

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at the Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 19th July 2021 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Emma Briscoe, Sam Parkes, Derek Carless and Alan Payne

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and Councillor Nigel Rock (District Council)

1 Apologies

Councillors David Johnson, Roly Whear and Councillor Chris Kettle (Warwickshire County Council)

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st June 2021 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Dutton)

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Payne declared an interest in any discussions around HS2 due to employment

4 Requests for Dispensation

None

5 Open Forum

Two members of the public were in attendance to apply for council funds. Chandima Dutton and Cherie Southgate representing So, Sew and Make, a regular group of ten members that partake in sewing and craft. The group want to widen participation in the village and run workshops in village hall to share skills. The group wishes to apply for £400 (group has reserves of £300). This will be used for new equipment, materials for workshop and professional tuition

Application will be forwarded to clerk for councillors to review between meetings

6 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(i) Berry Meadow grass cutting – Councillors have agreed to remove this action from the agenda as the area is looking tidy. Clerk to send email to Councillor Rock to find a definitive answer of who owns the land for

(ii) Playing Fields/ New play area equipment/ teen shelter – Councillor Parkes to contact Jude Meaney regarding setting up a first meeting

(iii) Neighbourhood Development Plan Aspirations Document –Councillor Carless has redrafted the document. Councillors were happy for the document and it was **approved**

Chair expressed his thanks to Councillor Carless

(iv) Speed limit change request Wharf Road/ Station Road – No updates at present

(v) Managed Wildlife Areas – There will be a meeting on Thursday 22nd with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Emma Wilkinson to discuss next steps and funding.

Councillors **approved** Andrew Saunders quote for £100 to tidy up Fieldgate Lane area

With regard the Electricity Substation Area that is another possible site - Clerk to



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take forward to get approval for use with SDC

- (vi) Cricket Club memorial bench – No updates at present
- (vii) Damage caused to The Green by contractors – Clerk has emailed contractors and they have agreed to repair the verge and to use marshals to help get lorries down the narrow lane
- (viii) Wayleave for works on The Green – Between meetings it was agreed that Openreach could dig a trench through The Green and the council would receive £107.75

A retrospective application has also been submitted for the carriageway box that was added about two years ago

7 SDC Report

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

There has been a fire at Ettington recycling centre on 19th July so may have an impact on bin collection this week

NDP boundary can be different to Built Up Area boundary specified by District Council – Fenny Compton NDP are not including a built up boundary but are deferring to SDC in the plan. Councillor Carless will take an action away to pick this up with NDP team

Councillor Rock expressed his thanks for Fenny in Flower and congratulations to all of those involved

WCC Report

Councillor Kettle emailed an update:

“I am continuing to pursue both the Highways issues outside the Compton buildings site and the flooding issues.

I am convinced there has to be a better way of allowing surface water to get through the road culverts and off load the water downstream of the village rather than storing it upstream on the banks above the village.”

8 Correspondence

The meeting noted the following correspondence:

- Residents correspondence
 - Concern that there are no recycling bins in the village
- New Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat manager PC 2158 Chris Knight
- 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies
 - A consultation is now open on proposed new boundary lines and constituency names
 - Respond by Monday 2nd August
- School Parking
 - Warwickshire Road Safety Partners are inviting residents and parent/carers to participate in a school parking survey

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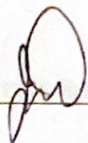
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- Inconsiderate, unsafe, and illegal parking around schools is an ongoing concern for head teachers, parents/carers and residents and puts the safety of children, and others, at risk. Partners and organisations are working together to review parking issues outside schools to greater understand and address the problems schools, parents, and the wider community experiences
- Responses will remain anonymous and will be analysed and used to identify specific issues and help shape future initiatives to address unsafe and inconsiderate school parking and help to make the roads around schools safer
- To take part follow the links:
 - Parents/ Carers: <https://forms.office.com/r/jeWYQCC50S>
 - Residents: <https://forms.office.com/r/fcKxv1W8Hd>
- All surveys need to be completed by 30th July
- Act on Energy - Warwickshire grants
 - Grants are available for the following measures:
 - Boiler Replacement – Broken boilers beyond repair (maximum £2500)
 - Boiler / Heating Repairs/ Servicing (maximum £300)
 - Payment of debt on fuel accounts (maximum £300)
 - Direct payment to suppliers for oil & LPG top ups/ tank fills (maximum £300)
 - The grants are obtainable by families living in Warwickshire subject to qualifying criteria – please see details on the website www.actonenergy.org.uk
 - Please contact info@actonenergy.org.uk or telephone 0800 988 2881
- Consultation regarding Aligning the Upper Age for NHS Prescription Charge Exemptions with State Pension Age
 - Consultation is seeking views on changing the upper age of age exemptions on prescription charges. This could have significant implications and impact on Health Inequalities and delaying people to manage their own care
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aligning-the-upper-age-for-nhs-prescription-charge-exemptions-with-the-state-pension-age>
 - Consultation closes at 11:45pm on Thursday 26th August 2021
- Notification of a triathlon at Compton Verney - Sunday 8 August
 - Bike route will come through Fenny Compton
 - Permission has been granted from the local highways agency for the use of the roads
 - There will be marshals on the routes to assist, a private first aid company with two ambulances and a bike breakdown vehicle. There will be signage for where a marshal isn't required
- (i) Councillor Dutton has investigated and recycling bins cost £550 plus £114 per year to empty. Another option is to replace the small bin opposite the shop with a bigger version

Councillors **agreed** to request a new bin opposite the shop and to review the recycling bin situation at the next budget



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9 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>
21/01856/FUL	13 July 2021	12 Northend Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YZ	Proposed Single Storey Side Extension with Associated Internal and External works
21/01812/FUL	3 Aug 2021	Rose Cottage, The Tunnel, Farnborough, OX17 1EH	Replacement House

Between meetings Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to 21/01856/FUL

Councillors agreed to respond with 'no representation' to 21/01812/FUL

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

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
21/01176/FUL	25 June 2021	Granted	The Old School, Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	change of use from B1 (design workshop and studio) to mixed-use B1 and C3 (live-work unit)
21/01831/TREE	1 July 2021	No Objection	In The Parish Of, Fenny Compton	-T1 ash: Remove dead wood and remove limb overhanging the school -T2 willow: Pollard to 4metres -T3 walnut: Reduce by 5metres
21/01733/TREE	7 July 2021	No Objection	2 Dog Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YD	-T1 conifer hedge - reduce height by half, to 2metres and trim faces. -T2 ash - Strip ivy Pollard, reducing height to approximately 10metres and reduce north east side to balance. -T3 pine - Fell -T4 hedgerow of mixed species, reduce height to 1.75metres and trim face. -T5 Lawson cypress - Sever ivy at base, thin canopy by 20%, reduce overlong branches to allow light into bed underneath

10 Financial Administration

- (ii) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Carless and seconded by Councillor Briscoe):

JUL_21_1_SO Lydia Cox (Salary and Expenses June)	£ 314.80
JUL_21_2_SO SDC (April Pension Contribution)	£ 98.27
JUL_21_3 Frank Mann Farmers (Playing fields grass cut)	£ 381.00
JUL_21_4_DD Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	£ 9.08
JUL_21_5 Mick Jones (Grass cut)	£ 1,140.00
JUL_21_6 WALC (Training)	£ 36.00
JUL_21_7_DD E.ON (Street lighting)	£ 178.58
Total	£ 2,157.73

- (iii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and **agreed** them

- (iv) Between meetings a direct debit for £23.82 for Water Plus was paid that wasn't included in the previous minutes

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- (v) The clerk's annual performance review was completed by Councillors Dutton and Parkes. A salary increase was agreed by the council with an annual impact of £160 per year and pension contribution increase of £40. This was proposed by Councillor Dutton and seconded by Councillor Carless

Councillor Payne arrived at 20.45

11 Updates

- (i) Flood Prevention – WCC reported they had to do some additional work on the business case related to carbon appraisal before it could go through their internal approval process

WCC will still progress with the surveys for the sample properties in the interim. Details have been provide of five properties of varying styles and location so they get a representative sample from the village. WCC would like to survey the doctor's surgery, they have been contacted but awaiting response. They will need to confirm acceptance in the next two weeks but the remaining surveys will progress so as not to create further delay.

Highways have undertaken clearance of the road gullies in Memorial Road

- (ii) Trees – Work should start this week
- (iii) Playing Field – The new tennis posts have now been fitted and the tennis court is up and running

Councillor Whear has patched the play area rubber surface. The hopscotch squares were also very loose so these have been stuck these down and the gaps filled

Councillor Whear has undertaken the monthly check of play area assets

Councillors agreed to book the annual inspection of the play area equipment with RoSPA

- (iv) Neighbourhood Plan – No updates. Next step is for the grant application to be processed

- (v) Allotments – Lease registration is still with land registry

- (vi) Highways – No further updates

- (vii) Street Lighting – Councillors discussed the following quotes

a. LP1 Station Road – whole unit replaced £1,140 plus VAT

b. LP2 High Street – whole unit replaced £1,140 plus VAT

c. LP2 Brook Street – lantern replaced £320 plus VAT

Councillors **approved** the quotes for LP2 High Street and LP2 Brook Street. It was decided to leave LP1 Station Road as this may be covered by Compton Buildings work

- (viii) Traffic Calming – No updates for traffic calming or speed watch

- (ix) Future Strategy – There are various assets in the village that need attention (village hall, sports pavilion, bowls pavilion, play area) and also 100 new houses are to be

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built. The NDP Aspirations document has provided a remit for the work that needs to be done and what residents would like to see

It was agreed that a separate meeting is needed with members of the parish council plus others (representatives from bowls club, village hall committee?). The outcome will be a set of priorities and actions

The Clerk will email respective clerks of Bourton, Ettington and Boddington that have recently had new village/community halls, plus WALC contacts, to find out how they worked out what they wanted to do. For example, did they work with a consultant?

12 Items to Publicise

- (i) New tennis courts
- (ii) Flooding updates
- (iii) Tree works
- (iv) Managed Wildlife Area

13 Future Discussion

Findings from internal audit report

14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting planned is an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 20th September

MEETING CLOSED 21.30

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Appendix A

June Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
30 Day Notice		910.78
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		
Cotters Croft	7,452.63	
PC Balance	2,547.37	
		10,000.00
Deposit	15,858.71	
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	2,510.00	
WCC Flood Attenuation Grant	359.56	
Over 8's Play Area	604.23	
NP Plan Projects	177.83	
Allotments	250.00	
Defibrillator	2,122.06	
Deposit Account		24,018.21
Current Account		8,243.58
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>43,172.57</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Salary)	(314.80)	
SDC (Pension Contribution)	(98.27)	
Frank Mann Farmers (Playing fields)	(381.00)	
Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(9.08)	
Mick Jones (Grass cut)	(1,140.00)	
WALC (Training)	(36.00)	
EON(Streetlighting)	(178.58)	
Current Account		(2,157.73)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>41,014.84</u>

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Appendix B

June Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice	910.78
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,000.00
Deposit Account	24,018.21
Current Account	8,341.85
Less cheques outstanding	
SDC (Pension Contributor)	(98.27)
Current Account	8,243.58
Total Bank	<u>43,172.57</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	42,851.58
Less payments between meetings:	
WaterPlus Direct Debit	(23.82)
Incorrect amount noted for EON Bill	139.60
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Burial Income	205.00
Bank Interest	0.21
Total Cash Book	<u>43,172.57</u>

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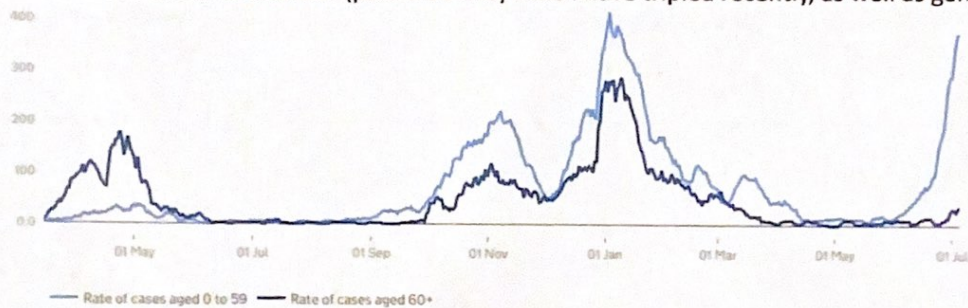
Appendix C - District Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Report

Warwick and Stratford District Councils

Closer cooperation with Warwick District is proceeding. The first consultation phase of the joint local plan has resulted in 550 responses. The call for sites has generated 300 locations, but it is expected that some will be duplicates of those already submitted in previous embodiments of local plans. Management teams are being joined up so that there are shared heads of service across Councils, even though the Councils remain entirely separate entities at the present time. The elected leadership of the Council means there are still two Cabinets for the two Councils so the paid staff have two sets of bosses. The timetable for a decision as to whether this closer working gets translated into a full merger is December. Before then, work has to be done to investigate the implications and the wisdom of moving to a full merger.

Covid

Covid case rates continue to rise very substantially across our District. There are starting to be increases in the under 50s as well (pale blue line) which have tripled recently, as well as generally.



As in my last report, the really big rise is in the under 35s - and the 20-25 age group is running at 850. One can only hope the vaccination age range coming down will control this, but I note that the 15-19 age group is even higher at 1270, a cohort which of course is presently not on the vaccination schedule.

Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation

There is an emerging controversy about how well publicised this has been. The cabinet member suggests it was 'prominently featured' in the parish and partner briefing, but parish councils in my area seem not to be aware. The consultation period expired today.

HS2

CLlr Kettle and I visited the HS2 site at the polo ground on Friday 2nd July in an attempt to assess the timing of the reopening of the A425. At present, HS2 estimate that road will be reopened in early August, but the road surface condition will be less than perfect. There will be plant crossing points with traffic lights. Once reopened there will be further road closure of the minor roads around, which relate to deferred works. The Welsh Road from Bascote to the Fosseyway is a likely early target for this.

Regards
Nigel Rock

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