

Fenny Compton Parish Council

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

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Flood Relief Grant	1,293.76	
Play Area Upgrade	16,408.47	
Allotments	750.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	2,399.58	
Allocated Reserves		23,873.57
PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining		10,337.94
Unallocatted Reserves		25,524.38
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Cash Book Balance b/f	33,857.13
Payments not yet made:	
OCT_24_12 Waterplus	17.29
Add receipts since last meeting:	
VAT Reclaim	25,810.52
Wayleave payment	19.57
Bank Interest	31.38
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Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Winter Fuel Payment – Reminder

Councillor Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council has written letters to The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer about the Government's decision on winter fuel payments. In her letter to the Deputy Prime Minister, Cllr Juned asked the Government to provide 'the Council with some support so that we can help as many pensioners affected as possible'. Cllr Juned urged the Chancellor for 'a review of the decision to means test the Winter Fuel Payment and asking the Government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who do not claim Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty'.

We remind residents that it is estimated that 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but are not currently receiving it. Pension Credit is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living and can also bring entitlement to additional financial support.

To obtain further information and make a claim you can call the Pension Credit Hotline on 0800 99 1234 or claim online at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>. If you require further advice or help in making a claim Citizen's Advice may be contacted on 0808 250 5715. You may make a claim for Pension Credit at any time if you think you might be eligible.

Residents are reminded that the deadline to claim for the Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.

Staying Warm and Well this Winter

Winter's colder temperatures can heighten health risks and place extra strain on household budgets, often leading to anxiety that affects both physical and mental wellbeing. Over the winter months the Council will be signposting to a range of useful advice and information through its social media channels and website: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

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Armed Forces Covenant Pledge

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet approved the District Council's Armed Forces Covenant Pledge on Monday 4 November.

On Wednesday 6 November, Warwickshire County Council hosted an Armed Forces Covenant signing ceremony at Shire Hall.

Four local authorities, including Stratford-on-Avon District Council and nine local businesses demonstrated their commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community (Regulars, Reserves, Veterans and their families).

The Covenant pledge recognises the sacrifices and obligations made by the Armed Forces and their families and seeks to reduce or remove any disadvantages they may face in serving their country. In certain circumstances such as injury, illness or bereavement special provision may be appropriate to support the Service person or their family.

Cllr Susan Juned, attending the event on behalf of the District Council along with members of staff and Councillor representatives said: "It was an honour to be able to acknowledge the service given by men and women in this District to the defence of our country. This should and will be recognised by our Council."

The Online View

Residents may now receive fortnightly updates about the services at Stratford on Avon District Council directly into their email inbox. You may sign up by following the attached link:

[Email Newsletter | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Hate Crime Survey

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are seeking the views of victims and witnesses of hate crime in South Warwickshire. Both Councils are members of the Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership which is made up of local organisations that have a responsibility for community safety. A survey has been launched by both Councils, the information from which will be used to help tackle hate crime in specific locations. If you have been the victim of or witnessed a hate crime, it would be very much appreciated if you would complete the survey.

You can complete the survey by visiting <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/hatecrime>

The survey will close on the 27th of November 2024.

Cllr Natalie Gist

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

General - You may be aware that owing to my hip replacement at the beginning of October, I took some time out. This was followed by the illness and admittance to A&E of a family member. My switch from patient to carer necessitated a quick turn-around. Both of us are now recovering. So, for a number of reasons, I have been out of action. I have also been heavily involved in a joint WCC/SDC urgent enforcement issue, that took up any spare time during the hours whilst I was waiting in the JR Oxford and since. This report is therefore necessarily brief.

Local roads – flood reduction - I have continued to spend some time investigating gulley cleaning and jetting on behalf of a number of parishes. I have identified the cleared but not flowing gulleys and have asked for an explanation as to what happens now. I am also working with the Flood Risk Management team to reduce flooding areas across the Division.

HS2 - HS2 is still taking up a significant amount of time mainly the impact's on the A423 and A425. But the continuing lack of clarity of remedial in the Wormleighton / Priors' Hardwick and Priors Marston area is worrying. It seems that there is a different plan emerging each month and commitments made, to Sir Jeremy Wright, no less, being changed almost as soon as the meeting was finished.

Flooding - Our localities officer and I are continuing to work to identify any flooding hotspots and, where normal drainage cleaning is not imminently scheduled, to find alternative funding through my discretionary highways budget for urgent work. We are endeavouring to improve the reduce run off onto highways and where local landowners can help, they are being approached as well.

I have been chasing up the issue of Station Road and since the last meeting I attended, WCC are now tasked with contacting the landowner directly about the reinstatement of the ditch.

WCC officer comments are as follows:

- We now believe that the connection has been made outside of the Compton Locks development, Roly has very kindly shared some photos with us so we are ensuring that it is in line with what was agreed during the consent application.
- We have a meeting with Balfour Beatty next Friday (29th) to discuss the Ridge Way works so hopefully we will have a date and some more information for you then as we are keen to have this sorted as soon as possible.
- Memorial Road is still on the scheduled work list but as County Highways are leading on this, we have to request updates from them. At present we are still waiting for a date.

Jeff Hobday has separately raised a works order to repair the pavement in High Street near the school as a priority.

TRO Station Road - I have received an update today on this as follows:

- TRO was advertised 30th August 24, no objections received.
- Our legal suggested operative date of 4th November 24
- Developer who is installing signs have updated on 12th November that the signs they ordered have been damaged in storage, and a new set has been ordered.
- As of today, the developer has not given us an updated date when signs will be installed. We (via our Development team) will again chase developer for date.
- Once we know date of installation, we will instruct Legal to make the Order for the TRO as soon as possible, as we need signs installed before we can complete the Speed Limit Order.

Avon Hill Quarry - I have now met with the operator of this site last week who is keen to meet with the Parish Council to explain their long-term plans for the site.

School - County Education officers are continuing to be concerned about the treatment of some pupils in mainstream education which should be for all pupils, except for those with very special needs. For the second year running, families have contacted me who are concerned about the treatment of their children in some schools. I have also had a number of requests for help with eligibility for school transport. There was a proposal to reduce intake at The Dasset School Fenny Compton, for the second year running. But I am delighted to hear that this has now been dropped as pupil

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number forecasts have indicated, whilst demand next year may be lower, there is an increase in infant umbers for subsequent years. This does however clearly put pressure on school budgets. If anyone is aware of families having problems, please contact me.

WCC Cllrs Highways Budget - I am regularly asked and have agreed with officers to fund improvements to the highway network and still have available funds for small scale road interventions in the Division.

WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund - £8,000 - Applications for stage two has now closed.

Events and other matters

Looking after the vulnerable this winter - Older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter. Keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Winter wellness: Norovirus - Norovirus is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea. Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels DO NOT kill Norovirus.

Winter wellness: Staying healthy at home - Everyday household activities support physical and mental health. Being at home and maintaining routine tasks can improve health outcomes. Being in hospital for a long period unnecessarily can cause serious harm and impact on a person's ability to manage day-to-day needs.

It could be Long COVID - If you've had #COVID19 and are suffering with fatigue, breathlessness, or a cough, it could be #LongCOVID19. If you think you may have #LongCOVID19 make an appointment with your GP who can carry out tests and refer you to the #LongCOVID19 clinic.

Helping drivers get winter ready - As winter approaches Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is reminding drivers that now is a great time to book your vehicle in to a garage for a free winter safety check. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5684/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-offers-tips-to-help-drivers-get-winter-ready>

Free parking at Stratford Park and Ride - Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5687/avoid-the-queues-enjoy-free-parking-at-stratford-park-and-ride-this-november>

Mini exhibition series at Warwickshire Libraries - New mini exhibition series: Roman Warwickshire – Making Connections will be hosted by ten different libraries from Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5686/new-mini-exhibition-series-at-warwickshire-libraries>

Supported internships in Warwickshire - Warwickshire County Council is working to develop pathways to employment for young people with SEND through supported internships. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5681/new-role-to-lead-the-development-of-supported-internships-in-warwickshire>

Walk in Our Shoes - Eight young people who arrived in the UK as Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children recently performed a moving drama at the Albany Theatre titled: Walk in Our Shoes which shared their remarkable stories. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5691/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-in-warwickshire-share-their-stories-on-stage>

A3400 Birmingham Road, Stratford, update - Warwickshire County Council is working hard on the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme to allow two-way traffic on the Road as soon as possible. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5690/an-update-on-progress-on-the-a3400-birmingham-road-in-stratford>

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October Financial Administration

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Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,293.76	
Play Area Upgrade	16,408.47	
Allotments	750.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	2,399.58	
Allocated Reserves		23,873.57
PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining		10,337.94
Unallocatted Reserves		25,524.38
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		59,735.89
Within the following accounts:		
Current Account		1,022.32
Deposit Account 1		5,577.23
Deposit Account 2		32,896.17
12 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,235.17
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		59,735.89
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
NOV_23_1_SO Lydia Cox (Nov Salary and expenses)	(573.61)	
NOV_23_2_SO SDC (Pension contribution Nov)	(159.17)	
NOV_23_3_DD Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(226.69)	
NOV_23_4_DD WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(19.44)	
NOV_23_5_DD ICO subscription	(35.00)	
NOV_23_6 Royal British Legion (Wreath)	(50.00)	
Current Account		(1,063.91)
Total Balances carried forward		178,143.76

Signed _____ Chair December 2024

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October Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	1,022.32
Deposit Account 1	5,577.23
Deposit Account 2	32,896.17
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,235.17
Total Bank	<u>59,735.89</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	33,857.13
Payments not yet made:	
OCT_24_12 Waterplus	17.29
Add receipts since last meeting:	
VAT Reclaim	25,810.52
Wayleave payment	19.57
Bank Interest	31.38
Total Cash Book	<u>59,735.89</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Winter Fuel Payment – Reminder

Councillor Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council has written letters to The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer about the Government's decision on winter fuel payments. In her letter to the Deputy Prime Minister, Cllr Juned asked the Government to provide 'the Council with some support so that we can help as many pensioners affected as possible'. Cllr Juned urged the Chancellor for 'a review of the decision to means test the Winter Fuel Payment and asking the Government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who do not claim Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty'.

We remind residents that it is estimated that 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but are not currently receiving it. Pension Credit is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living and can also bring entitlement to additional financial support.

To obtain further information and make a claim you can call the Pension Credit Hotline on 0800 99 1234 or claim online at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>. If you require further advice or help in making a claim Citizen's Advice may be contacted on 0808 250 5715. You may make a claim for Pension Credit at any time if you think you might be eligible.

Residents are reminded that the deadline to claim for the Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.

Staying Warm and Well this Winter

Winter's colder temperatures can heighten health risks and place extra strain on household budgets, often leading to anxiety that affects both physical and mental wellbeing. Over the winter months the Council will be signposting to a range of useful advice and information through its social media channels and website: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

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Armed Forces Covenant Pledge

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet approved the District Council's Armed Forces Covenant Pledge on Monday 4 November.

On Wednesday 6 November, Warwickshire County Council hosted an Armed Forces Covenant signing ceremony at Shire Hall.

Four local authorities, including Stratford-on-Avon District Council and nine local businesses demonstrated their commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community (Regulars, Reserves, Veterans and their families).

The Covenant pledge recognises the sacrifices and obligations made by the Armed Forces and their families and seeks to reduce or remove any disadvantages they may face in serving their country. In certain circumstances such as injury, illness or bereavement special provision may be appropriate to support the Service person or their family.

Cllr Susan Juned, attending the event on behalf of the District Council along with members of staff and Councillor representatives said: "It was an honour to be able to acknowledge the service given by men and women in this District to the defence of our country. This should and will be recognised by our Council."

The Online View

Residents may now receive fortnightly updates about the services at Stratford on Avon District Council directly into their email inbox. You may sign up by following the attached link:

[Email Newsletter | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Hate Crime Survey

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are seeking the views of victims and witnesses of hate crime in South Warwickshire. Both Councils are members of the Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership which is made up of local organisations that have a responsibility for community safety. A survey has been launched by both Councils, the information from which will be used to help tackle hate crime in specific locations. If you have been the victim of or witnessed a hate crime, it would be very much appreciated if you would complete the survey.

You can complete the survey by visiting <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/hatecrime>

The survey will close on the 27th of November 2024.

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

General - You may be aware that owing to my hip replacement at the beginning of October, I took some time out. This was followed by the illness and admittance to A&E of a family member. My switch from patient to carer necessitated a quick turn-around. Both of us are now recovering. So, for a number of reasons, I have been out of action. I have also been heavily involved in a joint WCC/SDC urgent enforcement issue, that took up any spare time during the hours whilst I was waiting in the JR Oxford and since. This report is therefore necessarily brief.

Local roads – flood reduction - I have continued to spend some time investigating gulley cleaning and jetting on behalf of a number of parishes. I have identified the cleared but not flowing gulleys and have asked for an explanation as to what happens now. I am also working with the Flood Risk Management team to reduce flooding areas across the Division.

HS2 - HS2 is still taking up a significant amount of time mainly the impact's on the A423 and A425. But the continuing lack of clarity of remedial in the Wormleighton / Priors' Hardwick and Priors Marston area is worrying. It seems that there is a different plan emerging each month and commitments made, to Sir Jeremy Wright, no less, being changed almost as soon as the meeting was finished.

Flooding - Our localities officer and I are continuing to work to identify any flooding hotspots and, where normal drainage cleaning is not imminently scheduled, to find alternative funding through my discretionary highways budget for urgent work. We are endeavouring to improve the reduce run off onto highways and where local landowners can help, they are being approached as well.

I have been chasing up the issue of Station Road and since the last meeting I attended, WCC are now tasked with contacting the landowner directly about the reinstatement of the ditch.

WCC officer comments are as follows:

- We now believe that the connection has been made outside of the Compton Locks development, Roly has very kindly shared some photos with us so we are ensuring that it is in line with what was agreed during the consent application.
- We have a meeting with Balfour Beatty next Friday (29th) to discuss the Ridge Way works so hopefully we will have a date and some more information for you then as we are keen to have this sorted as soon as possible.
- Memorial Road is still on the scheduled work list but as County Highways are leading on this, we have to request updates from them. At present we are still waiting for a date.

Jeff Hobday has separately raised a works order to repair the pavement in High Street near the school as a priority.

TRO Station Road - I have received an update today on this as follows:

- TRO was advertised 30th August 24, no objections received.
- Our legal suggested operative date of 4th November 24
- Developer who is installing signs have updated on 12th November that the signs they ordered have been damaged in storage, and a new set has been ordered.
- As of today, the developer has not given us an updated date when signs will be installed. We (via our Development team) will again chase developer for date.
- Once we know date of installation, we will instruct Legal to make the Order for the TRO as soon as possible, as we need signs installed before we can complete the Speed Limit Order.

Avon Hill Quarry - I have now met with the operator of this site last week who is keen to meet with the Parish Council to explain their long-term plans for the site.

School - County Education officers are continuing to be concerned about the treatment of some pupils in mainstream education which should be for all pupils, except for those with very special needs. For the second year running, families have contacted me who are concerned about the treatment of their children in some schools. I have also had a number of requests for help with eligibility for school transport. There was a proposal to reduce intake at The Dasset School Fenny Compton, for the second year running. But I am delighted to hear that this has now been dropped as pupil

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number forecasts have indicated, whilst demand next year may be lower, there is an increase in infant umbers for subsequent years. This does however clearly put pressure on school budgets. If anyone is aware of families having problems, please contact me.

WCC Cllrs Highways Budget - I am regularly asked and have agreed with officers to fund improvements to the highway network and still have available funds for small scale road interventions in the Division.

WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund - £8,000 - Applications for stage two has now closed.

Events and other matters

Looking after the vulnerable this winter - Older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter. Keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Winter wellness: Norovirus - Norovirus is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea. Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels DO NOT kill Norovirus.

Winter wellness: Staying healthy at home - Everyday household activities support physical and mental health. Being at home and maintaining routine tasks can improve health outcomes. Being in hospital for a long period unnecessarily can cause serious harm and impact on a person's ability to manage day-to-day needs.

It could be Long COVID - If you've had #COVID19 and are suffering with fatigue, breathlessness, or a cough, it could be #LongCOVID19. If you think you may have #LongCOVID19 make an appointment with your GP who can carry out tests and refer you to the #LongCOVID19 clinic.

Helping drivers get winter ready - As winter approaches Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is reminding drivers that now is a great time to book your vehicle in to a garage for a free winter safety check. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5684/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-offers-tips-to-help-drivers-get-winter-ready>

Free parking at Stratford Park and Ride - Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5687/avoid-the-queues-enjoy-free-parking-at-stratford-park-and-ride-this-november>

Mini exhibition series at Warwickshire Libraries - New mini exhibition series: Roman Warwickshire – Making Connections will be hosted by ten different libraries from Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5686/new-mini-exhibition-series-at-warwickshire-libraries>

Supported internships in Warwickshire - Warwickshire County Council is working to develop pathways to employment for young people with SEND through supported internships. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5681/new-role-to-lead-the-development-of-supported-internships-in-warwickshire>

Walk in Our Shoes - Eight young people who arrived in the UK as Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children recently performed a moving drama at the Albany Theatre titled: Walk in Our Shoes which shared their remarkable stories. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5691/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-in-warwickshire-share-their-stories-on-stage>

A3400 Birmingham Road, Stratford, update - Warwickshire County Council is working hard on the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme to allow two-way traffic on the Road as soon as possible. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5690/an-update-on-progress-on-the-a3400-birmingham-road-in-stratford>

Chatterbooks programme - Warwickshire Libraries is delighted to share that its Chatterbooks programme has gained national recognition. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5689/warwickshire-libraries-chatterbooks-programme-achieves-national-recognition>