

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 15th April 2024 At 7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, District Councillors Natalie Gist and Nigel Rock, and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

2024_04_01: Apologies

None received

2024_04_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th March 2024 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Johnson)

2024_04_03: Declarations of Interest

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

Councillor Johnson declared an interest in any discussion regarding the Bowls Club

Councillor Birch declared an interest in discussions regarding Warwickshire Search & Rescue

2024_04_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2024_04_05: Open Forum

There were three members of the public in attendance

Two parishioners wanted to discuss the wildflower meadow at Fieldgate Lane. They requested an area from pavement to road mowed on a regular basis to ensure that motorists could see round the corner. Clerk confirmed that the new contractor has been asked to do this. Parish council will review the wildflower area after this autumn

2024_04_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: A meeting will be held on 3rd May with local MP and Integrated Care Board of the NHS – will be told who will be awarded the contract for the surgery
- (ii) Defibrillator Training: Held on April 9th with Warwickshire Search & Rescue and Fenny Compton Explorers. Training was well received and councillors would like to thank WS&R for their time and efforts. Councillors **agreed** to donate £50 for the service
- (iii) Broadband contractor issues: Clerk still chasing but an additional box has appeared at the verge at Bear & Ragged Staff green. Chair has suggested that Clerk contact Ofcom to take this further
- (iv) Chicane on Dog Lane: Councillor Kettle will determine options for next steps
- (v) Gov.uk email addresses: No further updates
- (vi) Migration of website: SDC are in the process of migrating the site content and documents over to the new system. Some of the content on the pages needs to be updated as out of date. When complete Clerk will be trained. Councillors asked whether someone else could also receive the training for business continuity purposes. Clerk to ask question

2024_04_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

Councillors Gist and Rock submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

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

Councillor Kettle joined the meeting at 20.04

Councillor Kettle had received several reports last week of the developers at Compton Locks pumping water onto Station Road. The Construction Director of Orbit rang Councillor Kettle to apologise. County and District Councillors will take up the other issues (road cleaning, planning enforcement matters) together

2024_04_08: Correspondence

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- Residents correspondence:
 - Green waste left at playing field
 - **Councillors Johnson and Whear will organise the disposal of**
 - Various comments on Facebook regarding the new sports pavilion and what it will be used for/ size of building
 - **Discussed as part of further updates**

2024_04_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>
24/00600/TREE	16 Apr 2024	Rick House, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	T1 - Salix - Remove 4-8 branches, approx 5 meters

Councillors discussed and **agreed** to respond with 'no representation'

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

(iii) Further Updates

- a. For Information - 24/00831/TEL28: Installation of a 12m pole for the mounting of LoRaWAN gateway equipment, at land in verge on High Street (Alongside Bowls club fence). Clerk to contact planning department as we have had no prior communication (parish council owns the land)
- b. Compton Locks -
 - i. Bus stop request – Councillor Kettle is to find out whether his discretionary fund will cover the cost (to get it done quicker)
 - ii. Speed Limit along Station Road – No further updates

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2024_04_10: Financial Administration

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

Lydia Cox (Apr Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)
SDC (Apr Pension Contribution)	(114.48)
Utility Warehouse (Sports Pav Electricity)	0.00
Yu Energy (Apr Street Lighting)	(249.08)
WaterPlus (Water)	4.95
SDC (website Hosting)	(324.00)
WALC (Annual Subscription)	(369.39)
	(1,460.24)

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) Streetlight maintenance quote: Warwickshire County Council have sent their quote for 2024/25 financial year. It will be an increase of £7 from 2023/24. Councillors **agreed** to proceed
- (iv) Insurance Renewal: Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes from Clear insurance management and Zurich. A decision will need to be made at the next meeting

Resident left the meeting at 20.45

- (v) Noticeboard Upgrade: Clerk has obtained three quotes for the renewal of the noticeboard at Berry Meadow, as this has now failed. They range between £1,000 and £2,000 for a wooden board. Councillor Rock has suggested that he has access to some noticeboards that could be reused. Councillors agreed to pursue this option. In the meantime Clerk will organise for the doors to be removed from the Berry Meadow noticeboard for safety reasons

Councillor Rock left the meeting at 20.55

2024_04_12: Updates

- (i) Report from Sports Field Upgrade Sub-Committee –
- Demolition – Has now been completed to the level of the original building and concrete slab. One of the prospective contractors has visited the site and confirmed that no additional work is needed from a demolition perspective. Councillors will ask contractor if the safety fencing can be kept up and to reinstate the gate to the field
 - New Build – Quotes have been received from three companies for a new building to include toilets, kitchen area and communal area. There has been some discussion amongst residents on Facebook that the council should be looking to replace with a more substantial building to accommodate any future adult football/cricket teams. Unfortunately, with the funding available, this is not possible at this time. Should a requirement emerge in the future we would look to secure additional funding for this. The council understands that this will not satisfy everyone, but believe it is the most responsible thing to do, to deliver the most benefit to the existing users of the sports field
 - Play Area – Clerk has requested meetings with the three prospective companies on the 26th April
 - Consideration is also being made to improve the car park area and include fencing
- (ii) Compton Locks Integration – No further updates

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- (iii) Flood Prevention – No further updates
- (iv) Trees – Two memorial trees for Kate have been planted at Bear & Ragged Staff green
- (v) Highways – No further updates

2024_04_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) New building at sports field

2024_04_14: Future Discussion

Insurance renewal, Annual meeting, electricity sub-station land

2024_04_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 20th May 2024

MEETING CLOSED 21.20

Appendix A

March Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Allotments	750.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Other	83.22	
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)		5,538.74
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
PC Balance	7,155.42	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		16,490.00
Current Account		832.08
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>32,865.82</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
Lydia Cox (Apr Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)	
SDC (Apr Pension Contribution)	(114.48)	
Utility Warehouse (Sports Pav Electricity)	0.00	
Yu Energy (Apr Street Lighting)	(249.08)	
WaterPlus (Water)	4.95	
SDC (website Hosting)	(324.00)	
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		(1,460.24)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>31,405.58</u>

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Appendix B

March Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	5,538.74
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)	16,490.00
Current Account	1,240.32
Less payments outstanding:	
March Clerk salary	(408.24)
Current Account	832.08
Total Bank	<u>32,865.82</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	32,826.76
Less payments between meetings:	
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	39.03
Total Cash Book	<u>32,865.80</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

New Grounds Maintenance Contract - Following a successful tender exercise, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has awarded a new contract to carry out grounds maintenance across the District from 1 April 2024.

- The five-year contract has been awarded to Continental Landscapes Ltd, with the option to extend for up to a further five years.
- The contract covers all District Council owned and maintained parks and open spaces covering grassed areas, floral beds, shrub beds/herbaceous beds, hedge maintenance, tree watering, weed control and removal.
- The contract also includes park cleansing, park furniture and play equipment maintenance, the maintenance of the paddling pool at the Recreation Ground, together with lifebuoys maintenance along the River Avon in Stratford-upon-Avon and winter gritting.
- The new contract includes Key Performance Indicators and Annual Contract Targets to drive service improvements, as well as introducing new features such as 'No Mow May' on Warwickshire County Council Highway verges.
- Another change is that herbicides will not be applied to any grassed areas, floral beds, shrub beds/herbaceous beds or hedges, as part of the weed control, it will be limited to hard surfaces and spot treatments of invasive weeds and wildflower areas only.
- Continental Landscapes Ltd will also be using HVO fuel, from second generation biofuel and a RTFO accredited supplier, for their vehicles together with electric equipment.

Prostate Awareness Screening Event – Sunday 28 April 2024 - SDC is subsidising a Prostate Awareness Screening Event, in partnership with Everyone Active and The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT). The event is taking place

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on Sunday 28 April 2024, at Stratford Leisure Centre, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Use this link to book your place <https://ow.ly/Xjb350R2YG3>

Community Safety - Stratford-on-Avon District Council is carrying out a 7-week Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation in Stratford-upon-Avon town centre. A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is a control measure created by the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. The orders deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are 'detrimental to the community's quality of life' and are designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in public places.

The District Council is consulting on the following condition:

- Anti-social behaviour anywhere within 'Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre' when consuming or possessing alcohol.

The behaviour which the District Council is looking to prohibit has been identified as detrimental, persistent and unreasonable to the area. It will not stop members of the public from drinking in public. It will, however, allow the police officers and police community support officers additional powers to deal with those who are drinking or possessing alcohol and engaging in anti-social behaviour. Residents are invited to comment via SDC's website and the consultation runs until 8 May.

HS2 - We have been notified of a road closure on the A423 on 20 and 21 April as follows: "We will be working along the highway verge of the A423 near Southam. Given the type of work required, and that this is an A-road with fast traffic, we will need to close the road.

- The A423 Banbury Road, between Ladbrooke and Southam, will be closed Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April 2024, from 8am to 6pm.
- Access to properties and businesses within the closure area will be provided
- We have timed this work to avoid other road closures in the area, and to avoid weekday peak traffic."

Cllr Natalie Gist

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

Harbury Crossroads: Work on this long time project is finally planned to be completed by 15th April and handed back to WCC for the road to be resurfaced. The resurfacing work will involve night time closures for the week commencing at 19.00hrs and reopening at 06:00 hrs between 15th April - Sat 20th April 2024 (5 nights). After this there may be some verge side works continuing but the junction will be fully operational.

This will deliver a significant improvement in road safety which began over ten years ago when I was asked to present Peter Kostiak's petition to the WCC full Council.

HS2: I have had three meetings with HS2 to discuss progress but also non-compliance with the HS2 Code of Practice by main contractors. The closure of A425 was announced shortly after a meeting with our MP and Councillors to discuss plans, during which no mention was made of the intended closure. We complained at the most recent MP meeting about the pointlessness of such "consultation" if HS2 is unable to give us forewarning of such closures and requested HS2 to treat our communities with more respect. We thought the point was made. Five days after that most recent meeting HS2 announced the closure of the Fosse between 29th April and 3rd May. No mention was made.

I will be referring this behaviour to the Construction Commissioner who appears to be the only person to whom HS2 listens. The works between Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick and Lower Boddington remain significantly behind the

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proposed timetable started in July 23 with the closure of the Wormleighton Road scheduled for late autumn 23 still to commence.

Flooding: Following the significant rainfall over the last few months, I have been working with and had a number of on-site meetings with Jeoffery Hobday and the WCC Flood Risk Management Team. A number of actions have been agreed to reduce flooding in two villages. Separately I have reported the actions of the developers of Compton Locks for pumping water onto Station Road to both Jeoffery Hobday and to Orbit. Both are investigating as this is not acceptable.

Secondary schools admissions: On secondary School Offer Day, 1st March, over 95% of all Warwickshire residents will be offered one of their top three choices of secondary school. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to offer every child a place at one of their preferred schools. Parental choice is an important part of the admissions process, and whilst there can be several reasons why a child won't have an offer for one of their preferred schools, in many cases it is because parents have chosen not to apply for their local school.

ASB and neighbour disputes in affordable housing: I received a call from a BI resident about ASB towards his granddaughter living in affordable housing in the village, She is a vulnerable person. I have been working with our District Councillors, the affordable housing provider and Council officers to resolve this difficult issue. The affordable housing provider's response is to seek the rehousing of their tenant, possibly away from her care network, not the perpetrator. It seems wrong that a perpetrator of concerning levels of ASB is more difficult to move than a victim. Nigel and I have raised significant concerns with housing and ASB officers and the affordable housing company.

Ufton Waste tip and green waste IVC facility – planning extension: Following significant concerns from residents about the smells and flies seemingly coming from the IVC facility at Ufton, the Planning Officer, who I have been corresponding with over the matter, offered to attend a PC meeting in Ufton and he reassured residents that if the extension of the site operation for 14 years is granted, there will be specific and enforceable conditions included over the nuisance of flies and smell from the site. This is achievable through the use of new technology that can measure the nuisance effect of flies and smells although the control mechanism have been used many times elsewhere in the past.

WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund: Please don't forget opportunities to improve certain aspects of the WCC Highway Network whilst I still have funding road related schemes in my delegated highways budget.

Events and other matters

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections: Have your say in the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections on Thursday 2 May 2024. Visit www.wheredoivote.co.uk to find your local polling station and remember to take photo ID with you to vote.

“Dating app for charities” calls for more Warwickshire residents and businesses to get involved!: A Leamington social enterprise that matches businesses and volunteers with local charities is calling on people from Warwickshire who are passionate about doing something worthwhile to step forward. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5114/-dating-app-for-charities-calls-for-more-warwickshire-residents-and-businesses-to-get-involved-

Longer summer opening makes recycling easier at your friendly local recycling centre: Warwickshire County Council is reminding residents that recycling is now even easier with extended summer opening times in operation. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5112/longer-summer-opening-makes-recycling-easier-at-your-

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Warwickshire comes together to commit to tackling child exploitation: Last month, organisations across Warwickshire and the surrounding area pledged their support to raise awareness of child exploitation to mark Child Exploitation Awareness Day. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5107/warwickshire-comes-together-to-commit-to-tackling-child-exploitation

Cameras at the ready! The Warwickshire Country Parks photography competition is officially open: Warwickshire County Council's Country Parks service is excited to introduce the Warwickshire Country Parks Photography Competition, an opportunity for photographers at all levels to show off their favourite shots. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5106/cameras-at-the-ready-the-warwickshire-country-parks-photography-competition-is-officially-open

Leamington Spa businesses invited to have their say on the Vision for Leamington town centre: Leamington Spa businesses are invited to hear about more work to refresh the Vision for Leamington town centre and have their say on what should be included. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5108/leamington-spa-businesses-invited-to-have-their-say-on-the-vision-for-leamington-town-centre

New strategy launched to prevent serious violence in Warwickshire: Warwickshire communities at risk from serious violence will benefit from the launch of a new strategy to tackle both the occurrences and underlying causes of violence. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5115/new-strategy-launched-to-prevent-serious-violence-in-warwickshire

Supporting people to stay healthy and independent: Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to learn more about the ways they can help themselves to maintain their independence for as long as possible. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5116/supporting-people-to-stay-healthy-and-independent

Living Well to combat loneliness: Loneliness can affect anyone, of any age, at any time in their life. Warwickshire County Council's Living Well website includes information and support for anyone who is struggling with social isolation and feelings of loneliness. Visit <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell> now to find out more.

Engineering company partners with council and universities to boost recruitment: Multi award-winning engineering company, 3P Innovation, is working with Warwickshire County Council and Midlands universities to support its recruitment as the company grows. Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5121/engineering-company-partners-with-council-and-universities-to-boost-recruitment

Fire Service issues advice to reduce the risk of smoking-related fires: Warwickshire residents are being reminded of the fire risks associated with smoking and to take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones. Read more here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5122/fire-service-issues-advice-to-reduce-the-risk-of-smoking-related-fires