

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 19th February 2024 At 7.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

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24/00235/FUL	29 Feb 2024	Gwynedd , High Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YG	Change of roof tiles to slate, white UPVC windows to grey, window blocked up, rear window replaced with patio doors, new bay roof and porch and new detached single garage

Councillors discussed and **agreed** to ‘no representation’ to all

Resident left the meeting at 20.15

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

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
24/00029/TREE	8 Feb 2024	No Objection	1 The Willows, High Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2FS	-T1 and T2 willow - Reduce branches by 10 metres, pruning back to previous pollard points -T3 and T4 apple - Prune and shape by removing 2 metres of growth -T5 conifer - Reduce height by 3 metres

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- (iii) Further Updates
 - a. Compton Locks
 - i. Bus stop request – No update
 - ii. Speed Limit along Station Road – Update as per County Councillor report
 - iii. Station Road footpath - The section 278 agreement has been signed and is now on its way back to NHBC and then to the County Council. Once the County Council have completed it, Orbit can then apply to the County Council to carry out the works

2024_02_10: Financial Administration

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

FEB_24_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Feb Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)
FEB_24_2_SO	SDC (Pension contribution Feb)	(114.48)
FEB_24_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(29.89)
FEB_24_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lights)	(275.98)
FEB_24_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(22.60)
FEB_24_6	SDC (Streelight maintenance)	(197.28)

Current Account **(1,048.47)**

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

2024_02_11: Parish Councillor Vacancy

Still have one vacancy – Need to advertise this further

2024_02_12: Updates

- (i) Report from Sports Field Upgrade Sub-Committee –
 - a. CIL agreement has been signed but money has not yet been received
 - b. Asbestos survey completed
 - c. Demolition quotes have been confirmed
 - d. Chair spoke to Colts about storage needs for new building
 - e. Clerk has had one set of quotes for a new building and is seeking more
 - f. A list of criteria for the new play equipment has been created based on feedback from last year. Clerk will get updated quotes based on this criteria

Councillors discussed the three demolition quotes received and **agreed** to offer the contract to Simon Bradley at a cost of £17,000 (Including VAT and removal of the two concrete bases next to the pavilion)

Chair will attend The Colts next committee meeting on the 27th February

- (ii) Compton Locks Integration – Now 25% occupied
- (iii) Flood Prevention – Councillor Whear asked Councillor Kettle for an update on the Memorial Road situation. Also need to think about future planning for Aqueous post current works are complete

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- (iv) Trees – No further updates
- (v) Highways – No further updates
- (vi) Gov.uk email addresses – The Parish Council have received advice from WALC that all Councils should have a .gov.uk email account, due to being the first tier of local government. Ideally, we will also have .gov.uk email addresses set up for each Councillors to use for Council business only. If there is a Freedom Of Information request, they may have to allow someone to go through a personal email account if they don't have one. It is also a way to ensure that confidential information remains secure.

Currently each councillor has a unique parish council email address (no private correspondence) but they are @gmail.com addresses.

Council already has some .gov.uk addresses through the SDC website annual payment. Clerk to find out how many we could have without paying any extra

- (vii) Risk Assessments –
 - a. Memorial Road Salt Bin – Salt bin has been emptied and removed
 - b. Benches – Derek Maries has provided quote of £70 for the repair of the two benches which was **agreed**
 - c. Equipment Shed assessment has been completed

2024_02_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) Parish councillor vacancy
- (ii) Agreed demolition contractor
- (iii) Fire Service response
- (iv) Dog Lane chicane

2024_01_14: Future Discussion

Insurance renewal, agree internal auditor

2024_01_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th March 2024

MEETING CLOSED 21.10

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Appendix A

January Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Over 8's Play Area	-	
NP Plan Projects	86.33	
Allotments	500.00	
Defibrillator	956.68	
Other	163.91	
Deposit Account		5,526.50
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
PC Balance	7,155.42	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		18,431.11
Current Account		971.13
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>34,933.74</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
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Appendix B

January Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	5,526.50
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)	18,431.11
Current Account	996.59
Less payments outstanding:	
Jan WaterPlus Bill	(25.46)
Current Account	971.13
Total Bank	<u>34,933.74</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	34,898.43
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	35.31
Total Cash Book	<u>34,933.74</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Stratford on Avon Community Climate Change Fund: The Council's Community Climate Change Fund went live on 22 January 2024. By the time you read this the first phase of the fund of £50,000 will be under consideration with a second phase of £50,000 available later in the year. The purpose of the CCCF is to enable the delivery of climate change focused projects within the communities of Stratford-on-Avon. As well as Parish Councils, other formally constituted charity and community groups can apply.

First, applicants will need to submit an Expression of Interest providing preliminary information regarding your project. If the Expression of Interest shows that your project fulfils the overall eligibility criteria (which you can view online), you will be invited to submit a full application. Details of the full application process can be found in the Grant Process document on the District Council's website. Search for Stratford community climate change fund or follow the link below for further information:

[Stratford-on-Avon Community Climate Change Fund | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Green Bin Subscriptions: Green bin subscriptions from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 are now open. The cost is £46 per green bin. You can search for Stratford Garden Waste Service (or link here for online subscription form: [Garden Waste Service | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)) or call for further information 01789 260628.

Concessionary Car Parking Permits: The system of car parking permits for those of Pensionable age (66+) has been reintroduced. When it operated before, there were a relatively small number of people from our area who made use of it, but it might be useful for those that go to Stratford town regularly, although we know many people here prefer to shop in Leamington. (Unfortunately attempts at a mutually reciprocal scheme between Warwick and Stratford District could not be negotiated.) The cost is £50.00 per year with a maximum stay of 4 hours for the Bridgeway Car

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Park which is the first car park you come to when approaching from the Warwick M40 direction. You can apply on line by searching for Stratford car park permit or link here: [Car Park Permits | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Neighbourhood Policing Award: We are pleased to let residents know that our Rural Crime Advisors recently received a Neighbourhood Policing Award from Warwickshire Police. The Neighbourhood Policing awards recognise outstanding local work carried out by police officers and staff and partnership initiatives to make communities safer. You can contact the Rural Crime Advisors if you are a victim of crime or are concerned you may be at risk and would benefit from crime prevention advice. The Rural Crime Advisors can also arrange crime prevention talks to local community groups and host crime prevention 'property marking' days, where property such as bicycles, lawn mowers, power tools etc can be securely marked. For more information visit the rural crime page at <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/community-safety/rural-crime.cfm>

Police Precept: Natalie attended Shire Hall as a member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel on Monday 5 February 2024, when the Panel met to discuss the proposed precept. After discussion, the Panel agreed to support the precept increase of 4.7% which equates to an increase of £13 on a Band D property for 2024/5. The Panel noted, as had the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via their public consultation that members of the public were supportive of an increase provided that they could see tangible benefits. The Panel recommended that progress in achieving the outlined improvements to services be monitored and reported on over the coming year.

Cllr Natalie Gist

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Cllr Nigel Rock

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

WCC determined the WCC Budget and therefore Council tax for 24-25 on 8th Feb 24.

The proposal was approved that Council tax will go up by 2.99% for core expenditure plus 2%, ringfenced for Adult Social Care totalling 4.99%. This will result in a band D charge per property of £1,736.19.

The overall expenditure for the year is budgeted as follows:

	£'ms
Base budget	540.4
Additional investment for 24-25	82.9
Less funding sources	(225.4)
	397.9
Contribution from reserves	(11.3)
	386.6
Add deficit on collection	0.4
Total funding required from Council tax payers:	387.0

Within the base budget there are £16 million of savings for the year as follows:

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	2024/25 £'000
Children and Families Education	(3,342) (20)
Children and Young People Directorate	(3,362)
Economy & Place Environment, Planning & Transport Fire and Rescue	(174) (1,133) (71)
Communities Directorate	(1,378)
People Strategy & Commissioning Social Care and Support	(381) (6,216)
Social Care and Health Directorate	(6,597)
Enabling Services Finance Strategy, Planning & Governance Workforce and Local Services	(775) (348) (106) (32)
Resources Directorate	(1,261)
Corporate Services	(3,579)
Annual Budget Reductions Total	(16,177)

Increase in base budgets 24-25	Permanent increases	One off investments	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Children and Young People Directorate	6,435	2,392	8,827
Communities Directorate	12,595	507	13,102
Social Care and Health Directorate	26,581		26,581
Corporate Services	12,916	18,000	30,916
Resources Directorate	994	2,523	3,517
	59,521	23,422	82,943

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Key features of the budget are as follows:

Invest £28.3m to protect elderly citizens and vulnerable adults to fund additional demand and manage the cost of placements whilst continuing to make progress on our vision of greater integration between health and social care and the adult social care reform agenda:

Directly invest £8.3m in children's social care services, including investment of £4.9m for the increased cost and demand for children's placements and £2.0m for the cost of emergency provision until our own children's homes are fully operational;

Invest £8.9m in home to school transport to ensure we continue to provide services in line with our policy whilst being able to respond to the increasing demand and cost of the service, which has been particularly impacted by inflation and the growth in the number of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and

Invest £1.2m to meet the increased support services capacity needed in response to the demand pressures in children and families, education and adult social care.

Fenny Compton issues:

There are no proposed changes to the intention to implement a change to the speed limit on Station Road.

After considering the proposal from the school to reduce the intake size of the Dassett School from next year, the decision has been made to continue with the current intake size, at least for the school year starting Sept 24.

The consultation for the future delivery of WFRS is continuing until mid March. I would encourage all residents and the PC to ensure they respond to the consultation.

Ridgeway surface water drainage. There are two separate surface water systems. One takes the water from the land-drains behind the allotments down a 450mm pipe down the side of the Ridgeway to the junction with High Street. This reduces from a 450mm width to 225mm, 25% of the capacity, and includes two right angle bends before the water is discharged into the brook, downstream of the surgery. The change in capacity has a significant impact on water flows. The second system, taking the surface water off the Ridgeway, runs through a number of underground SUDS, discharging at a max of 5 l/s, which then flows through the unadopted pumped scheme pushing water uphill along High Street which then turns right-handed and discharges into the brook above the Doctors surgery.

The plan, using the S106 monies, is for the 225mm pipe to be superseded with a 450mm pipe running across the road and across the paddock to the brook, above the surgery. For reasons already explained, the historic record of the field along with there are not sufficient funds to install a larger 600mm pipe.

There has been no model prepared to identify whether the new 450mm pipe has sufficient capacity to absorb both the previous land-drains and the Ridgeway systems. Modelling of the system would cost some £15,000.

WCC are going to approach Severn Trent to see whether there might be any appetite to adopt the Ridgeway system separately.

Officers are happy to meet with residents to have a more detailed discussion on the plans.

Harbury Crossroads: Work is now continuing on the crossroads with a targeted completion date of the spring. There is a clear programme and timetable for this work and I would hope that we are now entering the final stages of the significant road safety improvement project.

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.

HS2: HS2 Have now offered to meet with me to discuss non-compliance with the HS2 Code of Practice by main contractors.

Hopefully we will now see some positive movement in liaison with the local residents about the impact of HS2 works.

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Events and other matters: Log highways issues and report feedback (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>

Future secured for Stratford Greenway cafes (X and Facebook): A pair of railway carriages converted into independent Stratford-upon-Avon cafes will continue serving cyclists and walkers at a popular country park after securing new lease agreements.

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Kings Award for Voluntary Service (X and Facebook): Three voluntary and charitable organisations in Warwickshire have been recognised this month in formal award presentations by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4958/three-local-organisations-presented-with-the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-by-warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant>

Living Well boost for health and wellbeing (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to be inspired by its Living Well website to improve their general health and wellbeing.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4959/living-well-to-boost-your-health-and-wellbeing->

Hey Foster Carer celebration event (X and Facebook): Warwickshire residents are invited to attend a celebration event to the launch of the 'Hey Foster Carer' booklet in Old Shire Hall on Wednesday 28th February.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4961/-hey-foster-carer-a-celebration-of-children-s-voices-in-fostering>

Kitchen Dangers (X and Facebook): Following a rise in kitchen-related fires in the County, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service would like to remind everyone to have safety at the forefront of their minds.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4960/fire-services-urges-people-to-be-alert-to-dangers-in-the-kitchen>

Dangerous stop-start-button showerheads (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4962/warwickshire-trading-standards-act-after-resident-is-burnt-by-dangerous-showerhead>

Rights of way public engagement (X and Facebook): Tell the Council about your experience of using public rights of way, how important they are for you and how could they be better

Feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of a new plan.

Fill out our survey today here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

Young person bus travel (X and Facebook): Investing in a bus pass is a great way to save money in the long run, as well as to help your children become more independent, responsible, and confident as they grow up.

Find out how much you could save by visiting the website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

A conversation about mental health (X and Facebook): Sometimes it's easier to tell people we're 'fine' than it is to say how we really feel.

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Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4963/have-a-conversation-about-mental-health>

Warwickshire's youth council elections (X and Facebook): The polls are now open for the county's children and young people to vote for their peers in Warwickshire's youth council elections.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4965/voting-is-open-for-warwickshire-s-next-young-politicians>

Warwickshire libraries customer satisfaction survey (X and Facebook): You are invited to share your views about library services in Warwickshire.

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Council already has some .gov.uk addresses through the SDC website annual payment. Clerk to find out how many we could have without paying any extra

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 - a. Memorial Road Salt Bin – Salt bin has been emptied and removed
 - b. Benches – Derek Maries has provided quote of £70 for the repair of the two benches which was **agreed**
 - c. Equipment Shed assessment has been completed

2024_02_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) Parish councillor vacancy
- (ii) Agreed demolition contractor
- (iii) Fire Service response
- (iv) Dog Lane chicane

2024_01_14: Future Discussion

Insurance renewal, agree internal auditor

2024_01_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th March 2024

MEETING CLOSED 21.10

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Appendix A

January Financial Administration

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Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Over 8's Play Area	-	
NP Plan Projects	86.33	
Allotments	500.00	
Defibrillator	956.68	
Other	163.91	
Deposit Account		5,526.50
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
PC Balance	7,155.42	
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30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	5,526.50
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
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Current Account	996.59
Less payments outstanding:	
Jan WaterPlus Bill	(25.46)
Current Account	971.13
Total Bank	<u>34,933.74</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	34,898.43
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	35.31
Total Cash Book	<u>34,933.74</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Stratford on Avon Community Climate Change Fund: The Council's Community Climate Change Fund went live on 22 January 2024. By the time you read this the first phase of the fund of £50,000 will be under consideration with a second phase of £50,000 available later in the year. The purpose of the CCCF is to enable the delivery of climate change focused projects within the communities of Stratford-on-Avon. As well as Parish Councils, other formally constituted charity and community groups can apply.

First, applicants will need to submit an Expression of Interest providing preliminary information regarding your project. If the Expression of Interest shows that your project fulfils the overall eligibility criteria (which you can view online), you will be invited to submit a full application. Details of the full application process can be found in the Grant Process document on the District Council's website. Search for Stratford community climate change fund or follow the link below for further information:

[Stratford-on-Avon Community Climate Change Fund | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Green Bin Subscriptions: Green bin subscriptions from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 are now open. The cost is £46 per green bin. You can search for Stratford Garden Waste Service (or link here for online subscription form: [Garden Waste Service | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)) or call for further information 01789 260628.

Concessionary Car Parking Permits: The system of car parking permits for those of Pensionable age (66+) has been reintroduced. When it operated before, there were a relatively small number of people from our area who made use of it, but it might be useful for those that go to Stratford town regularly, although we know many people here prefer to shop in Leamington. (Unfortunately attempts at a mutually reciprocal scheme between Warwick and Stratford District could not be negotiated.) The cost is £50.00 per year with a maximum stay of 4 hours for the Bridgeway Car

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Park which is the first car park you come to when approaching from the Warwick M40 direction. You can apply on line by searching for Stratford car park permit or link here: [Car Park Permits | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Neighbourhood Policing Award: We are pleased to let residents know that our Rural Crime Advisors recently received a Neighbourhood Policing Award from Warwickshire Police. The Neighbourhood Policing awards recognise outstanding local work carried out by police officers and staff and partnership initiatives to make communities safer. You can contact the Rural Crime Advisors if you are a victim of crime or are concerned you may be at risk and would benefit from crime prevention advice. The Rural Crime Advisors can also arrange crime prevention talks to local community groups and host crime prevention 'property marking' days, where property such as bicycles, lawn mowers, power tools etc can be securely marked. For more information visit the rural crime page at <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/community-safety/rural-crime.cfm>

Police Precept: Natalie attended Shire Hall as a member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel on Monday 5 February 2024, when the Panel met to discuss the proposed precept. After discussion, the Panel agreed to support the precept increase of 4.7% which equates to an increase of £13 on a Band D property for 2024/5. The Panel noted, as had the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via their public consultation that members of the public were supportive of an increase provided that they could see tangible benefits. The Panel recommended that progress in achieving the outlined improvements to services be monitored and reported on over the coming year.

Cllr Natalie Gist

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Cllr Nigel Rock

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

WCC determined the WCC Budget and therefore Council tax for 24-25 on 8th Feb 24.

The proposal was approved that Council tax will go up by 2.99% for core expenditure plus 2%, ringfenced for Adult Social Care totalling 4.99%. This will result in a band D charge per property of £1,736.19.

The overall expenditure for the year is budgeted as follows:

	£'ms
Base budget	540.4
Additional investment for 24-25	82.9
Less funding sources	(225.4)
	397.9
Contribution from reserves	(11.3)
	386.6
Add deficit on collection	0.4
Total funding required from Council tax payers:	387.0

Within the base budget there are £16 million of savings for the year as follows:

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	2024/25 £'000
Children and Families Education	(3,342) (20)
Children and Young People Directorate	(3,362)
Economy & Place Environment, Planning & Transport Fire and Rescue	(174) (1,133) (71)
Communities Directorate	(1,378)
People Strategy & Commissioning Social Care and Support	(381) (6,216)
Social Care and Health Directorate	(6,597)
Enabling Services Finance Strategy, Planning & Governance Workforce and Local Services	(775) (348) (106) (32)
Resources Directorate	(1,261)
Corporate Services	(3,579)
Annual Budget Reductions Total	(16,177)

Increase in base budgets 24-25	Permanent increases	One off investments	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Children and Young People Directorate	6,435	2,392	8,827
Communities Directorate	12,595	507	13,102
Social Care and Health Directorate	26,581		26,581
Corporate Services	12,916	18,000	30,916
Resources Directorate	994	2,523	3,517
	59,521	23,422	82,943

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Invest £28.3m to protect elderly citizens and vulnerable adults to fund additional demand and manage the cost of placements whilst continuing to make progress on our vision of greater integration between health and social care and the adult social care reform agenda:

Directly invest £8.3m in children's social care services, including investment of £4.9m for the increased cost and demand for children's placements and £2.0m for the cost of emergency provision until our own children's homes are fully operational;

Invest £8.9m in home to school transport to ensure we continue to provide services in line with our policy whilst being able to respond to the increasing demand and cost of the service, which has been particularly impacted by inflation and the growth in the number of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and

Invest £1.2m to meet the increased support services capacity needed in response to the demand pressures in children and families, education and adult social care.

Fenny Compton issues:

There are no proposed changes to the intention to implement a change to the speed limit on Station Road.

After considering the proposal from the school to reduce the intake size of the Dassett School from next year, the decision has been made to continue with the current intake size, at least for the school year starting Sept 24.

The consultation for the future delivery of WFRS is continuing until mid March. I would encourage all residents and the PC to ensure they respond to the consultation.

Ridgeway surface water drainage. There are two separate surface water systems. One takes the water from the land-drains behind the allotments down a 450mm pipe down the side of the Ridgeway to the junction with High Street. This reduces from a 450mm width to 225mm, 25% of the capacity, and includes two right angle bends before the water is discharged into the brook, downstream of the surgery. The change in capacity has a significant impact on water flows. The second system, taking the surface water off the Ridgeway, runs through a number of underground SUDS, discharging at a max of 5 l/s, which then flows through the unadopted pumped scheme pushing water uphill along High Street which then turns right-handed and discharges into the brook above the Doctors surgery.

The plan, using the S106 monies, is for the 225mm pipe to be superseded with a 450mm pipe running across the road and across the paddock to the brook, above the surgery. For reasons already explained, the historic record of the field along with there are not sufficient funds to install a larger 600mm pipe.

There has been no model prepared to identify whether the new 450mm pipe has sufficient capacity to absorb both the previous land-drains and the Ridgeway systems. Modelling of the system would cost some £15,000.

WCC are going to approach Severn Trent to see whether there might be any appetite to adopt the Ridgeway system separately.

Officers are happy to meet with residents to have a more detailed discussion on the plans.

Harbury Crossroads: Work is now continuing on the crossroads with a targeted completion date of the spring. There is a clear programme and timetable for this work and I would hope that we are now entering the final stages of the significant road safety improvement project.

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.

HS2: HS2 Have now offered to meet with me to discuss non-compliance with the HS2 Code of Practice by main contractors.

Hopefully we will now see some positive movement in liaison with the local residents about the impact of HS2 works.

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Events and other matters: Log highways issues and report feedback (X and Facebook)

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Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>

Future secured for Stratford Greenway cafes (X and Facebook): A pair of railway carriages converted into independent Stratford-upon-Avon cafes will continue serving cyclists and walkers at a popular country park after securing new lease agreements.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4954/future-secured-for-stratford-greenway-cafes>

Kings Award for Voluntary Service (X and Facebook): Three voluntary and charitable organisations in Warwickshire have been recognised this month in formal award presentations by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4958/three-local-organisations-presented-with-the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-by-warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant>

Living Well boost for health and wellbeing (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to be inspired by its Living Well website to improve their general health and wellbeing.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4959/living-well-to-boost-your-health-and-wellbeing->

Hey Foster Carer celebration event (X and Facebook): Warwickshire residents are invited to attend a celebration event to the launch of the 'Hey Foster Carer' booklet in Old Shire Hall on Wednesday 28th February.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4961/-hey-foster-carer-a-celebration-of-children-s-voices-in-fostering>

Kitchen Dangers (X and Facebook): Following a rise in kitchen-related fires in the County, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service would like to remind everyone to have safety at the forefront of their minds.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4960/fire-services-urges-people-to-be-alert-to-dangers-in-the-kitchen>

Dangerous stop-start-button showerheads (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4962/warwickshire-trading-standards-act-after-resident-is-burnt-by-dangerous-showerhead>

Rights of way public engagement (X and Facebook): Tell the Council about your experience of using public rights of way, how important they are for you and how could they be better

Feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of a new plan.

Fill out our survey today here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

Young person bus travel (X and Facebook): Investing in a bus pass is a great way to save money in the long run, as well as to help your children become more independent, responsible, and confident as they grow up.

Find out how much you could save by visiting the website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

A conversation about mental health (X and Facebook): Sometimes it's easier to tell people we're 'fine' than it is to say how we really feel.

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Make yourself part of the conversation and start an important chat with someone you care about.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4963/have-a-conversation-about-mental-health>

Warwickshire's youth council elections (X and Facebook): The polls are now open for the county's children and young people to vote for their peers in Warwickshire's youth council elections.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4965/voting-is-open-for-warwickshire-s-next-young-politicians>

Warwickshire libraries customer satisfaction survey (X and Facebook): You are invited to share your views about library services in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4968/share-your-views-about-warwickshire-libraries-in-new-customer-satisfaction-survey>

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IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

2024_02_01: Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor David Johnson and District Councillor Natalie Gist

2024_02_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th January 2024 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

2024_02_03: Declarations of Interest

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

Councillors Parkes, Whear and Dutton declared an interest in planning application 24/00235/FUL

2024_02_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2024_02_05: Open Forum

There were two members of the public in attendance

- (i) New resident of Gwynedd attended to answer any questions regarding planning application 24/00235/FUL. Councillors have no concerns
- (ii) Ridgeway – Councillor Kettle updated to say that WCC flooding team happy to meet residents on site to discuss. Further updates in Appendix D. Resident queried whether the council would consider further modelling given that there are 5 new properties

2024_02_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: Website now set up. Concept design underway, 5 GP practices expressed an interest. Decision will be made 1 April
- (ii) Defibrillator Training: Clerk contacted an Explorers and confirmed they are happy to host
- (iii) Broadband contractor issues: Still waiting for feedback
- (iv) Maintenance of trees around sports field: Tree surgeon has reviewed the trees and responded. In summary, all of them look in good health and nothing about their physical state raises any concerns. Some of the branches on some of the trees do reach over some of the adjacent properties.

Councillor Birch will send a link to the website which indicates the British Standard. Councillor noted that we have three areas of concern; Safety (council has an obligation), Intrusion (don't have an obligation) and Aesthetics (if owners cut branches on their side, do we need to do anything). Councillor Birch to write a draft Tree Policy

2024_02_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

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

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

2024_02_08: Correspondence

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 - Clerk has received comments from residents – Some in favour of removing entirely and others in favour of altering
 - Clerk to contact Footpath team to ask for their guidance
 - Holes left along pathway adjacent to The Paddock after fenceposts have been removed
 - Clerk has contacted the developer – No response as yet
 - Brambles need cutting back near to Grants Close as impeding traffic
 - Clerk to contact property owners
 - Polling Clerk needed for Police and Crime Commissioner vote
 - Clerk to advertise
- Central Reporting System for Speed Concerns
 - Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has developed a central reporting system for speed concerns. The system allows for a consistent approach across the organisations. The system will be evidence led using collision, casualty, and speed data to assess the concern. The results will be posted on the partnership website to improve transparency of the process and in turn improve public confidence
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- (v) Highways – No further updates
- (vi) Gov.uk email addresses – The Parish Council have received advice from WALC that all Councils should have a .gov.uk email account, due to being the first tier of local government. Ideally, we will also have .gov.uk email addresses set up for each Councillors to use for Council business only. If there is a Freedom Of Information request, they may have to allow someone to go through a personal email account if they don't have one. It is also a way to ensure that confidential information remains secure.

Currently each councillor has a unique parish council email address (no private correspondence) but they are @gmail.com addresses.

Council already has some .gov.uk addresses through the SDC website annual payment. Clerk to find out how many we could have without paying any extra

- (vii) Risk Assessments –
 - a. Memorial Road Salt Bin – Salt bin has been emptied and removed
 - b. Benches – Derek Maries has provided quote of £70 for the repair of the two benches which was **agreed**
 - c. Equipment Shed assessment has been completed

2024_02_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) Parish councillor vacancy
- (ii) Agreed demolition contractor
- (iii) Fire Service response
- (iv) Dog Lane chicane

2024_01_14: Future Discussion

Insurance renewal, agree internal auditor

2024_01_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th March 2024

MEETING CLOSED 21.10

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Appendix A

January Financial Administration

Balances: (See attached bank reconciliation)		£
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Over 8's Play Area	-	
NP Plan Projects	86.33	
Allotments	500.00	
Defibrillator	956.68	
Other	163.91	
Deposit Account		5,526.50
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
PC Balance	7,155.42	
12 Month Partial Withdrawal (High interest deposit):		10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)		18,431.11
Current Account		971.13
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)		<u>34,933.74</u>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
FEB_24_1_SO Lydia Cox (Feb Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)	
FEB_24_2_SO SDC (Pension contribution Feb)	(114.48)	
FEB_24_3_DD Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	(29.89)	
FEB_24_4_DD Yu Energy (Street Lights)	(275.98)	
FEB_24_5_DD WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(22.60)	
FEB_24_6 SDC (Streelight maintenance)	(197.28)	
Current Account		(1,048.47)
Total Balances carried forward		<u>33,885.27</u>

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Appendix B

January Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	5,526.50
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)	18,431.11
Current Account	996.59
Less payments outstanding:	
Jan WaterPlus Bill	(25.46)
Current Account	971.13
Total Bank	<u>34,933.74</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	34,898.43
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	35.31
Total Cash Book	<u>34,933.74</u>

Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Stratford on Avon Community Climate Change Fund: The Council's Community Climate Change Fund went live on 22 January 2024. By the time you read this the first phase of the fund of £50,000 will be under consideration with a second phase of £50,000 available later in the year. The purpose of the CCCF is to enable the delivery of climate change focused projects within the communities of Stratford-on-Avon. As well as Parish Councils, other formally constituted charity and community groups can apply.

First, applicants will need to submit an Expression of Interest providing preliminary information regarding your project. If the Expression of Interest shows that your project fulfils the overall eligibility criteria (which you can view online), you will be invited to submit a full application. Details of the full application process can be found in the Grant Process document on the District Council's website. Search for Stratford community climate change fund or follow the link below for further information:

[Stratford-on-Avon Community Climate Change Fund | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Green Bin Subscriptions: Green bin subscriptions from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 are now open. The cost is £46 per green bin. You can search for Stratford Garden Waste Service (or link here for online subscription form: [Garden Waste Service | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)) or call for further information 01789 260628.

Concessionary Car Parking Permits: The system of car parking permits for those of Pensionable age (66+) has been reintroduced. When it operated before, there were a relatively small number of people from our area who made use of it, but it might be useful for those that go to Stratford town regularly, although we know many people here prefer to shop in Leamington. (Unfortunately attempts at a mutually reciprocal scheme between Warwick and Stratford District could not be negotiated.) The cost is £50.00 per year with a maximum stay of 4 hours for the Bridgeway Car

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Park which is the first car park you come to when approaching from the Warwick M40 direction. You can apply on line by searching for Stratford car park permit or link here: [Car Park Permits | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Neighbourhood Policing Award: We are pleased to let residents know that our Rural Crime Advisors recently received a Neighbourhood Policing Award from Warwickshire Police. The Neighbourhood Policing awards recognise outstanding local work carried out by police officers and staff and partnership initiatives to make communities safer. You can contact the Rural Crime Advisors if you are a victim of crime or are concerned you may be at risk and would benefit from crime prevention advice. The Rural Crime Advisors can also arrange crime prevention talks to local community groups and host crime prevention 'property marking' days, where property such as bicycles, lawn mowers, power tools etc can be securely marked. For more information visit the rural crime page at <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/community-safety/rural-crime.cfm>

Police Precept: Natalie attended Shire Hall as a member of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel on Monday 5 February 2024, when the Panel met to discuss the proposed precept. After discussion, the Panel agreed to support the precept increase of 4.7% which equates to an increase of £13 on a Band D property for 2024/5. The Panel noted, as had the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via their public consultation that members of the public were supportive of an increase provided that they could see tangible benefits. The Panel recommended that progress in achieving the outlined improvements to services be monitored and reported on over the coming year.

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

WCC determined the WCC Budget and therefore Council tax for 24-25 on 8th Feb 24.

The proposal was approved that Council tax will go up by 2.99% for core expenditure plus 2%, ringfenced for Adult Social Care totalling 4.99%. This will result in a band D charge per property of £1,736.19.

The overall expenditure for the year is budgeted as follows:

	£'ms
Base budget	540.4
Additional investment for 24-25	82.9
Less funding sources	(225.4)
	397.9
Contribution from reserves	(11.3)
	386.6
Add deficit on collection	0.4
Total funding required from Council tax payers:	387.0

Within the base budget there are £16 million of savings for the year as follows:

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	2024/25 £'000
Children and Families Education	(3,342) (20)
Children and Young People Directorate	(3,362)
Economy & Place Environment, Planning & Transport Fire and Rescue	(174) (1,133) (71)
Communities Directorate	(1,378)
People Strategy & Commissioning Social Care and Support	(381) (6,216)
Social Care and Health Directorate	(6,597)
Enabling Services Finance Strategy, Planning & Governance Workforce and Local Services	(775) (348) (106) (32)
Resources Directorate	(1,261)
Corporate Services	(3,579)
Annual Budget Reductions Total	(16,177)

Increase in base budgets 24-25	Permanent increases	One off investments	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Children and Young People Directorate	6,435	2,392	8,827
Communities Directorate	12,595	507	13,102
Social Care and Health Directorate	26,581		26,581
Corporate Services	12,916	18,000	30,916
Resources Directorate	994	2,523	3,517
	59,521	23,422	82,943

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Key features of the budget are as follows:

Invest £28.3m to protect elderly citizens and vulnerable adults to fund additional demand and manage the cost of placements whilst continuing to make progress on our vision of greater integration between health and social care and the adult social care reform agenda:

Directly invest £8.3m in children's social care services, including investment of £4.9m for the increased cost and demand for children's placements and £2.0m for the cost of emergency provision until our own children's homes are fully operational;

Invest £8.9m in home to school transport to ensure we continue to provide services in line with our policy whilst being able to respond to the increasing demand and cost of the service, which has been particularly impacted by inflation and the growth in the number of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and

Invest £1.2m to meet the increased support services capacity needed in response to the demand pressures in children and families, education and adult social care.

Fenny Compton issues:

There are no proposed changes to the intention to implement a change to the speed limit on Station Road.

After considering the proposal from the school to reduce the intake size of the Dassett School from next year, the decision has been made to continue with the current intake size, at least for the school year starting Sept 24.

The consultation for the future delivery of WFRS is continuing until mid March. I would encourage all residents and the PC to ensure they respond to the consultation.

Ridgeway surface water drainage. There are two separate surface water systems. One takes the water from the land-drains behind the allotments down a 450mm pipe down the side of the Ridgeway to the junction with High Street. This reduces from a 450mm width to 225mm, 25% of the capacity, and includes two right angle bends before the water is discharged into the brook, downstream of the surgery. The change in capacity has a significant impact on water flows. The second system, taking the surface water off the Ridgeway, runs through a number of underground SUDS, discharging at a max of 5 l/s, which then flows through the unadopted pumped scheme pushing water uphill along High Street which then turns right-handed and discharges into the brook above the Doctors surgery.

The plan, using the S106 monies, is for the 225mm pipe to be superseded with a 450mm pipe running across the road and across the paddock to the brook, above the surgery. For reasons already explained, the historic record of the field along with there are not sufficient funds to install a larger 600mm pipe.

There has been no model prepared to identify whether the new 450mm pipe has sufficient capacity to absorb both the previous land-drains and the Ridgeway systems. Modelling of the system would cost some £15,000.

WCC are going to approach Severn Trent to see whether there might be any appetite to adopt the Ridgeway system separately.

Officers are happy to meet with residents to have a more detailed discussion on the plans.

Harbury Crossroads: Work is now continuing on the crossroads with a targeted completion date of the spring. There is a clear programme and timetable for this work and I would hope that we are now entering the final stages of the significant road safety improvement project.

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.

HS2: HS2 Have now offered to meet with me to discuss non-compliance with the HS2 Code of Practice by main contractors.

Hopefully we will now see some positive movement in liaison with the local residents about the impact of HS2 works.

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Events and other matters: Log highways issues and report feedback (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>

Future secured for Stratford Greenway cafes (X and Facebook): A pair of railway carriages converted into independent Stratford-upon-Avon cafes will continue serving cyclists and walkers at a popular country park after securing new lease agreements.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4954/future-secured-for-stratford-greenway-cafes>

Kings Award for Voluntary Service (X and Facebook): Three voluntary and charitable organisations in Warwickshire have been recognised this month in formal award presentations by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4958/three-local-organisations-presented-with-the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-by-warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant>

Living Well boost for health and wellbeing (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to be inspired by its Living Well website to improve their general health and wellbeing.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4959/living-well-to-boost-your-health-and-wellbeing->

Hey Foster Carer celebration event (X and Facebook): Warwickshire residents are invited to attend a celebration event to the launch of the 'Hey Foster Carer' booklet in Old Shire Hall on Wednesday 28th February.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4961/-hey-foster-carer-a-celebration-of-children-s-voices-in-fostering>

Kitchen Dangers (X and Facebook): Following a rise in kitchen-related fires in the County, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service would like to remind everyone to have safety at the forefront of their minds.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4960/fire-services-urges-people-to-be-alert-to-dangers-in-the-kitchen>

Dangerous stop-start-button showerheads (X and Facebook): Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4962/warwickshire-trading-standards-act-after-resident-is-burnt-by-dangerous-showerhead>

Rights of way public engagement (X and Facebook): Tell the Council about your experience of using public rights of way, how important they are for you and how could they be better

Feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of a new plan.

Fill out our survey today here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

Young person bus travel (X and Facebook): Investing in a bus pass is a great way to save money in the long run, as well as to help your children become more independent, responsible, and confident as they grow up.

Find out how much you could save by visiting the website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

A conversation about mental health (X and Facebook): Sometimes it's easier to tell people we're 'fine' than it is to say how we really feel.

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Make yourself part of the conversation and start an important chat with someone you care about.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4963/have-a-conversation-about-mental-health>

Warwickshire's youth council elections (X and Facebook): The polls are now open for the county's children and young people to vote for their peers in Warwickshire's youth council elections.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4965/voting-is-open-for-warwickshire-s-next-young-politicians>

Warwickshire libraries customer satisfaction survey (X and Facebook): You are invited to share your views about library services in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4968/share-your-views-about-warwickshire-libraries-in-new-customer-satisfaction-survey>