

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Surgery, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire On Monday 9th December 2019 At 8.00pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Michael Guest, Ian Hartwell Alan Payne and Roly Whear

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Nigel Rock (Stratford District Council (SDC)), Parish Clerk Ian Wilson and one member of the public.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Derek Carless, Sam Parkes and Cllr Bob Stevens (Warwickshire County Council) (WCC)) and were **accepted**.

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 18th November 2019 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** subject to item 11 (Flood prevention) being amended to include that the water level was very high in the attention pond following the heavy rainfall in November and that it had been **agreed** that Alan Payne would look at the cost of signage to improve warnings to the public about the depth of the water.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

5 Open Forum

The meeting thanked Dr Marshall for the use of the doctor's surgery for this meeting at such short notice. Dr Marshall asked what else could be done at the surgery to prevent future flooding and alleviate the effects if there was a flood.

Alan Payne gave a summary of actions to undertake in the community and for property. These included short term measures such as:

- Producing an advice booklet for residents similar to that produced by Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) for their residents in consultation with WCC Highways;
- Determining ownership of willow trees by the stream in the village, so that these can be moved to reduce water levels
- Managing the flood plain at the playing field and ensure that it is clear to accommodate excess water as needed;
- Encouraging individuals to actively manage flood prevention in their properties, including blocking points of ingress with flood doors and/or door stops (suitable ones to be identified on-line); and
- Carrying out a stock take of sand bags and publicising availability to residents

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In particular for the surgery it was suggested:

- Reviewing the drainage issues at the surgery, which may include creating a new drainage ditch;
- Providing a supply of sandbags to the surgery; and
- Carrying out a survey of the building to determine where best to place flood prevention structures, such as stops and flood doors.

In the longer term the parish council would work with SDC and WCC to improve drainage by the Ridgeway and put pressure on WCC to take further actions, including increasing the capacity of the attention pond.

Dr Marshall thanked the community for their help at the surgery during the flooding in November. It was noted that flooding at the surgery had seemed to be worse since the Ridgeway development.

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

It was **agreed** to defer these until the January OGM.

7 Correspondence

The meeting noted the correspondence following correspondence:

- Jason Wise – Fields of Fenny Compton Poster
- Tysoe Parish Council – SDC Planning
- SDC – Neighbourhood Plan Maps
- Cllr Rock – Homes England
- Banbury Memorials – Request for information
- Common Place – HS2 Update
- WCC – Warwickshire Recycles Christmas 2019

It was **agreed** that the parish council would raise any issues that they had about SDC planning processes through CLLR Rock.

8 Planning

It was agreed that the parish council would write to support planning application 19/01947/FUL (Hornbeam House) and would attend and support should the application go to SDC planning committee for consideration.

Noted that the reserve matters application from Compton Buildings was an update and SDC planners had confirmed to the clerk that this wasn't a consultation though there was likely to be further consultation with the parish council in 2020.

Agreed no representation for application 19/03377/TREE, Dunkfield bridge (tree works)

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9 Reports from WCC and SDC representatives

CLLR Stevens had sent apologies and provided a written update on behalf of WCC (attached)

CLLR Rock reported that SDC cabinet had considered the consultation responses on green waste charging and despite the overwhelming majority of respondents being opposed had agreed to implement this in order to balance the budget for 2020/21. SDC would be issuing a consultation on supplementary planning guidance in early 2020, which would take account of planning considerations for the climate change emergency. He also reported that the political balance of the council had changed as a result of a Conservative councillor now being an Independent councillor.

CLLR Rock provided an update on Orbit land holdings and suggested that the parish council look at taking over responsibility for cutting grass belonging to Orbit, with suitable re-imburement for taking over the responsibility. The clerk would therefore make enquiries as to the possible cost of this so a proposal could go to Orbit.

10 Financial Administration

The meeting noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (see appendix A) and approved the following payments:

09/12/2019 Ian Wilson (Salary and Expenses 11/2019)	£ 352.04
09/12/2019 Replacement Dog Bin Lid	£ 53.42
09/12/2019 Defibrillator cabinet	£ 594.00
09/12/2019 Mick Jones (Handyman)	£ 220.00
09/12/2019 WCC (Streetlights)	£3565.37
09/12/2019 Fenny Compton Village Hall (NPG)	£ 24.00

Total £4808.83

The meeting received the latest budget report for November (attached)

11 Updates

Flood Prevention – Alan Payne referred councillors to his earlier update under item 5 (Open Forum).

It was noted that there didn't appear to be a pumping system under the railway bridge, but this could be investigated further. It was **agreed** that Alan Payne should look to purchase flood warning signs and that this could be funded from the allocated flood reserve.

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CLLR Rock asked if there was further action for Homes England in relation to flood problems caused by their site and it was suggested that potential liability could be indicated to Homes England to ensure that action may be taken to reduce and prevent water coming from the site they owned.

Neighbourhood Plan – Michael Guest reported that the next meeting on 11th December 2019 would agree the plan for ‘pre-consultation’ with statutory consultees before the plan goes out to full consultation.

Allotments – Works now complete

Street lighting – Derek Careless had now reviewed streetlights and had identified lights which needed replacing, these would need to be taken account of when setting the budget and agreeing the precept for 2020/21. The review had also identified a number of other issues to raise with WCC.

GDPR – Nothing to report

Traffic Calming – CLLR Rock would provide a further update to the Parish Council on speed data from Satellite Navigation software to inform future discussions on traffic calming.

Highways – Noted that the clerk would follow up outstanding items with WCC and identified that the depth gauge under the railway bridge needed replacing or repairing.

Playing Field – Noted that the under 8’s play area was not currently being cleaned and therefore needed to check the current maintenance contract to ensure that this is included.

12 Items to Publicise

- Flood Prevention
- 2020 Meeting Dates

13 Future Discussion

- Bus Shelter

14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.45pm at Fenny Compton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 21:00

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Appendix A

December Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)

30 day notice (Committed on deposit)		£910.31
12 month partial withdrawal (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft £9051.51		
PC Balance £ 948.49		
		£10000
Deposit	£21964.09	
Traffic Mgt	£ 2635.82	
Flood Relief Grant	£ 2510.00	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	£ 1133.76	
Over 8's Play Area	£ 604.23	
NP Plan Projects	£ 1449.43	
Defibrillator	£ 2617.26	
WCC Violin Grant	£ 0.00	
Deposit Account		£28734.05
Current Account	£4388.09	
Less payments	£4808.83	
		(£420.74)
Total Balances carried forward at 9/12/2019		£38,313.31

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December Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances

30 Day Notice	£ 910.31
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	£10000.00
Deposit Account	£28734.05

Current Account £4388.09

Less unrepresented cheques:

002241	£215.14
002242	£ 19.24
002243	£334.80
002247	£437.75
002248	£171.60
002249	£ 25.01
002251	£124.20
002252	£ 50.00
002253	£ 40.00
002254	£196.00

£1612.74

Total Bank £42419.71

Cash book balance b/f £42211.75

Less payments since last meeting

Add receipts since last meeting:

SDC £ 207.96

Total Cash book £42419.71

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