

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 At 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Samantha Parkes, Emma Briscoe, David Johnson, Martin Birch and Roly Whear

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and District Councillor Natalie Gist

### **2024\_10\_01: Apologies**

Apologies received from County Councillor Christopher Kettle, and were **accepted**

### **2024\_10\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

### **2024\_10\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore any flooding discussions

Councillor Johnson declared an interest in any discussion regarding the Bowls Club

### **2024\_10\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2024\_10\_05: Open Forum**

One member of the public was in attendance to discuss various issues at Compton Locks.

They have already written to Councillor Kettle about the speed limit along Station Road. The Chair responded to say that Councillor Kettle has been chasing the relevant department but has now escalated

Problems with road under bridge – could it be a one way system? Recognises that it is a discussion for the future

Footpath – The developer has widened the footpath up the village signs, but needs to be done further into the village. Chair responded to say that the planning condition was to expand the footpath to the 30mph sign, which has been completed. Councillors agreed to ask the question of whether it could be extended, but we assume the answer will be that there is no budget. Parish council will write to our County Councillor to explore options and funding, as well as request hedge cutting

**Resident left at 19.55**

### **2024\_10\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: No update
- (ii) Chicane on Dog Lane: No update
- (iii) Noticeboards: The noticeboard at Berry Meadow has now been replaced with a refurbished one from the Canal and River Trust. Between meetings a quote was **agreed** from Accurate Handyman to fit the noticeboard for £495.00

#### [Resolution under the Localism Act 2011, ss 1–8, general powers of competence](#)

- (iv) Colts Licence Agreement: Has been agreed and signed
- (v) Footpath along Bear and Ragged Staff Green: Clerk has received response from Highways to say that it is not their responsibility as not an official public footpath. Path does need replacing. Clerk to check deeds as to who owns path (Parish council or resident)

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### **2024\_10\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Councillors Gist submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

Councillor Kettle was unable to attend but sent the following via email:

- (i) Flooding: Councillor Whear and I had a Teams meeting with three members of the WCC team about flooding along Station Road. I would like to thank Roly for his attendance and his valuable contribution. The results of the meeting were that WCC officers agreed to carry out works to reopen the culvert in the gateway closest to the Compton Locks site. This picks up water from the remains of the ditch running along the hedgerow as well as a second drainage ditch that runs perpendicular to the road along the edge of the Compton Locks site. This should improve water inundation in the vicinity of the culvert and the site sales office. Clearly, the developers are not permitted to allow their water to run into the highway  
  
I understand that the flood management team have written to the landowner Brian Lewis and the Highways team will now be contacting him urgently to discuss what he intends to do about the ditch itself, which is clearly, given the state of the ditch today, is going to be a major undertaking for him but WCC will require some remedial action to be taken
- (ii) The pavement: The pavement has been completed from the Compton Locks site to the beginning of the 30 MPH zone. It will not be extended through the 30 mph zone as that was not in the S106 agreement.
- (iii) The TRO: I have written three times so far, for an update on the implementation of the TRO, 40mph zone and will be elevating this to more senior officers given the disappointing lack of response I have had
- (iv) I am also continuing to chase the waste team about action in relation to waste being taken to the Dassett Quarry

### **2024\_10\_08: Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- (i) Residents correspondence
  - Widening of footpath along Station Road – Why does it stop at the entrance to the village?
  - Covered in open forum
  - Parking at Thompson Field
  - Public road so can't stop people parking there. If blocking driveways then this is a police matter. Car park at playing fields will hopefully alleviate problem
- (ii) Litter Picking equipment request form Dassett School  
Suggest apply to Merrie Men for funding. Would avoid conflict of interests with giving money to school
- (iii) Police and Crime Plan Consultation
  - With the re-election of the Police and Crime Commissioner having taken place, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are now consulting on their proposed new Police and Crime Plan
  - It is vital that the Commissioner is made aware of the issues which are important to our area. The consultation closes on 3 November 2024
  - <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FsurveyMonkey.com%2F%2Fwarkspcc&data=05%7C02%7Cnatalie.gist%40stratford-dc.gov.uk%7Ccc81bbdc16bf49ba19e008dc0aa3a4%7Cea0773dc0dec4c50a4c9bc26a247ed21%7C1%7>

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## 2024\_10\_09: Planning

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

Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address	Proposal
24/02655/TREE	11 Nov 2024	Rick House, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	T1 to T4 - leylandii - Fell. T5 - sycamore - Remove 5No. low branches, hanging close to the ground

Parish councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation'

- (ii) No decisions have been received since the last meeting
- (iii) Planning Appeal 24/00298/FUL To erect a new 1no. Self-Build Class C3 3-Bed Eco Dwellinghouse, Access, Landscaping and Associated Works on land at Rose Garden, The Tunnel, OX17 1EH. Written representation by 28th October
- Parish council will not respond any further
- (iv) Work at Rectory Cottage, Church Street – Query regarding whether the work currently being undertaken has been applied for. Planning enforcement team are aware

## 2024\_10\_10: Financial Administration

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

Less Payments (See agenda item 10)

OCT_24_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Oct Salary and expenses)	(665.25)	
OCT_24_2_SO	SDC (Pension contribution Oct)	(116.43)	✓
OCT_24_3_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(210.64)	✓
OCT_24_4	Wicksteed (New play area)	(122,139.10)	
OCT_24_5	Andrew Saunders (Tree works)	(150.00)	
OCT_24_6	Michael Mann (Village grass cut)	(930.00)	
OCT_24_7	Michael Mann (Attenuation Pool & playing field)	(684.60)	
OCT_24_8	Noticeboard lock (Reimburse R Whear)	(29.90)	
OCT_24_9	S Jones Conatiners (Shipping Conatiner)	(2,602.80)	
OCT_24_10	D S Landscapes & Groundworks (Sports Pavilion)	(3,000.00)	
OCT_24_11	Accurate Handyman (Noticeboard fitting)	(495.00)	
OCT_24_12	WaterPlus (Sports Pavilion)	(17.29)	
OCT_24_13	Xact Skips (Sports field)	(294.00)	
OCT_24_14	ACW Motorsport Plastics (Noticeboard repair)	(96.00)	
<b>Current Account</b>			<b>(131,431.01)</b>

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) Play area/ sports field finance updates: The new bin at the play area will cost £142.50 plus VAT annually to be emptied. A new bin has also been installed at the sports pavilion to replace the one that was damaged during building work (£400.00 plus VAT). We have been informed that the cost of grass cutting around the new play

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area will increase next year by £15.00 plus VAT, as it will be more intricate

#### **2024\_10\_11: Updates**

- (i) Report from Sports Field Upgrade Sub-Committee –  
**Sports Pavilion** – Electricity will be connected Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
**Car park** – Clerk is in the process of obtaining three quotes  
**Play area** – All now complete and paid for  
**Shipping Container** – Has been delivered, now needs to be moved to the correct spot  
**Skip** – Will be delivered Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. For bench, left over wood, old bin, etc. Agreed at a cost of £264.00
- (ii) Flood Prevention – See County Councillor report
- (iii) Trees – Clerk has reported a tree on Memorial Road with a dead branch (Not a parish council tree)
- (iv) Highways – No update
- (v) Bowls club upgrade – No update

#### **2024\_10\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) New noticeboard
- (ii) Car park quotes
- (iii) Station Road footpath and speed limit

#### **2024\_10\_13: Future Discussion**

Budget, Planters

#### **2024\_10\_14: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**MEETING CLOSED 21.10**

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## Appendix A

### September Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)	£
Traffic Management	2,135.82
Flood Relief Grant	1,592.26
Play Area Upgrade	111,821.40
Allotments	750.00
Defibrillator	885.94
Cotters Croft	2,474.58
<b>Allocated Reserves</b>	<b>119,660.00</b>
<b>PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining</b>	<b>12,738.65</b>
<b>Unallocated Reserves</b>	<b>32,886.69</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)	<b><u>165,285.34</u></b>
<b>Within the following accounts:</b>	
Current Account	132,436.04
Deposit Account 1	5,572.65
Deposit Account 2	7,060.28
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,211.37
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)	<b><u>165,285.34</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)	
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<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>33,854.33</u></b>

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### September Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	132,436.04
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12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,211.37
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>165,285.34</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	153,106.46
Less payments between meetings:	
SEP_24_9 Zurich (Additional insurance for play area)	(189.23)
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Second precept payment	12,338.50
Bank Interest	29.61
<b>Total Cash Book</b>	<b><u>165,285.34</u></b>

## Appendix C – District Councillor Report

**Winter Fuel Payment:** It is estimated that 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but are not currently receiving it. Pension Credit is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living and can also bring entitlement to additional financial support.

To obtain further information and make a claim you can call the Pension Credit Hotline on 0800 99 1234 or claim online at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator> If you require further advice or help in making a claim Citizen's Advice may be contacted on 0808 250 5715. You may make a claim for Pension Credit at any time if you think you might be eligible. The deadline to claim for the Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.

**Community Climate Change Fund:** The Second Phase of the Community Climate Change Fund is now open. Expressions of interest may be made up until Friday 17 January 2025.

The following groups will be able to apply for grant funding through the CCCF:

- Town or Parish Councils
- Formally constituted charity and community groups

The CCCF will consider funding projects which meet one of the following criteria:

- Projects which results in a direct reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Projects which build resilience to the impacts of climate change
- Projects which will result in research enabling access to more significant funding applications

A total of £55,863 will be available to successful applicants. Please email [climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk) for further information.

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**New Customer Access Terminal at Southam Library:** The District Council has been working to improve access for residents. Whilst many people can use the internet and phone, sometimes face to face enquiries and discussions are more helpful. For people that live nearer to Stratford town there are service desks for residents to talk to customer service advisors, in-person. This has not been convenient for residents in our area. The District Council has now installed a 'Customer Access Terminal' in Southam Library where local residents with enquires can talk face to face to an advisor over a screen linked to the offices in Stratford, avoiding the need for a long trip. Enquiries relating to council tax, benefits and housing can now be dealt with more locally in Southam. The CAT Operational hours are:

- Monday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Tuesday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Wednesday – CLOSED
- Thursday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Friday - 09:30 - 16:00

You can still call the council on 01789 267575 or email [info@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stratford-dc.gov.uk) and if you do have a smart phone or tablet, download the Stratford District Council App.

### **Community Safety**

**Police and Crime Plan Survey:** The Police and Crime Commissioner has also announced a survey for their crime plan from 2025-2029. Some of us have been of the opinion for some time that our area is under-resourced, especially in respect of accounting for our rurality. We hear a number of other concerns, so we would encourage people to take part please if you have not already done so. The survey closes on 3 November. For more information, please see: <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/shape-the-future-of-policing-in-warwickshire-public-survey-now-open/>

**VR Knife Crime Programme:** A new virtual reality programme will be used across Warwickshire to educate young people on the realities of carrying a knife and how they might become pressured into doing so. The knife crime programme specifically helps young people explore the dangers and potential consequences of "carrying" without "telling" them what to do.

A launch event took place on the at the end of September, which Natalie attended, and saw a number of statutory organisations, including schools and community groups come together to experience the programme first hand.

The programme is available for delivery for free in all schools, youth organisations and clubs within Warwickshire. To find out more in Stratford-on-Avon District please email [alyssa.davies@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:alyssa.davies@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

**HS2:** There was a specific meeting with HS2 and their contractors EKFB about the continuing, planned and confusing road closures in our area, which Nigel attended. This has been a joint effort with District and County Councillors and the MP. Possibly for the first time, HS2 seemed to be paying some attention and have gone away to review what they intend. We also asked that the diversions and road closure around Southam and the associated signage should be looked at.

**Government Planning Reforms and the South Warwickshire Local Plan:** Both Stratford and Warwick District Councils have responded to the Government's Consultation on reforms to the planning system. There is a great deal of technical detail (Stratford's response ran to ninety one pages) but one main concern is that our local plan process is not thrown out and much time and money wasted. At the present time, it looks like that won't happen as long as we adhere to the timetable that we have set, which would see the plan submitted to the government in summer 2026.

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