

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 19th May 2025 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Samantha Parkes, Roly Whear, and Martin Birch

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, District Councillor Natalie Gist and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

2025_05_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Emma Briscoe and David Johnson and were **accepted**

2025_05_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting and Ordinary meeting held on 28th April 2025 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Dutton)

2025_05_03: Declarations of Interest

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

2025_05_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2025_05_05: Open Forum

One member of the public was in attendance – Discussed hedgerow under the bridge and grass, Councillor Kettle reiterated that it is Network Rail's responsibility and they have been asked to maintain it. As it is currently nesting season so it won't be done until September

Resident raised the point about drainage under the bridge again. Councillor Kettle again stressed that this has been raised and will be dealt with

2025_05_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Noticeboards: Response from Orbit regarding the noticeboard at Compton Locks is that they are installing their own one. Councillors agreed that the additional noticeboard that we now have will be installed at the play area. The three noticeboards have now been repaired and are ready for installation – Clerk to organise fitting
- (ii) Station Road footpath widening and Railway Bridge: Traffic survey results were corrupted so the survey will need to take place again
- (iii) Installation of bins: Still waiting for response from Orbit regarding the bin at Compton Locks. Councillors agreed that a new bin will be installed at the Fieldgate Lane entrance to the playing field, rather than just getting a new dog waste bin
- (iv) School footpath: Clerk received the following information from Darren Lee from the Rights of Way team (WCC). The consultation process has finished. Therefore, the process is now to give the Formal Notification (in the next few weeks) and then there will be 42 days to lodge any formal objections. Clerk was told that safeguarding is not grounds for objection. The planning inspectorate (whose decision it is) will purely be looking at whether there is evidence that it is a right of way. It is, and therefore extremely likely that it will go ahead

The Local Authority, as owners of the field, can apply to divert the footpath. If this application was done, Darren suggested that it would probably pause the process and it could be looked at together

District Councillor Gist arrived at 20.10

2025_05_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

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Resident has complained about anti-social driving along Station Road. Incidents like this should be reported via Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership

Compton Locks planning enforcement: The enforcement officer has visited and has stated:

“There are four manholes or inspection ports which are missing or cannot be seen. I must confirm that we are minded that the majority of manholes have been implemented and this small number of “missing” manholes would not be an outright cause for flooding. All other drainage appears to have been implemented as approved by the local planning authority.”

However, a natural pond has been filled in that wasn't on the planning application. Chair asked for Cllr Gist to raise this again with the enforcement officer.

Councillor Kettle: Purdah for pre-election period therefore no report sent.

Structure of council has changed dramatically. Conservatives have put together a plan to run council but no agreement has yet been met. If policies from other parties will be good for the county, Conservatives have no problem with supporting. This will be done on a policy by policy approach

Avon Dassett quarry – Enforcement officer will be visiting. Parish council have received complaints about vehicles

2025_05_08: Parish Councillor Applicant No update

2025_05_09: Correspondence

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- (i) The next Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team visit will be on 31st May between 10 and 11 at the Fire Station
- (ii) The marina has agreed to purchase more hardcore for the footpath

2025_05_10: Planning

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

Reference	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
25/01128/TREE	4 Jun 2025	The Old Rectory, Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	T01 - sycamore - Remove deadwood and prune away from utility wires to give at least 1metre clearance. Tip reduce east secondary limb (at around 8-9metres height) by around 1metre and thin out growth by 30% to reduce weight loading. T02 - Scots pine - Remove. T03 - sycamore - Remove deadwood. T04 - Portugal laurel - Reduce central leading stem to 3metres and reduce south-west secondary stem to a similar height. Reduce laterally to a framework with 1metre side branching growth.
25/01108/COUQ	6 Jun 2025	Rams Close, The Slade, Fenny Compton	Class Q Prior Approval Application for the change of use of the existing, Threshing Barn into a single residential dwelling, as per Q(a); together with building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building to function as a dwelling. The Site is located within Rams Close field, part of an established Agricultural Unit located just over 1km south-east of the village of Fenny Compton. The Site has existing direct highway access from The Slade. The Threshing Barn is a traditional, stone barn with a slate, pitched roof. It is part of an original group of three barns in a U-shape around a central yard.

Councillors discussed and agreed to respond with:

25/01128/TREE: No representation

25/01108/COUQ: No representation but with comments: The Fenny Compton Neighbourhood Plan was made on 24th April2023. Policy DE2 of the Plan states that new developments outside the built-up area boundary

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should be limited to those exceptions listed within Policy AS10 of Stratford District Council's Core Strategy. Our interpretation of this policy suggests that the condition of policy AS10 under which condition is most likely to be granted is '(j) A new single dwelling in open countryside which is of exceptional quality and design and makes a positive contribution to the character of the local area'. As this is not the Parish Council's policy we do not feel qualified to assess whether this threshold has been met, but we would not oppose granting of permission under this condition.

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

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
25/00587/FUL	2 May 2025	Permission Granted	4 The Paddock, Mill Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YF	Proposed detached garden room

2025_05_11: Financial Administration

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

MAY_25_1_SO	Lydia Cox (May Salary and expenses)	✓	(438.25)
MAY_25_2_SO	SDC (May Pension Contribution)	✓	(121.77)
MAY_25_3	Employer NI		(6.38)
MAY_25_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	✓	(207.20)
MAY_25_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)		(35.29)
MAY_25_6_DD	eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)		(11.38)
MAY_25_7	Michael Mann (Grasscutting)		(1,285.20)
MAY_25_8	Edge Signs (Noticeboard headers)		(92.40)
MAY_25_9	Marc Briscoe (Burial ground)		(20.00)
MAY_25_10	Village Hall (Room hire)		(176.00)
MAY_25_11	Aplins (Bowls club land registration)		(776.82)

Current Account

(3,170.69)

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) AGAR approval: Councillors unanimously agreed the content of the AGAR. Clerk will send all relevant documentation to the external auditor
- (iv) Painting quotes: Clerk received two quotes for repairing and repainting the ceiling at the sports pavilion. Both contractors suggested that it would be beneficial to repaint the walls as well. Councillors agreed to a quote of £476.00 from Toon Property Services
- (v) Fixed Term Deposit Account: Account matures on 22 May. Councillors agreed to reinvest £10,000 for a further 12 months at 2.34%

2025_05_12: Updates

- (i) Play Area/ Sports Field – Clerk has requested that shipping container is moved. Old goalposts have been removed.
- A new hasp has now been fixed on Equipment shed
- Clerk to source closers for two pedestrian gates and a new chain for the vehicle gate
- (ii) Flood Prevention – Ridgeway work now approved for contracts to go out

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Flooding team don't seem to want to enforce clearing the ditch along Station Road. Landowner has been reminded again and Cllr Kettle will chase

- (iii) Trees – Survey will be completed at the end May
- (iv) Highways – No further update
- (v) Bowls club upgrade – No update
- (vi) Village planters – No update
- (vii) Streetlighting – Clerk has been informed that Zeta Lighting has gone into administration so WCC will take on the maintenance of the lights that were fitted by them

2025_05_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) Dog fouling
- (ii) Anti social driving to be reported to Warwickshire Road Safety
- (iii) SNT visit on 31st May

2025_05_14: Future Discussion

2025_05_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 16th June 2025

MEETING CLOSED 20.50

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Appendix A

April Financial Administration

Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,293.76	
Allotments	1,000.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	2,324.58	
Allocated Reserves		7,640.10
PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining		30,628.06
Unallocattted Reserves		1,575.23
Total		39,843.39

Within the following accounts:

Current Account	10,636.15
Deposit Account 1	4,604.04
Deposit Accopunt 2	4,245.60
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,352.60
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)	39,843.39

Less Payments (See agenda item 10)

MAY_25_1_SO	Lydia Cox (May Salary and expenses)	✓	(438.25)
MAY_25_2_SO	SDC (May Pension Contrbution)	✓	(121.77)
MAY_25_3	Employer NI		(6.38)
MAY_25_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	✓	(207.20)
MAY_25_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)		(35.29)
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Total Balances carried forward	36,672.70

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Appendix B

April Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	10,636.15
Deposit Account 1	4,604.04
Deposit Account 2	4,245.60
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,352.60
April payments made in May	(1,564.98)
Insurance payment queried	(1,527.17)
National Insurance	(6.38)
Total Bank	<u>36,744.86</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	21,497.78
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	24.54
Bank Fees	(4.25)
Cemetery Income	205.00
VAT Reclaim	4,021.79
Precept	11,000.00
Total Cash Book	<u>36,744.86</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Warwickshire County Council Elections: Although a County Council Election it was administered here by Stratford District Council. Our Ward overlaps three County Council Divisions and the outcome for those Divisions was one of no change with all three councillors retaining their seats, although in the Feldon Division there was some excitement with a series of recounts showing the incumbent holding off the challenge from the Lib Dem candidate by seven votes. Congratulations to Chris Mills - we look forward to continue working with him in Warmington and Arlescote.

Thanks to all who voted and assisted with the elections in whatever form. The results from Avon Dassett (Kineton & Red Horse) and Fenny Compton and Farnborough (Feldon) are:

Kineton and Red Horse Division (Avon Dassett)

Rob Ballantyne – Green Party – 351
Bruno Frenguelli – Labour Party – 183
John Leary – Reform UK - 799
Chris Mills- Conservative Party - 1780
Elected
Nick Solman – Liberal Democrats - 359

Feldon Division (Fenny Compton and Farnborough)

Louis Adam - Liberal Democrats - 1126
Rachel Frenguelli - Labour Party - 192
Joshua Hearne-Wilkins - Reform UK - 783
Christopher Kettle - Conservative Party - 1133
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Michael Mordue - Green Party – 159

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For the county as whole there is now no overall control with the balance of seats:

Reform UK 23, Liberal Democrats 14, Conservative Party 9, Green Party 7, Labour Party 3 and Whitnash Residents Association 1 seat: <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/ElectionResults/elections/2025>

There were also two District Council by-election seats one of which was vacated by the elevation of Cllr Perteghella to Parliament last year. Both were previously held by the Lib Dems and there was no change in political affiliation.

VE Day 80th Anniversary: Thursday 8 May 2025 marked eighty years since World War II ended in Europe. Communities across Stratford District organised events to celebrate this historic date and to honour the sacrifice made by all of our families and their friends.

Community Safety: Southam SNT Mobile Police Engagement Surgery: Southam SNT have devised a further rota for upcoming surgeries in May, which we have included below. Residents will have the opportunity to meet their local officers, discuss any concerns, seek advice on crime prevention, and work together to improve community safety. In addition, if you are not able to attend, please feel free to raise any community safety concerns with Natalie as she holds the Portfolio for Law and Governance which includes community safety.

Day	Village 1 (1 hour)	Village 2 (1 hour)
Tuesday (Early) 13/05/25	Napton 10-11 Village Hall Car Park	Priors Hardwick 14.00-15.00 Car park of Butchers Arms
Wednesday (Early) 14/05/25	Long Itchington 10-11 Village Hall Car Park	Stockton – 14.00-15.00 Carpark of The Butchers Arm
Wednesday (Early) 21/05/25	Southam Town 10-11 Village Hall Car Park	Flying Fields 14.00 – 15.00 Community Centre Car Park
Thursday (Early) 22/05/25	Avon Dassett 10-11 Yew Tree	Farnborough 14.00 – 15.00 Car Park at rear of Village Hall
Friday (Early) 30/05/25	Harbury 10-11 Harbury Village Hall Carpark	Bishops Itchington 14.00- 15.00 The Butchers Arms Car Park
Saturday (Early) 31/05/25	Fenny Compton 10-11 Fire Station Carpark	Ladbroke 14.00-15.00
Monday (Early) 09/06/25	Ufton 10-11 Village Hall Carpark	Bascote 14.00-15.00 The Fox and Hen Carpark
Tuesday (Early) 10/06/25	Wormleighton 10-11 Location TBC	Priors Marston 14.00-15.00 Village Hall Carpark
Tuesday (Early) 17/06/25	Upper Lighthorne 10-11 Carpark off Gaydon Coppice Avenue	Upper and Lower Shuckburgh 14.00-15.00 Lay-by opposite the Church

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Please note that this schedule is subject to change based on community needs and officer availability. Southam SNT will keep you updated on any amendments and advertise all events on Warwickshire Connected and Facebook.

Community Climate and Nature Fund:

Following the completion of the County elections, this fund is now open!

On Monday 7 April the District Council's Cabinet approved further funding for round three of the Community Climate and Nature Fund (CCNF). £150,000 has been allocated from the Climate Change Reserve to the CCNF. It will provide opportunities for the following groups to apply for funding:

- Town and parish councils
- Properly constituted community and charity groups operating within Stratford on Avon District
- Sports clubs

Further guidance on how to apply are available on the Stratford on Avon District Council's website.

The Online View – Stratford on Avon District Council's Online Newsletter: And finally, did you know that you can receive SDC's newsletter online? If you go to www.stratford.gov.uk and scroll down there is a box where you can subscribe and receive newsletters direct to your inbox.

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