery reimburs (192.00)	
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>1,203.11</b>
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>29,982.68</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	29,334.96
Less payments between meetings:	
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	10.29
Cemetery Income	410.00
SDC (Verge cutting contribution)	227.43
<b>Total Cash Book</b>	<b><u>29,982.68</u></b>

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## Appendix C – County Councillor Report

The budget is a 3.94% council tax increase for 2023/24:

- a 1% increase from the adult social care levy and
- a 2.94% core council tax increase for all services, but

1.06% below the maximum increase permitted by Government equivalent to an increase of £1.20p per week for a Band D

The budget summary is as follows:

	<b>2023/24 £m</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Government grant	( 93.60)
Business rates	( 80.80)
Council tax	( 362.90)
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>( 537.30)</b>
<b>Spending</b>	
Base budget	502.80
Inflation	32.50
Permanent investments	22.70
Time-limited investments	17.20
Budget reductions	( 15.20)
	560.00
Use of reserves	( 22.70)
<b>Net position</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The budgets are planned over the medium term, ensuring WCC has a clear financial strategy that underpins the delivery of the outcomes set out in the Council Plan.

A summary of the key investments is as follows:

- Directly invest £5.4 million in our children’s social care services, including investment of £3.3 million for additional staffing to improve outcomes for young people with the added financial benefit of reducing the costs of care and in particular placement costs;
- Invest £24.8 million to protect our elderly citizens and vulnerable adults to fund additional demand and manage the cost of placements whilst continuing to make progress on our vision of greater integration between health and social care and the adult social care reform agenda;

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- Invest £1.8 million to continue to support children and young people with disabilities placements and to ensure they can access appropriate support within their communities;
- Invest £1.5 million to increase capacity in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) assessment and review service, and the admissions and attendance services;
- Invest £8.2 million in home to school transport to ensure WCC continues to provide services in line with our policy whilst being able to respond to the increasing demand and cost of the service, which has been particularly impacted by inflation;
- Invest £0.3 million in support for apprenticeships and reskilling across the county, with an emphasis on reskilling for the changing economy and consistent with the countywide levelling up approach, with proposals to be brought back to Cabinet for approval in April 2023;
- Invest £0.8 million in the Fire and Rescue Service to review current strategies and processes for prevention activity and identification of high-risk premises as well as the promotion of equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace;
- Invest £1.2 million to meet the current levels of business and customer support needed in response to the demand pressures in children and families, education and adult social care; and
- Invest £1.2 million in the Waste Management service to meet the increased demand and cost as a result of housing growth and the increased domestic waste generated due to the shift to hybrid/homeworking.

WCC will continue to support the delivery of the 2023 business plans of the Warwickshire Property and Development Group and the Warwickshire Recovery and Investment Fund.

WCC will deliver £15.2 million of budget reductions in 2023/24, increasing to £67.7 million by 2028, through better procurement, improvements in efficiency, increased income and delivering reductions in demand.

**HS2** - Delays and road closures still continuing. The strategic slowdown of 2 years will not affect this area.

**Roads maintenance** - Annual pot holes etc is carrying on at speed

**Roads discretionary fund** – still open

### **Public Health**

Covid

Avian flu

Warm hubs are still being funded.