

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 At 7.45pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillor Natalie Gist and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

### **2025\_12\_01: Apologies**

None

### **2025\_12\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed with amendment** (Proposed by Councillor Briscoe and seconded by Councillor Parkes)

### **2025\_12\_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

### **2025\_12\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2025\_12\_05: Open Forum**

**Clara Luker** – Presented a comprehensive and costed proposal for initiating an annual Christmas tree lighting event on the Millenium Green funded by a May Day Celebration.

Council thanked her for her efforts and confirmed support in principle with possible financial contributions but would not actively lead.

Actions – None for the Council

**Alan Payne** – Bowls Club.

Risk Assessment complete for this year and Fencing at front complete. Water stop tap issue corrected. Constitution to be approved at AGM in January as an unincorporated organisation. Main issues around fire exit. Estimated replacement cost £80,000 to £100,000 for the building. Discussion on what the strategy is going forward – refurbish or replace. Next step to assess the integrity of the building

Action - Alan Payne to assess integrity of structure

### **2025\_12\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(i) Railway Bridge: See Appendix D

Water flow is responsibility of Network Rail. Councillor Kettle to see if County Council can approach Network Rail. Parish Council to contact Network Rail Directly

Action – Clerk to contact Network Rail

Team to dig out mud under the bridge – How much would it cost – Can parish council pay if county council won't? Action Councillor Kettle.

Action - County councillor Kettle to take these points away

Traffic survey results are in. Most traffic below speed limit, most excess speed is between 40 and 50 MPH. Action - enquire if context from the data can be given, Jo Edwards Highways Safety Team Leader is correct contact. Request speed check from police.

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Action: Clerk request speed check from police and context from Jo Edwards.

(ii) Noticeboards

Potentially could replace pinboard section, repaint, remove finials, remove feet, need to be lowered, need to be locked?

Councillor Whear has suggested that they are repainted and top poles shortened.

Action – Clerk to get quotes for repainting all four boards.

(iii) New Clerk

Janette Wilson has accepted the role. Starting date 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Action – No information only

**2025\_12\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

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

Action - Councillor Gist to confirm approved route for lorries to Avon Dassett Quarry.

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

**2025\_12\_08: Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

(i) Parish Forum

The next Parish Forum meeting is at 6pm on 29th January, if any councillors wish to attend, This will be online via Teams.

**2025\_12\_09: Planning**

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

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
25/02973/TREE	2 Jan 2026	Kits Close, Avon Dassett Road, Fenny Compton CV47 2XX	T1 silver birch - Fell - T2 silver birch - Crown reduction of 5 metres in height and approximately 1-2 metres laterally
25/02114/FUL	6 Jan 2026	The Yard, Memorial Street, Fenny Compton	Proposed detached dwelling with separate converted annex, garaging and office space extension to existing barn/outbuilding

Action – Clerk / Councillor Dutton to submit ‘no representation’. 25/02114/FUL add comment on assessing flood impact due to low capacity on Memorial Road drainage system.

(ii) No decisions have been received since the last meeting:

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**2025\_12\_10: Financial Administration**

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

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2025\_12\_10. Finance

(i) Payments:

DEC_25_1_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(295.52)
DEC_25_2_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	TBC
DEC_25_3_DD	Eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	(25.17)
DEC_25_4	RFO expenses (Lydia Cox)	(137.05)
DEC_25_5 & 6	Michael Mann (Village maintenance)	(614.40)

**Current Account**

**(1,072.14)**

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them.
- (iii) Street lighting electricity contract: New three-year contract is needed. Agreed to switch Valda Energy – (Proposed Councillor Parkes, Seconded Councillor Briscoe)  
Action – Clerk (Lydia, Councillor Dutton to Inform) to arrange transfer to new provider
- (iv) First draft budget was discussed. Councillors to approve at the next meeting

**2025\_12\_11: Updates**

- (i) Play Area/ Sports Field –  
Zip Wire. New treads are on order. Waiting for quotation on annual Zip Wire inspection.  
Action -Councillor Whear to progress fitting the treads and booking inspection  
Pavillion. Tap now repaired and cover fitted. Agreeing repair to structure liability outstanding  
Action -Councillor Whear will arrange a review with the Colts
- (ii) Flood Prevention –  
Station Road works have now been completed.  
Ridgeway. Meeting held with plan for a plan by Christmas  
Streams in village. Memorial Road backing up.  
Action – Councillor Whear to investigate
- (iii) Trees – No further updates
- (iv) Highways – Councillor Johnson contacted Alfie Withers PCC – action day 3<sup>rd</sup> December Fenny was included.  
Action- None, information only
- (v) Bowls club upgrade – See open forum
- (vi) Village planters – No updates

**2025\_12\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) Riparian responsibility
- (ii) New Clerk
- (iii) Merry Christmas

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## 2025\_12\_13: Future Discussion

Budget

## 2025\_12\_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**MEETING CLOSED 21.15**

## Appendix A

### November Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)		<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	803.56	
Allotments	1,000.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	1,499.58	
<b>Allocated Reserves</b>		<b>6,324.90</b>
<b>PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining</b>		<b>11,209.39</b>
<b>Unallocatted Reserves</b>		<b>12,474.60</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>30,008.89</u></b>
<b>Within the following accounts:</b>		
Current Account		5,763.21
Deposit Account 1		2,620.71
Deposit Accopunt 2		1,144.69
12 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,475.28
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>30,008.89</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
DEC_25_1_DD Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(295.52)	
DEC_25_2_DD WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	0.00	
DEC_25_3_DD Eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	(25.17)	
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DEC_25_5 & 6 Michael Mann (Village maintenance)	(614.40)	
DEC_25_7 SDC (Bin Emptying)	(197.42)	
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>(1,269.56)</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>28,739.33</u></b>

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## Appendix B

### November Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	5,763.21
Deposit Account 1	2,620.71
Deposit Account 2	1,144.69
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,475.28
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>30,008.89</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	29,990.84
Reconciling difference	4.45
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	13.60
Total Cash Book	<b><u>30,008.89</u></b>

## Appendix C – District Councillor Report

### Local Government Reorganisation

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## Community Safety

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At the Police and Crime Panel meeting, Natalie asked the Commissioner's office for some data on the quality of 101 calls, rather than just the data on the calls received and waiting times etc. Many residents will have seen in the news, the government has signalled their intention to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners by 2028.

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The South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership is a joint partnership between Stratford and Warwick District Councils to, amongst other things, reduce crime and disorder. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, this meeting is confidential.

## Domestic Abuse

Under Clare's Law, you can find out if a partner has a history of domestic violence or abuse. We attach a link here to Warwickshire Police's advice regarding seeking help for Domestic Abuse, including Clare's Law. There are also instructions on how to delete the page from your browsing history if you need to.

[Advice about domestic abuse | Warwickshire Police](#)

## Southam Police SNT

The Civil Trespass information event originally planned for late November was postponed by the Police. This information session is intended to offer advice for landowners about how to properly deal with unauthorised encampments and incursions of caravan dwellers and travellers, and is likely to be reset for early spring when it might be more appropriate.

## Christmas Bin Collections

And finally, we know you've all been on tenterhooks waiting for the details of the Christmas Bin Collections so we don't all disappear under a sea of recycling. Here they are:

Stratford & Warwick Districts recycle

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Collection Service

Working together to deliver Waste Services

## Your refuse, recycling and food waste collections will change over Christmas

There will be no refuse, recycling or food waste collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Your collections will be affected by the following changes:

Normal collection date	NEW collection date over Christmas
Thursday 25 December 2025	→ Saturday 27 December 2025
Friday 26 December 2025	→ Monday 29 December 2025
Monday 29 December 2025	→ Tuesday 30 December 2025
Tuesday 30 December 2025	→ Wednesday 31 December 2025
Wednesday 31 December 2025	→ Friday 2 January 2026
Thursday 1 January 2026	→ Saturday 3 January 2026
Friday 2 January 2026	→ Monday 5 January 2026
Monday 5 January 2026	→ Tuesday 6 January 2026
Tuesday 6 January 2026	→ Wednesday 7 January 2026
Wednesday 7 January 2026	→ Thursday 8 January 2026
Thursday 8 January 2026	→ Friday 9 January 2026
Friday 9 January 2026	→ Saturday 10 January 2026

Normal collections will resume on Monday 12 January 2026.

Please ensure your bins are presented at the edge of your property by 6am on your new collection day.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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