

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 At 7.45pm

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

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

### **2025\_02\_01: Apologies**

None

### **2025\_02\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

### **2025\_02\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore any flooding discussions, and being a member of the Footpath group

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

### **2025\_02\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2025\_02\_05: Open Forum**

There were three residents in attendance as well as Elton James from Avon Hill Regeneration

- (i) Brian Peers was representing the Fenny Compton Footpath Group. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) have changed working methods over many years, and this has meant that the group are not able to do their job properly. WCC previously allocated funds per mile per parish and were left to do job as needed. However, there is now additional paperwork needed. A rethink needed as to how they go about working as it has reached the point where it is no longer workable. Mr Peers and Cllr Kettle had a separate meeting to discuss specifics  
Chair passed on thanks to Mr Peers for all the work that the Footpath group does
- (ii) Resident in attendance to discuss updates on previous comments. Councillor Kettle has requested that Network Rail cut the hedges back near the railway bridge and that the mud is cleared from under the bridge  
Clerk will request that the hedges are cut back at bus stop at Wharf  
Footpath at marina – additional hardcore is needed to repair. Clerk to contact  
Queried the council tax - Parish council budget is within January minutes
- (iii) Elton James representing Avon Hill Regeneration: A presentation was circulated prior to the meeting. June 2023 bought Avon Dasset quarry. The site operates under old planning permission and has another two years worth of stone within site. After that, the planning requires the land to be restored to levels at 1950. A survey has suggested that this would need 428,950 cubic meters of earth (equivalent to 43,000 HGV lorries). The company doesn't view that as the best option. It also wouldn't be viable to restore to agriculture. Therefore, need to come up with a different use. Options:
  - a. Housing – too isolated from current villages
  - b. Industrial use – Not ideal
  - c. Already has lake and more have naturally been created. Company are resubmitting a new planning

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application for holiday lodges/ log style cabins with sensitive planting and renewable energy. Further details will be circulated over the next 6 months. Investment to create jobs, and tourists visiting the area to spend money in shops, pubs, etc. There will be a consultation with each parish

- d. The alternative is to fill back in by 2042
- (iv) Resident asked for an update regarding the situation under the railway bridge in terms of path/ making it safer for traffic and pedestrians. Parish council have commissioned a Traffic survey to suggest changes that could be made

### **Residents and Elton James left the meeting at 20.10**

#### **2025\_02\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: No updates
- (ii) Noticeboards: Clerk has applied for a grant from the Social Inclusion team at SDC to cover the cost of installation and repair of the new noticeboards
- (iii) Station Road footpath widening and Railway Bridge: Footpath between Ridgeway and the post box opposite the doctors surgery will be repaired as part of Councillor Kettle's discretionary fund. Clerk to check dates of the Traffic survey. Potential funding from SDC 'community group bids for projects' in future for widening the rest of the Station Road footpath
- (iv) Installation of bin at Compton Locks: Waiting for response from Orbit
- (v) South Warwickshire Local Plan: Chair has reviewed the documentation
  - a. Three large new potential settlements near Fenny Compton (these have all been delegated as less suitable)  
  
Proposal: object to these sites on the grounds of detrimental impact on the rural location, and isolated location with poor transport, insufficient capacity of local resources such as education
  - b. A further 1,000+ Ha of 'Strategic Growth Location' around Gaydon  
  
Proposal: object to these on the basis of impact and uncertainty over employment opportunities at JLR
  - c. Development sites within our Parish are concerned, Land off Avon Dasset Road, Northend Road, Land East of Ridge Way, Land South of Station Road, Land off Station Road, Fenny Compton (South) and Land off Station Road, Fenny Compton (North)  
  
Proposal: support the assessment that these sites are not appropriate for development. The sites are located in the open countryside, outside the agreed BUAB of the parish, would place excessive strain on existing resources in the parish
  - d. There is also a section on small scale development  
  
Proposal: this is something we should be pushing back on as it opens the door to small scale developments adjacent to the BUAB

Councillor Gist has shared her response with the parish council

Chair will respond

#### **2025\_02\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

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

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### Councillor Kettle arrived at 20.30

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

Work on Memorial Road drain will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March

WCC jetting team will be here Tuesday 25th to unblock culvert along Station Road (if it is a culvert)

Natural pond at top corner of Compton Locks has been filled in with new development. A new pipe has been installed but not connected. WCC in discussion with SDC planning enforcement

Chair requested that WCC look again at the water under bridge – needs to be diverted into drain

### 2025\_02\_08: Correspondence

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- (i) Councillor Kettle to spend discretionary fund on footpath repairs between Ridgeway and the post box opposite the doctors surgery

### 2025\_02\_09: Planning

- (i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address	Proposal
25/00075/FUL	18 Feb 2025	12 Northend Road, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YZ	Proposed single storey side extension with associated internal and external works.

Councillors discussed between meetings and **agreed** to respond with ‘No representation’

- (ii) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:
  - a. Planning appeal (APP/J3720/W/24/3349497) Rose Garden, The Tunnel, Farnborough has been dismissed

### 2025\_02\_10: Financial Administration

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

FEB_25_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Feb Salary & Expenses)	✔	(474.52)
FEB_25_2_SO	SDC (Pension contribution Feb)	✔	(121.77)
FEB_25_3_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)		(278.79)
FEB_25_4_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)		(17.54)
FEB_25_5_DD	eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)		(134.84)
FEB_25_6, 7 & 10	Nicholas White Landscapes (Car park)		(11,448.00)
FEB_25_8 & 11	Bolws Club (Fence repairs and green bin)		(162.10)
FEB_25_9	Henley Garden Buildings (Replacement pavilion door)		(100.82)
FEB_25_12	SDC (Street lighting maintenance)		(348.05)
<b>Current Account</b>			<b>(13,086.43)</b>

Item FEB\_25\_12 is currently being queried and will be reduced

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

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## 2025\_02\_11: Updates

- (i) Play Area/ Sports Field Upgrade –  
**Pavilion** – Repairs have now been made to the door  
**Car park repair** – Is now complete. Contractor will be back in the Spring to lay some grass seed
- (ii) Flood Prevention – See previous comments
- (iii) Trees – SDC tree grant – potential new trees at the play area. Clerk to research tree grants
- (iv) Highways – No update
- (v) Bowls club upgrade – Councillors requested information about the legal status of bowls club as this affects funding options. Still looking at possibility of repair
- (vi) Village planters – Various residents and local businesses have expressed an interest in being involved. Clerk will now contact to get the installation of the new planters underway
- (vii) Annual review of policies and procedures – Records Retention has been approved
- (viii) Annual risk assessments – Councillor Birch has completed the risk assessments for benches and streetlights. One of the benches in the burial ground is in disrepair and needs to be removed. Clerk will contact local resident as it has a dedication on it to determine next steps
- (ix) Streetlighting – Residents have requested a shield on a streetlight in Dog Lane. The cost of sourcing and installing by WCC is £167.18. Councillors **agreed**

## 2025\_02\_12: Items to Publicise

- (i) Completion of car park
- (ii) SWLP
- (iii) Avon Hill Regeneration
- (iv) Planters

## 2025\_02\_13: Future Discussion

None

## 2025\_02\_14: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**MEETING CLOSED 21.40**

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## Appendix A

### January Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)		<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,293.76	
Play Area Upgrade	281.27	
Allotments	750.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	2,324.58	
<b>Allocated Reserves</b>		<b>7,671.37</b>
<b>PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining</b>		<b>4,931.27</b>
<b>Unallocated Reserves</b>		<b>25,744.18</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>38,346.81</u></b>
<b>Within the following accounts:</b>		
Current Account		2,742.65
Deposit Account 1		5,591.29
Deposit Account 2		9,710.65
12 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal		10,297.22
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>38,346.81</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
FEB_25_1_SO Lydia Cox (Feb Salary & Expenses)	▼ (474.52)	
FEB_25_2_SO SDC (Pension contribution Feb)	▼ (121.77)	
FEB_25_3_DD Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(278.79)	
FEB_25_4_DD WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	(17.54)	
FEB_25_5_DD eon (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	(134.84)	
FEB_25_6, 7 & 10 Nicholas White Landscapes (Car park)	(11,448.00)	
FEB_25_8 & 11 Bolws Club (Fence repairs and green bin)	(162.10)	
FEB_25_9 Henley Garden Buildings (Replacement pavilion door)	(100.82)	
FEB_25_12 SDC (Street lighting maintenance)	(348.05)	
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>(13,086.43)</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>25,260.38</u></b>

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## Appendix B

### January Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	2,742.65
Deposit Account 1	5,591.29
Deposit Account 2	9,710.65
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,297.22
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>38,346.81</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	36,698.37
Less payments between meetings:	
Eon bill difference	1.29
Nick White Invoice not on Jan list	(642.00)
Add receipts since last meeting:	
VAT Reclaim	2,244.90
Bank Interest	44.25
<b>Total Cash Book</b>	<b><u>38,346.81</u></b>

## Appendix C – District Councillor Report

### **Update on the English Devolution White Paper**

Central government wrote to the District Council in early February to request that their initial proposals for the re-arrangement of local government in England are submitted to them by 21 March.

As we said last month, the proposal is for two-tier authorities to be abolished (that is District, Borough and County Councils) and replaced with a unitary authority.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council held an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on Monday 10 February at 2pm at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon to discuss the implications for the Council from Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation arising from the recent government white paper. The Press release following the meeting may be viewed here: [Stratford-on-Avon District Council supports Devolution Notice of Motion | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#).

The District Council are presently working on their proposals with partners in order to meet the very tight deadline for submission and we will let you have further information as soon as we are able.

### **South Warwickshire Local Plan**

The consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan remains open and will run until 7 March.

The Preferred Options document identifies 24 potential Strategic Growth locations and 12 potential New Settlement locations, which are an indication of where the councils consider large-scale strategic growth may best be located.

Not all of these locations will form part of the new local plan once adopted and we encourage as many residents, community groups and organisations and parishes to respond as possible.

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The SWLP team will be undertaking further analysis of the Growth Locations and potential New Settlements to conclude which locations, and specific sites will be most suitable locations for the South Warwickshire's growth strategy. It is really important that residents do respond so that the views of people from this area of the District are made clear to those carrying out the consultation.

The simplest way to respond is via the online consultation portal

You can respond to each part of the consultation document using the following four questions:

- Do you agree with the approach laid out in the draft policy/policy direction?
- Do you have any further comments on this section?
- Do you have any comments on this Strategic Growth Location/New Settlement?
- Do you have any comments on a specific site proposal or the Housing Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) results?

Each question can be answered with either 'Yes/No/Other' and there is the opportunity to add further comments. Residents without access the portal have the option to submit their response to the Council below, using the comment form.

Hard copies of the documents are available to view at libraries and at Stratford-on-Avon District Council offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

If residents require more information or to complete the consultation in a different format, the contact details are as follows:

[swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

01789 267575

Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX

### **Call for Sites**

A further targeted Call for Sites is also being run alongside the Preferred Options consultation. This Call for Sites exercise is only for sites that meet at least one of the purposes below:

- A site that falls within or adjacent to one of the 12 proposed New Settlement Locations
- A Gypsy and Traveller / Travelling Showpeople Site
- A site for commercial or community-led renewable energy generation

No other sites will be accepted at this time. Submissions can be made using the interactive form which is available on the SWLP website.

Comments on the 'Preferred Options' consultation, and submissions to the call for sites must be received by 11:59pm on Friday 7 March 2025.

### **Events**

In addition to the consultation material, which includes videos, posters, and an interactive navigation pane, officers will also be hosting a number of consultation events. These events are available both online and in person and are an opportunity to ask questions on the consultation, and to go through how to respond to the consultation.

Details on the events are available on the SWLP website. Those which may be of particular interest to residents are:

#### **Online**

- Monday 24 February 6 – 7.30pm

#### **In-person**

- Monday 24 February – 10-4pm – Southam Library

### **District Council Budget 2025/6**

At the time of writing Full Council is due to meet on Monday 24 February to discuss the budget for the forthcoming year. The agenda and papers may be viewed here: [Agenda for Council on Monday, 24th February, 2025, 2.00 p.m.](#) | Stratford-on-Avon District Council

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## **Community Noticeboard Grant Open for Applications**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Noticeboard Grant is now open for applications. Parish and Town Councils, community venues and local groups are invited to apply for funding for new community noticeboards.

There is £7,500 available with potential for supporting the purchase of 6-7 noticeboards across the District.

The grant will be open until Friday 14th March 2025 and will be available for any community group to apply for either a new or replacement noticeboard.

To apply please contact us at [socialinclusion@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:socialinclusion@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## **Community Safety**

### **Livestock worrying**

Livestock worrying is a particular concern this time of year in our rural community with pregnant ewes and lambs being particularly vulnerable. Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, it is a criminal offence for a dog to actively worry livestock and dog owners risk prosecution. Whilst the majority of dog owners do walk their dogs in a responsible manner, unfortunately there are a small minority whose recklessness puts the welfare of other animals at risk. Please remember to keep your dog on a lead at all times in a field with livestock.

If you have livestock and would like a 'Dog on Lead' sign, please email: [ruralwatch@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:ruralwatch@warwickshire.police.uk)

### **Continued incidents across the ward**

We are extremely concerned that there has been a spate of criminal incidents across the ward. Natalie has been in touch with Southam SNT to raise her concern direct. Southam SNT have advised that they believe it is part of organised crime across Warwickshire and have assured her that they are acting on all reports. They are also considering a drop-in event in a more rural area to reach more residents – these are usually held in Southam. The beat manager is also considering arranging a mobile van which goes to the villages across the Southam District, so that residents can meet and raise concerns in person. We have offered all of our support to Southam SNT with these initiatives and once we have further details, we will share them with you.

Residents should report ASB to either the Police or to the Community Safety Team in the District Council by using their online reporting form. If you go onto the SDC website ([www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)) and put ASB into the search box, the relevant form should be the first item to come up in the search.

### **Ongoing concerns with 101**

Finally, Natalie has raised the ongoing concern with getting through on 101 in person with the Police and Crime Commissioner. In spite of these ongoing difficulties, the Police ask residents to please continue to report all crimes to 101 or using the online form. If you or another resident are in immediate danger, then please dial 999.

Cllr Natalie Gist

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Cllr Nigel Rock

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### Appendix D – County Councillor Report

#### Council issues

The County Council has approved a 4.99% increase in Council tax, comprising 2.99% increase in general services plus a 2% increase in the adult social care surcharge.

	Base Budget	Additional Investment	Budget Reductions	Funding Source	Total
	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m
Children and Families	107.5	8.8	( 1.6)		114.7
Education Services	192.6	2.2	( 0.2)		194.5
Economy and Place	23.8	0.5	( 0.7)		23.5
Environment, Planning and Transport	72.6	9.0	( 1.5)		80.1
Fire and Rescue	26.6	0.5	( 0.2)		26.9
Strategic Infrastructure & Climate Change	1.5	-	( 0.0)		1.4
Health and Care Commissioning	8.8	0.3	( 1.3)		7.9
Public Health	25.0	0.6	( 0.4)		25.3
Social Care and Support Enabling Services	215.8	46.8	( 12.5)		250.2
Finance	27.3	2.1	( 0.4)		28.9
Strategy, Planning and Governance	9.2	0.3	( 0.4)		9.1
Workforce and Local Services	6.2	0.2	( 0.1)		6.3
Corporate Services – spending	11.2	0.2	( 0.3)		11.1
	44.0	11.6	( 2.2)		53.5
	772.2	83.1	( 21.8)		833.5
Corporate Services - schools and funding	( 182.8)	-		( 230.1)	( 412.9)
Subtotal	589.4	83.1	( 21.8)		420.7
Contributions to/(from) reserves:-					
Earmarked Reserves	( 1.0)				( 1.0)
General Reserves				( 4.8)	( 4.8)
	588.4	83.1	( 21.8)	( 4.8)	414.8

The overall spend for the Council in 2025/26 is budgeted to be £414.8 million. This compares to a budget of £386.7 million in 2024/25. The largest element of the budget remains social care and support which is £250.2 million (24/25 £225.0 million) or 59%.

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## **The Devolution Whitepaper**

WCC has responded to the Devolution white paper indicating that WCC are prepared to work with Central Government to look at options to move forward with the Government's agenda for devolution. The Government has made it clear it is their intention that all two-tier authorities will disappear and will be replaced by single tier unitary authorities over the next three years. The minimum number of residents per authority will be 500,000.

The Government has acknowledged receipt of WCC's response and has invited an outline proposal of what that newly devolved authority might look like by the 21<sup>st</sup> March with a more detailed proposal delivered by Nov 25.

As noted previously, the unitary authorities would then become part of a wider area combined authority. Warwickshire is currently an associate, but not a full, member of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

## **LGPS**

The Council is awaiting the Government's response to the consultation for the overhaul of the management of the LGPS.

## **Flooding**

Flood advice and support is available for Warwickshire residents and businesses at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/flooding/#respond>

You can check which rivers have flood alerts or flood warnings in place by visiting <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>

If you see flooding of public drains and roads please report it to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit> You should also call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0345 988 1188 if you see flooding from collapsed or badly damaged riverbanks, or unusual changes in river flow.

## **Division issues**

### **Drains**

A possible historic culvert has been discovered which appears to run under Station Road in the vicinity of the Garages on Berry Meadow. A team from WCC Highways is investigating, and potentially clearing the culvert tomorrow.

The FRM team and WCC Highways are also investigating the loss of a natural attenuation pond in the top corner of the Orbit Homes Development and the apparent loss of a sustainable drainage system. Further work is being carried out.

I have paid, through my delegated budget for drainage hotspots, where flooding was occurring, to be jetted. These comprised eight gulleys in Harbury, Priors Marston and Fenny Compton.

The Church Terrace gulleys in Harbury were inadequately cleared and continued flooding. Contractors were therefore invited back to readdress the problem. This was successfully carried out.

I have asked for, and officers have agreed to, a review of how such work is monitored in future.

### **Delegated budget**

I have agreed with the WCC local surveyor to resurface parts of the footpath in Station Road opposite the Surgery and other works in Farnborough.

### **The Railway Bridge**

Contractors have been instructed to clear the soil under the railway bridge and Network Rail have been instructed to trim the bushes on the approach to the Bridge.

There is a historic right for water from the railway track to discharge into the road under the bridge. Without that drain in place, there is a significant risk that, in the event of heavy rain, the pressure inside the wall would be sufficient to damage the wall. The drain is therefore necessary.

## **HS2**

Councillors have met with HS2 three times in January to review ongoing works and the impact on communities. There remains a significant gulf, in certain areas, between the needs of residents and the impact of HS2 works on the highway networks.

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HS2 has in certain circumstances agreed to vary works to reduce the impact on residents. Notably certain long-term closures do appear to be being scheduled to take less time than previously announced.

### **Schools.**

Andy Crump and I have now met with senior officers at WCC to discuss the performance of certain schools, particularly in relation to children with EHCP and SEND issues and schools' exclusion policies.

This is now going to result in further reviews by officers.

### **Avon Hill Quarry**

I am pleased to see that finally we have a discussion document relating to the future regeneration of the quarry.

**Wholetime firefighter recruitment:** Applications are now open for wholetime firefighters with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. Read Firefighter Peter's story about what it's like to work with the service here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5921/a-new-career-is-waiting-for-you-at-warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service>

**Residents offered support with financial concerns:** January, and into the New Year, can be a time of financial anxiety for some. If you are feeling concerned about money and the cost of living, support is available. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5931/coventry-and-warwickshire-residents-offered-support-with-financial-concerns-during-and-beyond-january>

**Celebrating the magic of storytelling:** Warwickshire County Council is celebrating the joy of storytelling and is proud to support families and schools in inspiring children to develop their creativity and literacy skills through reading and storytelling. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5930/warwickshire-celebrates-the-magic-of-storytelling>

**Help to improve pharmacies:** You are invited to complete a short online survey about your experience of pharmacy services to assess future and current needs across Coventry and Warwickshire. Have your say: <https://ow.ly/hKfu50ULPsA>

**Flu vaccines and winter pressures:** Our hospitals are experiencing high levels of attendance to A&E due to winter pressures. To help alleviate long waiting times and pressure on the NHS, it's important to get your winter flu vaccination. Find out more: <https://ow.ly/Mi4v50UFZx8> #FluVaccine #GetWinterStrong

**Concessionary travel companion add-on:** Carers can continue to enjoy free travel on Warwickshire's buses, when accompanying eligible concessionary passholders after Warwickshire County Council confirmed the continuation of the Companion (+1) Travel Pass add-on scheme. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5928/further-free-travel-for-carers-as-companion-travel-pass-add-on-continues>

**School places in Warwickshire:** Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has endorsed the Annual Education Sufficiency Update (0-25) 2024, which provides a comprehensive overview of the current and future needs of children and young people in the county. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5926/warwickshire-county-council-endorse-annual-education-sufficiency-update>

**Key funding for education:** Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved a series of additions to its Education Capital Programme 2024/25, focusing on expanding specialist resourced provision and increasing early years places. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5925/cabinet-approves-key-funding-for-education-in-warwickshire>

## Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall,  
Fenny Compton on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 At 7.45pm

**Support for Coventry all-electric buses scheme:** Warwickshire County Council has approved plans to procure all-electric buses for cross-boundary services operating into Coventry as part of the Coventry All Electric Bus City (CEBC) Scheme. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5927/warwickshire-county-council-moves-forward-with-support-for-all-electric-bus-city-scheme>

**Public Health podcast:** Learn more about the perception and concerns around body image amongst young people in the latest Warwickshire podcast: <https://letstalkwarwickshire.podbean.com/e/warwickshire-public-health-keeping-our-teenagers-safe-and-well/>

**Warwickshire Family Information Service newsletter:** Finding reliable information and support for your family is as easy as checking your email. Thousands of Warwickshire parents and carers already subscribe to the county's Family Information Service newsletter, why not join them? More: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5924/the-warwickshire-family-information-service-newsletter-family-support-at-your-fingertips->

**Access to health care for people who live on a boat:** Healthwatch Warwickshire is conducting a survey to understand and improve access to health care services for the boating community. If you live on a boat, or know someone who does, the survey can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4GHN7/>

**Leamington's newest visitor attraction:** WCC's infrastructure project along the A452 Ford Foundry and Queensway roundabout is attracting attention as members of the public have been visiting the construction site to admire the impressive 91-meter gabion retaining wall. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5929/gabion-retaining-wall-for-a452-ford-foundry-improvement-scheme-draws-interest-from-visitors->