

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 16 March 2026 at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish councillors: Jon Dutton in the chair, Martin Birch, Roly Whear, David Johnson and Emma Briscoe

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Natalie Gist

2026_03_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from county councillor Christopher Kettle, councillor Samantha Parkes & Parish clerk Janette Wolf and were accepted.

2026_03_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16 February 2026 (already circulated) were considered and the **minutes were agreed** (proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Birch).

2026_03_03: Declarations of Interest

Martin Birch declared an interest in the Merrie Men; David Johnson declared an interest in the bowls club and Jon Dutton and Roly Whear declared interest in allotments.

2026_03_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received.

2026_03_05: Open Forum

None.

Councillor Gist arrived at 20:30

2026_03_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

1. Street Lights: Methodist Church now working, other awaiting repair. Action Janette Wolf
2. Lorry Traffic and Waste: Councillor Dutton has put in submission, generic response received
3. Dog fouling: Clerk to confirm if request for signs has been actioned
4. Janette Wolf has resigned as Parish Clerk. Action Councillors Dutton and Parkes to advertise role

2026_03_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

See Appendices

2026_03_08: Correspondence

Previously circulated.

2026_03_09: Planning

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

Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address	Proposal
26/00321/COUQ	19/03/26	Barn north of Avon Dasset Road	Application for change of use of an agricultural building into one residential dwelling C3 and development under Class Q parts (a) and (b) GPDO – No Representation
26/00330/VARY	25/03/26	Mill Hill Barn	Variation to allow for revised plans and minor amendments. Change to include incorporation of dressed stone dwarf walls – No Representation
S757/97CM036	27/03/26	Avon Hill Quarry, Avon Dasset, CV47 2AA	Periodic review of mineral planning conditions at development of stone quarry – No Representation
26/00510/TREE	31/03/2026	Dunkeld Bridge Street Fenny Compton Southam CV47 2XY	-T1 cypress- Fell. -T2 Zelkova- Reduce height and spread by 2-3 metres – No Representation

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The planning application 25/02384/FUL in respect of The Granary, The Wharf, Fenny Compton, Southam CV47 2FE has been **granted with conditions**.

2026_03_10: Financial Administration

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

MAR_26_1_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(38.44)
MAR_26_2_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	0.00
MAR_26_3_DD	eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	(25.00)
MAR_26_4 & 5	Clerk Salary and National Insurance	(441.24)
MAR_26_6	WCC (Streetlight maintenance)	(181.54)
MAR_26_7	Bank fees	(4.25)
MAR_26_8	HAGS (sports field, zip line repairs)	(111.80)
MAR_26_9	WALC (training)	(48.00)
MAR_26_10	Valda (Street Lighting)	(188.28)

Current Account

(1,038.55)

Notes:

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (**Appendix A and B**) and agreed them.
- (iii) The Clerk has identified that the online banking controls are not being applied correctly by Lloyds. When raising the first payment (MAR_26_9 to WALC) for authorisation by councillors, it was actually paid and the money left the account. The Clerk stopped raising payments and notified the Chair. The Chair has raised the issue with Lloyds, which appears to be a problem with their system. The proposed solution from Lloyds is to remove the existing payment controls and then reinstate them. Councillors agreed that no further payments should be raised for authorisation until the issue has been resolved, and to progress with the proposed solution as a matter of urgency.

2026_03_11: Updates

- (i) Play area -Cricket nets: Parish Council to purchase cricket equipment and Merrie Men will reimburse. Action Councillor Birch to coordinate. Pavillion repairs – provisional date of 23rd March. Cracks in field filled in – thank you to Councillor Johnson
- (ii) Flood prevention: Nothing to report
- (iii) Trees: Nothing to report
- (iv) Highways: nothing to report.
- (v) Bowls club: nothing to report.
- (vi) Village planters: List of prices circulated. Discuss April Meeting
- (vii) Street lights: Methodist Church now working. Action: clerk to follow up on 3 that are constantly on.

2026_03_12: Items to Publicise: Clerk Vacancy.

2026_03_13: Future Discussion: Noticeboards quotations for painting;

2026_03_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Monday 20 April 2026 at 7.45pm.

MEETING CLOSED at 20:45