

# 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<sup>th</sup> July 2024 At 7.45pm

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

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

### **2024\_07\_01: Apologies**

None received

### **2024\_07\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Whear)

### **2024\_07\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore any flooding discussions

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

### **2024\_07\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2024\_07\_05: Open Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance

### **2024\_07\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: No update
- (ii) Chicane on Dog Lane: Chair and clerk have been unable to contact the resident that originally raised this to report findings
- (iii) Migration of website: The website has now been migrated across
- (iv) Noticeboards: Clerk and Councillor Birch met with a representative from the Canal and River Trust and agreed to remove the noticeboard outside the Wharf pub. Councillors agreed to do this on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- (v) Green waste at playing field: Has now been removed

### **2024\_07\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

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

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

TRO consultation for Station Road speed limit still not issued but is being chased

### **2024\_07\_08: Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- (i) Residents correspondence:
  - Hedgerow at Fieldgate Lane: **Clerk has spoken to Michael Mann and it will be done at his next visit, along with the shrubs outside the school**
  - Kenwyn House – Overgrown and encroaching on footpath: **Suggested that this is reported on WCC website as private residence**

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- Traffic on High Street – Dangerous driving, danger to children, problems with roadworks, large lorries: **District councillor will contact the Southam Safer Neighbourhood team to see if they can be present outside the school at drop off time for a day. WCC will need to be contacted for Highways issues**

### (ii) Warwickshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

- Warwickshire County Council, in partnership with the Local Nature Partnership, is seeking support from residents, businesses and community groups to share their views on natural environments, biodiversity and local areas. The survey seeks to find out which areas of the recovery of our natural world they think should be prioritised
- The LNRS will be a key strategy that will outline a roadmap for restoring and improving Warwickshire's natural environment, ensuring that it is sustainable now and for future generations
- The survey can be found at: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/>
- The survey closes on 8th September

### 2024\_07\_09: Planning

- (i) No applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting
- (ii) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
24/01113/TREE	20 Jun 2024	No objection	Fieldgate, Mill Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YF	-T1 Leyland cypress: Reduce 2 metres from height and all overhanging branches, over border of property to increase light

- (iii) Appeal Ref: APP/J3720/W/23/3332382; Land off Station Road, Fenny Compton – Development of 12 self/custom build dwellings. Appeal **ALLOWED**

Councillors noted that there were a number of conditions that must be met by the developer before they can start any work on the site

- (iv) 24/01092/LDP: Certificate of Lawful Development received for the new Sports Pavilion

### 2024\_07\_10: Financial Administration

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

JUL_24_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Salary and expenses)	✔	(408.24)
JUL_24_2_SO	SDC (Pension Contribution)	✔	(114.48)
JUL_24_3_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	✔	(188.58)
JUL_24_4	D S Landscape & Groundworks (Sports Pavilion)		(3,500.00)
JUL_24_5	Michael Mann (Village grass cut)		(660.00)
JUL_24_6	Michael Mann (Sports Field and flood pool cut)		(502.80)
JUL_24_7	D S Landscape & Groundworks (Concrete pour)		(3,000.00)
JUL_24_8	National Grid (Electricity reconnection)		(919.44)
JUL_24_9	Henley Garden Buildings (30% payment)		(16,128.00)
JUL_24_10	Safety Fencing (New pavilion build)		(880.00)

**Current Account**

**(26,301.54)**

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- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) Clerks Annual Review: It has been agreed to move up one pay grade. This will be actioned from August

### **2024\_07\_11: Updates**

- (i) Report from Sports Field Upgrade Sub-Committee –

There was no meeting this month, but the following was discussed at the council meeting:

Building is underway at the pavilion. Safety fencing will now be removed

Reconnection of the electricity – Councillors **agreed** to a quote from D S Landscape & Groundworks for £1,620.00 to provide the necessary trenches and pipe work to enable the electric connection

There will be an amount of exposed rubble left at the end of the build (as the new building is smaller than the old). It has been suggested that about 20 tonnes of top soil would be needed to cover the exposed foundations. Clerk will contact the contractor for a quote

Play area updates – Councillor Birch attended a pre-meet with Wicksteed. There was a discussion regarding moving the new benches. It was agreed to ask how much it would be to add some matting under the benches if they were moved to the grass area

Start date – Query about whether to wait until end of summer holidays, but agreed to start as soon as possible

- (ii) Flood Prevention – There has been communication with landowner of the field next to Station Road regarding the clearing of ditches. Ridgeway plans are being drawn up
- (iii) Trees – Andrew Saunders to tidy up trees around Squire Place in next few weeks at a cost of £350
- (iv) Highways – Clerk to report the potholes on Avon Dasset road again

### **2024\_07\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) New website
- (ii) Pavilion started
- (iii) Start date play area

### **2024\_07\_13: Future Discussion**

### **2024\_07\_14: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (There is no meeting in August)

**MEETING CLOSED 20.40**

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## Appendix A

### June Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)	<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76
Play Area Upgrade	161,970.84
Allotments	750.00
Defibrillator	885.94
Cotters Croft	2,699.58
<b>Allocated Reserves</b>	<b>170,125.94</b>
<b>PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining</b>	<b>19,747.80</b>
<b>Unallocated Reserves</b>	<b>12,400.17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>202,273.91</u></b>
<b>Within the following accounts:</b>	
Current Account	169,572.63
Deposit Account 1	5,556.68
Deposit Account 2	6,992.53
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,147.07
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)	<b><u>202,273.91</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)	
JUL_24_1_SO Lydia Cox (Salary and expenses)	(408.24)
JUL_24_2_SO SDC (Pension Contribution)	(114.48)
JUL_24_3_DD Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(188.58)
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<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>175,972.37</u></b>

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### June Bank Reconciliation

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>£</b>
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Deposit Account 1	5,556.68
Deposit Account 2	6,992.53
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,147.07
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>202,273.91</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	202,321.17
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	36.74
Additional spend agreed at last meeting:	
Parish Online	(84.00)
Total Cash Book	<b><u>202,273.91</u></b>

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## Appendix C – District Councillor Report

**General Election:** As you know, the General Election took place on Thursday 4 July 2024. Fenny Compton sits within the Kenilworth & Southam Constituency and the results here were as follows:

Jeremy Wright - Conservative – 19,395 - \*Elected\*

Cat Price – Labour – 12,821

Jenny Wilkinson – Liberal Democrats – 10,464

Jacqui Harris – Reform UK – 6,920

Alix Dearing – Green – 3,125

Nick Blunderbuss Green – Monster Raving Loony Party – 442

Paul De’Ath – UK Independence Party – 153

**Warwickshire Local Councils’ Charter:** Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Council has agreed a revised Warwickshire Local Councils’ Charter. This Charter will replace the existing Local Councils’ Charter agreed by the District Council in 2015.

The overall aim of the Local Councils’ Charter is to improve relationships between the tiers of local government in Warwickshire. Effective partnerships will ensure an improvement in consultation and communication about policies and decisions that may affect local communities.

There are three levels of local government in Warwickshire: Warwickshire County Council, the five District and Borough Councils and the Parish and Town Councils. Warwickshire County Council and the five District and Borough Councils form the Principal Councils. The Parish and Town Councils form the Local Councils. It is very important to this administration to work more closely with the Town and Parish Councils in Stratford on Avon District and we welcome this Charter.

The revised Charter outlines how Councils can work together to provide better services by:

- Improving communication.
- Consulting each other.
- Giving help and support.
- Measuring how well we are doing.

Progress will be reviewed every 12 months by officers from the Principal Councils and representatives from WALC as appropriate. A report of this annual review will be included within the agendas for the annual Area Meetings.

Cllr Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, said: "Due to the rural nature of our District, we rely heavily on the community links our residents have with local councils. This Charter supports the collaborative work needed between the Principal Council and local Parish and Town Councils."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair September 2024

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**Trees for Farmers:** Warwickshire Rural Hub is pleased to be able to offer Free Trees for Farmers again this year.

The trees are being funded by Warwick District Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. The trees are available to farms lying within these local authority areas.

The Trees Call to Action Project can also offer practical support for farmers looking to plant on a larger scale where they may need to undertake Environmental Impact Assessments, for example if they want to plant on a woodland scale using the Government's English Woodland Creation Offer grant.

If your farm falls within the local authority boundaries and you would like to plant trees this coming winter, you can apply online by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://forms.gle/MEjqc26oRZjRV9Qn6>

**The deadline for requesting trees is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 11pm.**

The trees will be available for collection on a specific day in December 2024 or January 2025 (depending on nursery lead-in times) and will need to be planted as soon as possible after being collected.

### Community Safety

**Operation Talkative:** Residents are being encouraged by Warwickshire Police to report knife carrying. Operation Talkative is asking for our community to share more information about anyone they know or hear about in possession of a knife. More information is vital to enable the police and partner agencies to consider options to protect, prevent and divert individuals risking their own and others safety in Warwickshire.

If you have information or concerns about someone carrying a knife, please report it to police by going to [www.warwickshire.police.uk/report](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/report) or call 101 and quote Operation Talkative.

If someone is carrying a knife on them at the current time, call 999. If you wish to remain anonymous you can report to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

**Online survey:** Residents are being encouraged to have their say about Community Safety by completing an online survey being run by Warwickshire County Council: People can complete the survey online at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/>. The survey runs until 4 August.

Cllr Natalie Gist  
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### Appendix D – County Councillor Report

**Division issues** During purdah, there is not a huge amount to report.

**Local roads:** I have spent some time investigating gulley cleaning and jetting.

The number of gulleys in the village are as follows split between those cleared twice yearly and the rest bi-annually:

Road	Bi- annually	Twice yearly	Total
AVON DASSETT ROAD	11		11
BANBURY ROAD	19		19
BERRY MEADOW	19		19
BRIDGE STREET	8		8
BROOK STREET		10	10
CHURCH STREET		4	4
DOG LANE	1		1
FENNY COMPTON WHARF	33		33
GRANTS CLOSE	5		5
HIGH STREET	19		19
MANOR COURT		5	5
MEMORIAL ROAD		5	5
MILL LANE	3		3
NORTHEND ROAD	4		4
SQUIRE PLACE	5		5
STATION FIELDS	29		29
STATION ROAD	37		37
THE SLADE	1		1
THE TUNNEL	36		36
THE WHARF	7		7
WHARF ROAD	5		5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>266</b>

The village is on the “Fenny Compton” route, 071, and the scheduled start date for the twice-yearly cleaning was to be in late June but commenced early in May 24. The scheduled start date for the gulleys cleaned annually was also June but from the records does not seem to have started.

I have asked for details for both as to what has been done and when, if not they are likely to be done. The report demonstrates that there is a managed program for all gulleys across the County to be cleaned, twice or bi-annually. Gulley cleaning can identify where individual drains need to be jetted using specialist equipment. Three drains were jetted in March 24 and problems identified with silted up outfalls or damaged drains. Jobs have been created for these to be cleared or repaired.

**HS2:** The EKFB Councillor liaison officer Simon Davies has now left EKFB leaving, regrettably, a number of unanswered



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questions about EKFB's work program.

I have now been given the name of his successor, who along with the senior liaison manager for Warwickshire have postponed the removal of a hedgerow and trees remote from roads or the HS2 track itself. I am meeting the new contact next week to discuss.

The planned works around Wormleighton are still a mess with the ongoing use of unsuitable rural roads by HS2 diverted traffic making some of those roads unfit for use. The Construction Commissioner is aware and will be considering how best to address this issue.

The proposed removal of 180 meters of hedgerow and trees, without any apparent connection to new road layouts or the actual track on the A425 has now been postponed until the new EKFB liaison officer and HS2 managers understand whether the removal is necessary.

The works between Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick and Lower Boddington remains significantly behind the proposed timetable started in July 23 with the closure of the Wormleighton Road scheduled for late autumn 23 still to commence.

**WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund:** Applications for stage one has closed.

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

### Events and other matters

**SEND summer picnic at Ryton Pools:** A recent summer picnic at Ryton Pools Country Park brought parent carers and children under three with special educational needs and disabilities together. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5345/ryton-pools-summer-picnic-for-families-receiving-portage-support>

**Schools' road safety and active travel awards 2024:** Warwickshire County Council has marked the achievements of those Warwickshire primary schools who have fully committed to the Safe and Active Schools programme. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5341/outstanding-contributions-towards-road-safety-and-active-travel-recognised>

**Warwickshire Libraries What's On Guide:** Warwickshire Libraries is celebrating one year of National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) status with Arts Council England, with the launch of the service's new What's on Guide for Summer 2024. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5339/warwickshire-libraries-launches-what-s-on-guide-as-service-celebrates-one-year-with-arts-council-england>

**WinCKS Awards 2024:** Forty-three early years settings across Warwickshire have been recognised for the high-quality of their support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5340/annual-awards-celebrate-high-quality-send-provision-in-warwickshire-s-early-years-settings>

**Armed Forces Covenant eLearning module:** A brand-new e-learning module has been developed for NHS organisations and Local Authorities on the Armed Forces Covenant Duty as it applies to healthcare is being launched on Armed Forces Day, 2024. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5342/new-e-learning-module-to-assist-nhs-and-las-implement-the-armed-forces-covenant-duty-within-health-services-launched-on-armed-forces-day-2024>

**Armed Forces Day 2024:** Armed Forces celebrations in Warwickshire began this week with the hoisting of the Armed Forces Day flag at 10am Monday 24 June at Shire Hall, Warwick, ahead of Armed Forces Day on Saturday 29 June.

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**Apply to change schools in September:** If you want your child to start a new school this September you can apply now. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5347/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september>

**Strategic economic delivery plan:** Following Warwickshire's Economic Growth Strategy approval at Cabinet in April, the delivery plan that sets out what will be delivered was brought to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5348/warwickshire-s-strategic-economic-delivery-plan-presented-to-members>

**Warwickshire Crimebeat event:** Warwickshire Crimebeat – a local charity supported by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Rajvinder Kaur – is inviting residents to a special boxing gym event this Sunday (30 June). Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5346/warwickshire-crimebeat-invites-residents-to-boxing-gym-event-with-the-aim-to-inspire-young-people>

**Level 2 Social Worker recruitment:** Do you want to help people identify opportunities to enjoy, achieve and live independently? WCC are #recruiting now for Level 2 #SocialWorkers. Fancy a new approach to working with adults in an acute hospital setting? <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/work-adult-social-care/hospital-social-care-teams>  
Apply here: <http://bit.ly/HSCsocialworkL2>

**Nuisance bike reporting:** Dob 'Em In: Did you know...? If bikes are being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance, Warwickshire Police can issue notices or seize the bike. Report them now at <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin> or call 101 (non-emergency)

**Caravan thefts:** It's holiday season and unfortunately thefts of, or from, caravans do sometimes occur. Having your caravan CRIS registered helps the police to identify the caravan as yours. Find out more at <https://cris.co.uk/advice>

**ACL resident survey:** Are you interested in learning something new? Warwickshire County Council's Adult and Community Learning service want your views to shape its course offerings for the 2024/25 academic year. Have your say today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-customer-survey/>

**Refugee Week 2024 round-up:** Warwickshire residents came together to celebrate Refugee Week 2024 at over 30 activities that promoted inclusivity, understanding, and solidarity. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5351/warwickshire-celebrated-refugee-week-2024-with-more-than-30-events-across-the-county->