

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 28th April 2025 At 7.00pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Emma Briscoe, Martin Birch, and David Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, District Councillors Natalie Gist and Nigel Rock and one parishioner

2025_04_PM_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Samantha Parkes and Roly Whear, and Councillor Chris Kettle (County Council) and were **accepted**.

2025_04_PM_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish meeting held on 15th April 2024 were approved at the Ordinary meeting held on 20th May 2024

2025_04_PM_03: Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Parish Council spends about £25,000 a year; most of this goes on maintaining the facilities in the village, including cutting the grass and repairing streetlights. We have reviewed our policy on reserves and are pleased to be able to deliver a sizeable reduction in the Parish Council portion of the council tax this year.

Our main achievement this year has been the replacement of the sports pavilion and the play equipment on the sports field, which was funded by the District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy and a payment from the developers of Compton Locks, Orbit. We are really proud of what we have delivered, and we hope it provides many years of use to the community. Our next project is to address the poor state of the Bowls Club pavilion.

There have not been that many planning applications in the last year, although there were a couple of significant ones. The application for 12 self-build houses next to Thompsons Field was granted on appeal, although we have heard nothing further about any plans to progress this. Also, the South Warwickshire Local Plan was recently consulted on, and this included proposals for a number of sites for potential new developments, some of which were relatively close to the village. We have objected to these on the grounds of their isolated location, lack of access to basic infrastructure, and impact on surrounding villages such as ours.

Construction is now more or less complete at Compton Locks and the majority of the properties are now occupied. We believe that most of the issues with the road flooding next to the development have been resolved. The reduced speed limit has been implemented, although the signage is less than perfect, and the pavement to the development has been partially widened. We are investigating funding routes to get the rest of the path widened to match.

I want to end by saying a sincere thank you to all the councillors who fit in a lot of work between meetings, balancing this with work and home life and everything else, for which I am very grateful. And also, the support we get from our District and County Councillors who are generally very helpful in getting our issues resolved. And final thanks have to go to our Clerk Lydia who does a sterling job in keeping us organised and compliant with our obligations.

2025_04_PM_04: Annual Accounts of Fenny Compton Parish Council for 2024/25

For the year 2024/25, the Parish Council received income of £270.8k. £207.3k funds for the sports field/ play area refurbishment, £24.7k precept, £37.4k VAT Reclaim, with the remainder being bank interest, cemetery income and wayleave payments.

Expenditure for the year was £244.2k. The most significant spend being the one-off cost of the refurbishment of the play area, sports pavilion and car park which totalled £218.8k (including demolition of old building). The remaining significant items of spend being £2.7k street lighting, £9.9k grass cutting and general village maintenance, £6.8k Clerks salary and £1.7k insurance.

Year End Reserves were £25.5k, which are lower than last year as we have used reserves to complete the sports field upgrade project.

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The Parish Council have been able to reduce the precept requested for the following financial year as a decision has been made to reduce reserves further now that major projects have been completed over the last few years. Budget has been set aside for further work at the bowls club and noticeboard upgrades.

2025_04_PM_05: To receive reports from Local Organisations

(i) Aqueous:

The following report was given by Alan Payne:

There have been two objectives of the group, firstly to secure investment to reduce the risk of flooding to properties and to improve maintenance of the existing infrastructure.

Following many years of campaigning Aqueous was successful in 2022 in securing £800k Environment Agency investment to improve flood protection for the village. The most cost beneficial scheme was for individual property protection. Installation has been slow but we are now nearing completion for those householders who took up the offer.

Of the 50 properties originally identified as at risk additional surveys and house owners consultations the number reduced leaving 19 properties where installation measures were taken forward.

14 of these were completed last year including the Doctors Surgery.

There have been some delays with the remaining 5 properties, all of which are listed buildings, mostly due to certification of timber doors and listed building requirements. Progress is now being made and LBC applications are in the process of submission & approval. Work will be completed this year and then properties will be audited and final legal paperwork issued.

On maintenance work we are pleased to report work has been completed in Memorial Road. This includes removal of blockages and installation of new road gully. Since installation we have not had any significant rain to test the system but hopefully days of flooding in Memorial Road are history.

The Ridgeway - a proposal has been developed by WCC for an offsite drain as originally proposed and paid for by the developer. We are still awaiting a programme of when this will be implemented.

Station Road/Compton Locks - As reported last year the situation had deteriorated and was placed the urgent list for resolution. Pleased to confirm the problem has been identified and drainage modified.

Berry Meadow/Station Road - WCC have undertaken some investigation work and found a blocked culvert under the road. This will require further work but at least there has been some progress to identify the problem.

General maintenance of the watercourses has been undertaken by a team of volunteers. This has greatly improved the rate at which the storm water can flow through the village to reduce the flooding risk. Annual inspections and clearance is ongoing and proved very effective in protecting the village. This is essential work and anyone interested in helping please speak to us afterwards.

Overall the work of the group has been very successful as demonstrated in the very wet autumn of 2024 where we had a month's rainfall in day did not cause any flooding in the village.

The work of Aqueous is now broadly complete but the group still exists to give support and advice in a more reactive role. This will be kept under review until all the work is complete and tested during a storm event.

(ii) Bowls Club:

The following report was given by Alan Payne:

The 2024 season proved to be another successful year for the club. Membership has maintained steady at around 25.

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The club finished fifth, down from third in 2023, in the Kineton District League where we compete with 14 other clubs around South Warks & North Gloucestershire. This is very creditable finish for one of the smallest clubs in the league. We operate an inclusive policy whereby every member who wants to play league matches will be selected.

We also had success in external competitions:

Cotton Cup, singles champions of champions cup won by Derek Maries

The club was also runners up in the County Ivens Cup where we lost to Rugby in a very entertaining match.

Our most success came in the South Warwickshire Bowls competitions:

Pairs - won by Rob & Derek Maries

Rinks - won team comprising John Hannah, Simon Bradley, Scott Bradley and Alan Payne beat Warwick Boat Club in a very close match with the winning shot coming on the very last bowl.

We held our usual internal competitions the season and hosted an open day event on Big Bowls weekend in May which is a co-ordinated countrywide event organised by Bowls England to gain new members and promote the sport.

The club runs on tight budget and members do a majority of the maintenance work ourselves. Last year this included the rebuilding the path which had become uneven and a hazard and general grounds improvement. Work to be completed imminently will be to support the fence alongside High Street.

The club house itself is over 70 years old and in need of some urgent maintenance. The building is owned by the PC and we will be working together this year to develop plan for improvements in 2025 to access and cladding.

We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in having a go please speak to me afterwards or just call into one of Friday night social bowls which will commence when the season starts at the end of April.

(iii) Village Hall Committee:

The following report was sent by Susanne Brand:

The Village Hall is financially in a good position. However, the Treasurer is stepping down at the next AGM. They currently do more than just being treasurer. The committee are struggling to find someone to do the accounts, but have potentially found others to help with the other day to day running of the hall. The committee are having to seriously consider closing the village hall if no one else is found.

(iv) Allotments:

The following report was read on behalf of Parish Councillor Roly Whear:

The allotments are now well established with a small waiting list. There has been an uptake from new residents at Compton Locks and it is good to see new faces.

This year is starting very differently with an extended period of dry weather through the early part of the year rather than the seemingly endless deluge that characterised 2024.

All being well another productive year ahead.

(v) Footpath Group:

The following report was read on behalf of Brian Peers:

The Footpath Group as formed in 1997 and has grown to be a group of very enthusiastic, capable and experienced volunteers. We operate across Fenny Compton, Avon Dassett and Farnborough to maintain public footpaths and bridleways. It has become a substantial local resource that has done a lot of good for the area and should be supported

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and encouraged.

The state of the paths in Fenny Compton and Avon Dassett is generally fairly good. There are ongoing issues with landowners failing to reinstate footpaths after cultivation and there are footbridges that have deteriorated to the point that they need to be replaced. The lifespan of wooden bridges, marker posts and gates etc is at best 20 years and they will need ongoing replacement.

The Footpath Group has accumulated a small amount of money from donations which we use to pay for materials that are outside of the scope of what WCC will fund and we do not need to ask the PC for a grant.

The work of the Footpath Group is ongoing, and it intends to continue to operate, as it should, it is an important local resource. However, I will be standing down as Group Leader before our next AGM.

(vi) The WI

The following report was read on behalf of Jenny Keeley:

The WI in Fenny is fairly small but very friendly. We meet each month on the second Wednesday at 7.30 in the Village Hall and would like to extend a very warm welcome to all newcomers in the Village.

We have a variety of activities; visiting speakers provide talks on a variety of topics; more hands-on experiences include flower arranging, making mosaic coasters and soon we will be trying our hands at willow weaving.

We have fewer formal evenings occasionally usually accompanied by nibbles and wine!

Each year we have a summer picnic (now in the Village Hall due to inclement weather in the past!), a Christmas dinner together and a Summer Outing.

We also fund raise to keep ourselves solvent so we can have a continued presence in the village where women can seek friendship and support.

(vii) Village Violin School

The following report was read on behalf of Veronique Matarasso:

Village Violin School has been running since 2015 but last year I proposed that the group would stop after 10 years, but it continued after all and is now doing very well again with a mixed-age and varied group of hard working and enthusiastic players. We welcome everyone who wants to play and is committed, and I provide instruments, music and group tuition free of charge. VVS gave a concert before Christmas in the Village Hall in aid of the Church, who provided tea and cake, and there will be another concert in June.

Village Violin School continues to support young violinists from our area, two of whom have gone on to study the violin in undergraduate education at national level Music Conservatoires, and many of the school-age members' skills have enabled them to join the Regional String Orchestra in Warwick.

The children regularly take music exams, one recently passed her ABRSM Diploma, the highest level exam, with an exceptionally high Distinction, and all players are thriving at every level - it's really not about high fliers - the most valuable thing is the team sense of belonging that regularly brings back the young players who have moved on to join in, to practise their own teaching skills with us and share what they are doing now.

Huge thanks to the Parish Council and to County Councillor Chris Kettle for generous grants over the years which help pay for the village hall hire, and to the people of Fenny Compton for their support in coming along to the VVS concerts.

(viii) Fenny Compton Colts

The following report was given by Steve Brierly:

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Colts currently receive c.£3,000 a year through subscriptions.

Thanks for the sports pavilion being a huge benefit to the teams. Struggling without it as basic facilities needed to run club

(ix) Fenny Compton Scout Group did not send a report.

2025_04_PM_06: Report from Trustees of Charities

The following report was read on behalf of Keith Distin:

There were no applications for support and therefore no payments made during the last year. The charity holds 67 investment units with the CCLA's COIF Charities investment fund. These were valued at £1,359.65 at 31st December 2024. The realised dividends have been paid into the charity's bank. The account balance at 31st December 2024 was £768.45.

I understand that the Parish Council may appoint two trustees if they so wish and would therefore like to ask if anyone would be prepared to become a trustee.

2025_04_PM_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

(i) The following report was given by District Councillor Natalie Gist:

Another busy year throughout the Ward and the District. We have included some highlights, which we hope will be of interest to you. Further detail and information about all may be found on the District Council's website: www.stratford.gov.uk

April 2024

New Open Space Planning Guidance Adopted - In April, Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Full Council formally adopted its revised Open Space Supplementary Planning Document. Under the new policy, all public open space, as part of new developments, will now be adopted by either the local Town/Parish Council or by the District Council. This was in response to the growing amount of public open space provided with new developments and concerns raised by residents about:

- Charges levied by the private management companies appointed by the developers to maintain the public open space which are not always made transparent at the time of purchase, can change every year and are unlimited.
- The quality of the maintenance work carried out. Also, where a Parish or Town Council decides not to take ownership of public open space, the District Council would generally take ownership of the land, with responsibility for ongoing maintenance.

The option of passing maintenance responsibilities onto private management companies will no longer be included in Section 106 agreements. More information may be found here: [Open Space SPD | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

May 2024

CCTV upgrade - SDC's Cabinet approves grant funding of £200,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to carry out vital work to upgrade CCTV infrastructure, software and equipment across the district. CCTV covers Stratford and the market towns such as Southam. From April 2023 to May 2024, SDC's CCTV team assisted Warwickshire Police in stopping over 91 suspected drink and drug drivers leading to arrest and prosecution.

Community Climate Change Fund Phase 1 - The successful projects from Phase 1 are announced and we were delighted to see two projects in the ward – in Napton and Shotteswell.

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D-Day Landings Commemoration - On 6 June there were many acts of commemoration across the District to remember the eightieth anniversary of the D-Day Landings with hundreds of beacons lit across the UK and the Commonwealth.

In 1944, Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world had ever witnessed; Operation Overlord, D-Day, saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 150,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

250th Anniversary of Oxford Canal - Nigel joined environmental broadcaster Tom Heap and about 50 local residents at Napton locks to celebrate the anniversary on 15 June. An exhibition of the history of the canal assembled by a local resident was shown. James Brindley's canal winds its way through a good part of our Ward.

July 2024

General Election - A general election was held on Thursday 4 July 2024.

Public Safety - Operation Talkative - SDC supported a new policing initiative called Operation Talkative to encourage reporting of knife carrying. If you have information or concerns about someone carrying a knife, please report it to police by going to www.warwickshire.police.uk/report or call 101 and quote Operation Talkative. More information is here: [Operation Talkative Knife Crime initiative launched | Stratford-on-Avon. District Council](#) Natalie and Nigel attended an event promoting the Community Safety Partnership at the Avon Dasset Show

Trees for Farmers - Applications opened for the free trees for farmers initiative again.

August 2024

South Warwickshire Local Plan - SDC and WDC's Joint Cabinet Committee, endorsed a study from the Advisory Group which is chaired by Nigel, on the number of dwellings to be delivered to meet the area's future housing needs in the next version of the emerging Local Plan for South Warwickshire. (Later, at the end of 2024 the government increased the requirement under the 'standard method' to a new figure of 2188 homes per year for south Warwickshire.)

September 2024

Climate Assembly - SDC holds its first Climate Assembly event to promote community engagement with action for climate and nature across the District, including schools, to provide a springboard for more action and to showcase local best practice.

Customer Access Terminal at Southam Library - The terminal is reintroduced for residents in our part of the District to enable them to resolve queries with Customer Services without the need to travel to SDC's offices.

Community Safety - SDC supports and funds new virtual reality to help educate young people on the realities of carrying a knife. The project is being rolled out in schools across the District.

October 2024

Delivering Local Needs/Local Choice Rural Housing - The Cabinet agreed to continue the existing approach to deliver homes for local people in rural areas with the Rural Housing Enabler working with partners to enable local communities to deliver Local Needs/Local Choice rural housing schemes.

Winter Fuel Payments - SDC's Leader, Cllr Susan Juned, wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer about the Government's decision on winter fuel payments.

November 2024

Armed Forces Covenant Pledge - SDC's Cabinet approved the District Council's Armed Forces Covenant Pledge and Cllr Juned attended the WCC Covenant signing ceremony. District Councillor Dom Skinner is the Council's Armed Forces Champion. Dom is an RAF Reserve Officer. More information about the pledge may be found here: [Armed Forces](#)

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HS2 - Nigel attended a series of meetings about the closures and diversions around Priors Hardwick and where councillors and MPs discussed and debated the condition and suitability of local roads to accept the traffic diversions proposed by HS2 and contractors.

Devolution and Local Government Review - On 16 December 2024, the government published the 'English Devolution White Paper' identifying the Government's intended approach to the devolution of powers from Westminster to more local "Strategic Authorities."

The White Paper was clear that to achieve government objectives this will also require Local Government Review. This review would result in the abolition of the remaining two-tier local government (County and District) across the country and establishing unitary government in their place (plus parish and town councils in our area).

January 2025

South Warwickshire Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation - The public consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan opened on 10 January. We replied to the consultation and provided our response to all parish councils within the ward. If you would like to see a copy of our response, please do let us know. Further information about the South Warwickshire Local Plan may be found here: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk

Launch of the Parish Forum - On Thursday 30 January the District Council launched the Parish Forum, chaired by Natalie who is the Portfolio Holder for Law & Governance. The meeting was held on Teams and sixty-six Town and Parish Chairs and Clerks attended from across the District to discuss Devolution and Local Government Review, the newly created Parish Liaison Officer role at the District Council and the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The next meeting is on Thursday 26 June.

Community Climate Change Fund – Phase 2 opens. Following the success of Phase 1 of the Community Climate Change Fund, where we were delighted to see two successful projects in our ward from Napton Parish Council and Shotteswell Village Hall. The new energy saving lights at Napton sports ground (right) are reported to made good financial savings as well. Phase 2 was launched with £55,863 available for green projects.

February 2025

Council Tax - Stratford-on-Avon District Councillors set the District element of the Council Tax. The amount residents will be asked to pay for a Band D property is £169.12, an increase of £5. This is an increase of 3.1%, which for an average home represents just an additional 42p per month to the District Council next year.

This means that all the services provided by the District Council cost £3.25 a week for a Band D household. This contributes to meeting the cost of providing a wide range of services including recycling and waste collection, planning, street cleaning, housing, housing benefits, leisure services and children's play areas. Stratford-on-Avon remains a low-taxing authority, 18th lowest out of 164 district councils across the country in 2024/25.

Anyone who thinks they could be struggling to pay their Council Tax is encouraged to contact the District Council as soon as possible by calling 01789 260990 or email revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk, where the team will be able to advise what help is available.

Budget - Following Full Council approval on 24 February, provision was made within the 2025/26 budget to fund a number of items. This includes the following:

- £30,000 for Women's Aid Domestic Violence project support, training, community awareness and work with partners to ensure the availability of their services within the district.

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- £50,000 Trees for Parish Councils scheme.
- £50,000 for a Business Conference, to stimulate the local economy, increase networking opportunities, showcase local talent, innovation and promote education and training for local businesses.
- £80,000 to fund a screening programme in partnership with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) which is focuses on prostate cancer awareness and early detection. The dates for the screening are on the back page of your Council Tax booklet and we encourage residents to book onto a session.
- £100,000 to support Cycle Schemes aimed at promoting sustainable transportation.
- £250,000 to fund various projects with the aim of enhancing and improving community facilities, services, and overall infrastructure, thereby fostering a stronger and more vibrant local community.
- £520,000 for the Climate Change Fund ensuring the Council can continue its commitments to climate change for next year.
- £600,000 to be used to directly target cost-of-living hardship through selected partners.
- £2.5m for affordable and temporary housing to help reduce temporary accommodation costs.

The District Council may also introduce a second home premium from April 2026 and will be conducting a public consultation during 2025.

Parish Champions - The District Council decided to split the Parish Champion role, previously held by a single District Councillor across the District, into two posts. There will be coverage on a geographical, east and west, basis. Our parish champion for the east is Louis Adam who is the Councillor for Long Itchington and Southam North Ward.

Ukrainian Medical Charity - On 24 February, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been presented with a certificate of merit from the Order of St Pantalaimon in Ukraine in thanks for the ongoing support given to help Ukrainian Medical Charity with the war in Ukraine. Since September 2022, the District Council offices in Stratford-upon-Avon have been used as a donation point to help Ukrainian Medical Charity (previously known as Medical Aid Ukraine). The donations received are sorted and then sent to hospitals most in need in Ukraine.

Donations for Ukrainian Medical Charity can be made at the Council offices from 9am to 5pm weekdays. Or if you are not likely to be going to Stratford, you can ask your friendly District Councillor to take it with them when they go! Medicines need to be in date; however, packaging can be missing or damaged and bandages can be out of date.

March 2025

South Warwickshire Local Plan - The consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan closed on 7 March 2025. A total of 19,367 representations via the portal from 4,682 respondents. A further 1,402 submissions were received via email or letter, with a total of 6,084 responses received.

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils would like to thank residents, Parish Councils, landowners, businesses, developers and agents for taking the time to respond to the consultation. The team will be reviewing the responses in detail to help inform the next stage of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The team held several 'drop in' sessions including one at Southam Library where Nigel was on hand to assist. A consultation summary statement will also be prepared later on in the year which will provide more information.

Devolution and Local Government Review - On Monday 17 March Full Council agreed to support the District Council's interim plan for local government reorganisation in Warwickshire. Two possible options are being considered, as part of the interim plan:

- A single unitary council for Warwickshire
- Two unitary Councils (one for North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, and Rugby Boroughs; another for Warwick and Stratford Districts).

CLLr Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District said: "The Government has made it clear it wishes to see the

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end of two-tier working in Local Government. This will see the end of district and borough councils and county councils. In their place will be new unitary councils. This interim plan has been agreed by all five District and Borough Councils in Warwickshire as a starting place for the direction we want to take. There is a clear preference for a north and south unitary option, but we have to build the data and vision for the case we will put in our final submission in November.” More work will be done to identify which structure will feature in the proposal submitted by 28 November 2025.

Thank you to all residents for their help, support and kindness over the past year. Please feel free to contact us at any time if we may be of assistance to you.

(ii) The following report was sent by County Councillor Christopher Kettle:

It has been a challenging year for many with a very wet and long winter. This has resulted in gulleys being overwhelmed and flooding coming off the fields, particularly along Station Road and possible further flooding from the building works along Compton Locks.

The weather has also had an impact on the road network with the volume and intensity of rain, and frosts, leading to a significant pothole problem on the network.

We have continued to have disruption from HS2 with projects scheduled to have finished by EKFB two years ago still not being completed. But road closures are still being put in place for work, which county or private landowners would never deem necessary. However, HS2, and EKFB are empowered by the Act which allows proposed works to repeatedly ignore the impact of their activities on local residents.

However there have been successes in the Parish.

Flooding

The drains in Memorial Road have been surveyed and gulleys replaced to improve their effectiveness.

I have funded the successful jetting of a number of blocked gulleys in the village, which the standard gulley cleaning programme had not managed to unblock. It remains a concern from data I have obtained that despite regular gulley cleaning, across the county, a proportion appear to be left blocked.

The plans for the installation of the new drain below Ridgeway is creeping forward hopefully more progress can be achieved in this new Council year.

Working with the FRM team and Roly Whear’s local volunteers, a significant step forward has been made in reducing flooding over Station Road. An old culvert crossing under the road has been discovered that has been blocked probably for some time. The outfall of the culvert may be on third party land so it will be essential to check that their own drains are adequate to take the flow from under the road. There may be a further culvert crossing under the road, towards the railway.

We have also identified that a pond close to the new Compton Locks development has been filled in as part of the development works. This means that water previously drained from the former pond is missing the preexisting drainage system and therefore free to flow down the surface and again onto Station Road. This is a planning enforcement issue and hopefully SDC have this matter in hand to require the developer to reinstate pond and reconnect the drains to that pond.

Road Safety

The long awaited 40mph signs on Station Road have now been installed. Whilst it was up to the developer to install the signs, I have raised concerns about whether WCC processes added to the delay. I have suggested to senior officers that the delivery of such projects could be significantly improved.

I have used my delegated budget to improve the surface of some pavements in the village.

Concerns have been raised that some of the footpaths are too narrow. This is a reflection of the historic nature of these footpaths, and they cannot be widened by reducing the width of the village’s roads. Likewise, in many

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circumstances the edge of the path defines the edge of WCC Highways land. To widen footpaths land would need to be purchased from neighbouring landowners. If they were prepared to sell land, this would need to be funded and that is not within WCC Highways budgets.

The repainting of some road markings in the village will be redone but given the extended period of wet weather, when no road painting could be done, there is a queue for such works to be completed.

I have discussed at length with officers the safety of pedestrians crossing under the railway bridge. The ideal solution would be to reopen the rail crossing but, as this would have significant safety implications, it is unlikely that Network Rail would agree to it being reopened and definitely not without significant expenditure.

As the space in the road is limited, there is no room to provide a separate pavement and, whilst traffic lights could be introduced, this is unlikely to be happen given the volume of traffic and costs involved. Even if this was acceptable, this would have to be funded by the parish.

HS2

I continue to meet with HS2 and its contractors to try to reduce the impact of their works on the community. We do have some impact and demonstrate to HS2 that we will continue to hold them to account for the impact of those works on our communities.

Families in need

I have continued to support a number of families who need support from WCC whether from social services or in the provision of education to those with special needs.

Discretionary grants

I was pleased to be able to provide funding towards a request from the Fenny Compton Scout Group to replace their tents.

2024_05_PM_08: Other Matters Raised by an Elector of the Parish

The resident in attendance asked for an update on the water under the railway bridge and the overgrown hedgerow near to the bridge. Chair responded that has been raised with the county councillor and that requests have been made to the relevant parties to get the work completed.

The meeting closed at 19:45