

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 June 2026 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the chair, Emma Briscoe, Roly Whear, Samantha Parkes

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Christopher Kettle, Natalie Gist and Clerk Summia Khan

2026_06_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Martin Birch, David Johnson and were **accepted**

2026_06_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting and Annual meeting held on 18 May (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillors Samantha Parkes and Emma Briscoe)

2026_06_03: Declarations of Interest

Chair Jon Dutton and Cllr Roly Whear declared an interest for allotment

2026_06_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2026_06_05: Open Forum

County Councillor Christopher Kettle joined the meeting at 19:55pm

Matters Arising – Previous Minutes

(i) Dog-Fouling Signs

The Clerk Summia is continuing to arrange the handover of the dog-fouling signs.

It was noted that Natalie Gist is available to assist if further support is required regarding the signs.

(ii) Managed for Nature Areas

Further discussion took place regarding the management of the nature areas.

Cllr Roly Whear stated that there is currently no attractive management plan for the area.

Cllr Roly Whear suggested creating an action plan for a smaller section of the area as a starting point before considering wider implementation.

Cllr Dutton said that the Council needs to discuss how residents will be informed and how any proposed scheme would operate in practice.

The following actions were agreed:

Cllrs Dutton and Roly to meet with Emma Wilkinson to agree the plan for the nature areas for this year and agree wording for a leaflet to be distributed to residents.

2026_06_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

Natalie provided a brief update on district matters. She noted that further work is ongoing on the South Warwickshire Local Plan, which is expected to be considered by both councils in July before moving to further public consultation if approved.

She also highlighted improvements to planning enforcement at Stratford-on-Avon District Council, including a new Local Enforcement Plan and increased capacity within the team, along with ongoing work to improve the five-year housing land supply.

Natalie raised continued community safety concerns, mentioned the recent Coop incident as well as including reports

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of theft and speeding, and encouraged residents to report incidents to Warwickshire Police.

Finally, she reported discussions with Severn Trent regarding road closures linked to maintaining the local water supply.

Jon asked Natalie to get information on the land opposite Compton Locks.

County Councillor Christopher Kettle

County Councillor Christopher Kettle reported on recent discussions regarding flag flying arrangements, noting that decisions on commemorative flags (including Pride and Armed Forces Day) are being managed by the Chair with no requirement for a costly full council meeting on the matter.

He also clarified that there has been no instruction to ban or remove books from county libraries, and confirmed that library collections remain unchanged and with any concerns relating only to the display of certain books.

2026_06_08: Correspondence

An email from the school governors' regarding the school field was discussed, and it was agreed that no action is required by the Parish Council.

An email from a resident regarding a tree near her property was considered and has been referred to the County Council as the owner of the tree for appropriate action.

An email from a resident regarding a drainage issue under the bridge was received and forwarded by the Clerk (Summia) to County Councillor Christopher Kettle for investigation and action by the County Council.

2026_06_09: Planning

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

Reference	Proposal	Address	Proposed Response
26/00746/LBC	Replacement of windows and doors	Rectory Barn Rectory Farm Court Avon Dassett Road	No representation
26/00745/FUL	Replacement of windows and doors	Rectory Barn Rectory Farm Court Avon Dassett Road	No representation
26/01318/TREE	T1 goat willow – Fell	2 Cotters Croft Fenny Compton	No representation

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2026_06_10: Financial Administration

- (i) (Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (**Appendix A and B**) and agreed them.
(Proposed by Cllr Roly and seconded by Cllr Emma)

2026_05_10 Finance

JUN_25_1	Summia Khan (June salary)	529.96	
JUN_25_2	Warks LGPS (clerk pension)	109.02	
JUN_25_3	HMRC (Income Tax & NI)	18.00	
JUN_25_4_DD	Valda Energy (Streetlights)	126.36	
JUN_25_5_DD	eon (Pavilion electric)	13.68	
JUN_25_6	Frank Mann Farmers (grasscutting)	1,565.40	
JUN_25_7_DD	WaterPlus (pavilion water)	24.72	
JUN_25_8	Janette Wolf (expenses)	166.50	
JUN_25_9	Geosphere (Parish Online)	84.00	
JUN_25_10	Village Hall (room hire)	220.00	
JUN_25_11	Martin Birch (clerk laptop)	572.46	
Current Account			3,430.10

2026_06_11: Updates

1. Cllr Dutton explained the requirement for both the external and internal audits and provided an update on the process.
2. The Council discussed recent incidents of damage and vandalism in the park and considered measures to improve security and protect parish assets.
3. **Action:** Cllr Roly Whear to undertake the necessary repairs and review effective methods of securing and closing affected areas.
4. The need to repair the bin adjacent to the park was discussed.
5. **Action:** Clerk (Summia) to obtain further information regarding the fallen bin and contact Natalie for assistance if required.
6. **Action:** Clerk (Summia) to contact Phil to address the matter previously raised by Cllr Roly.
7. **Action:** Cllr Whear to remove the old noticeboard.
8. **Action:** Clerk (Summia) to agree a plan of action with Martin regarding the tree works by Squire Place and begin implementation.
9. **Action:** Martin to follow up on matters relating to the tree.
10. A structural engineer visited the Bowls Club and confirmed that the structure appears to be in good condition to support refurbishment. No action is required by the Parish Council at this time.
11. Cllr Dutton will arrange the purchase of four new planters at a total cost of £700 for Station Road and Avon Dassett Road.
12. Natalie suggested seeking volunteers from the community to assist with maintaining the planters.
13. Natalie suggested to encourage residents to report crimes online to help Warwickshire Police allocate resources effectively.
14. The Parish Council briefly discussed moving to **gov.uk** email addresses and associated arrangements. Natalie agreed to help to secure progress on the issue with SDC.

2026_06_12: Items to Publicise

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New planters; being able to report crimes online

2026_06_13: Future Discussion

Add nature areas as a standing agenda item; hedgerow preservation orders

2026_06_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 20 July 2026

MEETING CLOSED 21.09pm.

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Appendix A

May Financial Administration

Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	803.56	
Allotments	1,000.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	1,499.58	
Allocated Reserves		6,324.90
PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining		23,020.14
Unallocated Reserves		2,114.22
Total		31,459.26
Within the following accounts:		
Current Account		7,871.32
Deposit Account 1		1,627.31
Deposit Account 2		1,381.89
12 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,573.74
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		31,459.26
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
JUN_26_1 Summia Khan (June salary)	529.96	
JUN_26_2 Warks LGPS (clerk pension)	109.02	
JUN_26_3 HMRC (Income Tax & NI)	13.57	
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JUN_26_9 Geosphere (Parish Online)	84.00	
JUN_26_10 Village Hall (room hire)	220.00	
JUN_26_11 Martin Birch (clerk laptop)	572.46	
Current Account		3,400.95
Total Balances carried forward		34,860.21

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Appendix B

May Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	7,871.32
Deposit Account 1	1,627.31
Deposit Account 2	1,381.89
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,573.74
Total Bank	31,459.26
Cash Book Balance b/f	33,179.09
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	250.93
Cemetery Income	0.00
WaterPlus refund	77.90
Less payments since last meeting:	
April payments made late	(373.48)
Zurich Insurance	(1,704.03)
Bank Fees	(4.25)
Add payments agreed in May but paid in June	
WaterPlus	27.10
WALC	6.00
Total Cash Book	31,459.26

Appendix C – County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Christopher Kettle provided an update on two county matters.

He reported that decisions regarding the flying of commemorative flags, including Pride and Armed Forces Day flags, are the responsibility of the Chair of the Council. A proposal to convene a full council meeting on the matter was considered unnecessary and would have incurred significant cost.

Councillor Kettle also addressed recent discussions regarding books in county libraries. He clarified that there has been no instruction from Warwickshire County Council to ban, remove or restrict any books held in libraries. The discussion relates only to the display and promotion of certain materials, and library collections remain unchanged.

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Appendix D - District Councillor's report

Report from Your District Councillors for Avon Dassett Parish Council – May 2026

By-Election in Bishop's Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton Ward

This took place on 7 May 2026 and the result was as follows:

Jake Beavan - Liberal Democrats - 1,104 Elected

Julie Ann Folkes-Skinner - Green Party - 273

Jacqui Harris - Reform UK - 751

Jacob David Simon Hill - Labour Party - 53

Christian Francis Reeve - Conservative Party - 715

Turnout: 49.40%.

Number of ballot papers issued: 2,899.

Turnout for the last contested election at Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton in May 2023 was 38.44%.

The electorate for the Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton Ward is 5,868.

The current political make-up of the District Council's 41 seats is now:

- Liberal Democrats - 25 seats
- Conservatives - 9 seats
- Green - 3 seats
- Independent - 2 seats
- Reform UK - 2 seats

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Stratford and Warwick District Councils are working together for a single plan for the region, setting out planning policy for housing, jobs, and infrastructure up to 2050.

On 28 May the Joint Cabinet Committee of both Councils will be meeting to discuss whether to make recommendations to each Council in respect of the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

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If made, the recommendations will then be considered by each Council on 1 June for Warwick District Council and 8 June for Stratford on Avon District Council. If both Councils vote in favour of the plan then it will proceed to what is known as the Regulation 19 stage. This will be when the plan is published for consultation with the public for a second time, the first being the Preferred Options Public Consultation. This consultation will focus on the legality and soundness of the Plan. However, if there is something that residents wish to comment on at this stage, then I encourage them to do so. Further updates will be available in due course. There is an huge amount of information available on the South Warwickshire Local Plan website: South Warwickshire Local Plan

Community Climate Change and Nature Fund

The Community Climate and Nature Fund is an initiative run by Stratford-on-Avon District

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Council that provides funding to local councils, community groups and charities to reduce carbon emissions and improve local biodiversity.

Since it was set up in November 2023, £250,000 has been allocated to local initiatives by the scheme, across 53 projects across the District.

It has been reopened for a Fourth Round. The budget for this round is £200,000, and the upcoming deadline for applications is Monday 27th July 2026. More information about the scheme and how to apply can be found here: [Community Climate and Nature Fund |](#)

[Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Free Gym Membership for Residents Living with Parkinson's

Free gym memberships are being offered by local leisure centres to people living with Parkinson's.

Stratford Leisure Centre, Southam Leisure Centre, Shipston Leisure Centre, Studley Leisure Centre and The Greig Leisure Centre in Alcester, run by award-winning operator Everyone Active in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council, offer the initiative co-designed with the charity Parkinson's UK.

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Now in its fifth year, the Everyone Active and Parkinson's UK free membership provides access to gym, swim and group exercise classes, as well as online Synergy Dance classes.

A free membership will also be given to up to three carers to provide additional support if needed.

Parkinson's affects around 145,000 people in the UK and there are more than 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety.

Being physically active can play an important role in living well with Parkinson's. Those living with the condition can find various activities, such as swimming, walking and dance, beneficial in managing their symptoms.

For further information or to join, please follow the attached link: [Parkinson's UK - Everyone Active](#)

Health Screening Events

A reminder that there is a health screening event on Saturday 30th May Wellesbourne Village Hall, The School House, School Road, Wellesbourne, CV35 9NH

Tests are available at a discounted rate of £14 each, supported by District Council funding.

Appointments must be booked in advance at: <https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk/> or call 01926 419959 or email info@myhealthtests.org.uk

HS2

HS2 Works Notification: Notice of traffic management A423, Southam

Under a single lane closure, we will be removing an asbestos pipe from the roadside verge.

Location

A423, Southam.

Duration

Wednesday 20 May to Friday 22 May 2026, 8.30am to 5.30pm.

What to expect

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Traffic lights on the A423 for a single lane closure.

Workforce next to and on the highway.

Section 106 money for the Primary Healthcare of the people of Fenny Compton

Parish Councillors will recall that the monies were included in the section 106 Agreement for Compton Locks. Whilst Natalie has been successful in getting the money paid from the developer to the County Council, she is still working with the doctor's surgery to establish what is acceptable to the ICB for the monies to be spent on at the surgery.

Grit bins at Compton Locks

Natalie has chased her contact at Orbit about this and has yet to receive a response – she was told that they were said to be on order and she will keep chasing.