

Subject: Fenny Compton Parish Plan

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Summary

This report sets out the assessment of the Fenny Compton Parish Plan. Fenny Compton Parish Council adopted the Plan in September 2008.

Recommendation

- (1) That the Parish Plan is adopted as a local information source to offer advice to the relevant services of Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council.**
 - (2) That Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council seek to respond to the Parish Plan Action Plan in the ways suggested in Appendix C of this report.**
 - (3) That the Parish Plan is adopted by Stratford District Council as a material consideration in processing planning applications, in accordance with Policy COM.1 of the Local Plan Review.**
 - (4) That the Parish Plan steering group, Parish Council and the residents of Fenny Compton Parish be commended for preparing their Parish Plan and that they are encouraged to implement and review their Action Plan.**
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1 Background/Information

- 1.1 Parish Plans are community-led projects identifying and surveying the assets, needs, opportunities, problems and solutions of a community. Through 'capacity' and 'consensus building', Parish Plans provide communities with a framework to take stock of the present and to plan for the future.
 - 1.2 The momentum for Parish Plans is continually increasing, with many of the communities in the district having completed or in the process of undertaking detailed Parish Plans or Appraisals with associated recommendations and Action Plans. Further background information on the process is included in Appendix B.
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1.3 Background to the submitted Fenny Compton Parish Plan

- 1.3.1 In October 2006 the Parish Council organised a public open meeting to launch the Parish Plan, and a Parish Plan Steering Group was formed as a result. The Plan was funded by grants from DEFRA, Fenny Compton Parish Council, Awards for All, Stratford District Council and contributions in kind from many volunteers.
- 1.3.2 Regular progress updates were given throughout the process in the Compton Chronicle, the monthly magazine for parish residents.
- 1.3.3 After an initial consultation period, a questionnaire was developed which was sent to every household in the Parish. 258 households completed the questionnaire out of a total of 322 households in the Parish. This gives a response rate of 80% which is statistically sound. The responses to the questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd.
- 1.3.4 Everyone in the village was invited to attend an open event in the Village Hall in October 2007 where the analysed results were displayed. More than 150 residents attended to discuss the results, give comments, and make suggestions for inclusion in the Parish Plan. The survey results showed a strong desire from residents to address local housing need and therefore a Housing Needs Survey was undertaken in May 2008. The results also highlighted the lack of facilities for teenagers in the Parish, and so a survey of young people from the village who attend Kineton High School was also carried out in May 2008.
- 1.3.5 The findings of the consultation process were used to develop a draft Action Plan which was presented at a further public meeting in the Village Hall. Again many residents attended to discuss the Action Plan and make suggestions.
- 1.3.6 Fenny Compton Parish Council adopted the Parish Plan in September 2008 and will oversee its implementation. Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep the Action Plan under regular review. The Parish Council and others have already successfully carried out several of the actions in the Action Plan.

1.4 Fenny Compton Parish Plan findings

- 1.4.1 The findings of the Parish Plan, which have informed the Action Plan, cover:
 - Traffic
 - Public transport
 - Local facilities
 - Sports field and recreation
 - Facilities for young people
 - The village environment
 - Crime and Emergency Services
 - Local Government
 - Housing and local development.

The Parish Plan has been prepared employing a range of community

participation techniques including questionnaire surveys, public forums and a transparent process of reporting back to the community on progress. The process has generated a range of statistical and qualitative data that has informed the Action Plan and is a useful information source.

- 1.4.2 Suggested response: Endorse – that the findings of the Fenny Compton Parish Plan be endorsed as a true representation of the topics addressed by the Parish Plan questionnaire.

1.5 **Fenny Compton Action Plan**

- 1.5.1 Analysis and responses to the Action Plan are provided in Appendix C, and the following analysis and comments should be read in conjunction with the Fenny Compton Parish Plan Action Plan.
- 1.5.2 The policy position of the Local Plan Review is supportive of the Action Plan points relating to planning, the environment and land use. The District Council and County Council can offer advice and support in undertaking some actions, and offer help in locating funding. Progress has already been made in taking forward actions including traffic and HGV traffic surveys and providing information on recycling and Post Office services. SDC and the Fenny Compton volunteer flood team are already working together to take forward the flooding actions identified.
- 1.5.3 SDC Housing Team and Warwickshire Rural Community Council welcome the action to investigate options to address the identified local housing need and can provide help in this area.

2 **Options available to the Committee**

- 2.1 A) Adopt the Parish Plan fully: This is a good, well-prepared Parish Plan that would be a valuable local information source and material planning consideration.
- 2.2 B) Adopt parts of the Parish Plan: If there are any concerns with certain aspects of the Parish Plan, this option would allow the District and County Councils to use selected aspects of the Plan in its decision making and as a local information source. No reasons have so far been identified to make this option necessary.
- 2.3 C) Not adopt the Parish Plan: The District and County Councils would miss the opportunity to adopt a useful source of local information, and a material consideration to aid planning decision-making.

3 **Members' comments**

- 3.1 None.

4 **Implications of the proposal**

4.1 ***Legal/Human Rights Implications***

- 4.1.1 If adopted, the Parish Plan will become a material consideration to be taken into account by the District Council when determining planning applications. The Plan does not conflict with the District Council's policies.

4.2 ***Financial***

- 4.2.1 Projects developed through this Parish Plan may need funding to take

them forward and the recommendations contained in this report should be contained within existing budgets. The County Council fund a community grants scheme aimed at funding these types of projects, and the District Council's Community Grants team may be able to help search for appropriate funding sources. It is hoped that the Parish Council and local residents will consider and pursue funding in order to develop their identified action points.

4.3 ***Environmental***

4.3.1 Many of the actions within this Parish Plan aim to increase the sustainability of life within the village and reduce the need to travel to access activities and services.

4.4 ***Corporate Strategy***

4.4.1 The Parish Plan is a useful source of information about local community perception of their locality. The Community Plan and District Council Corporate Strategy support the range of topic areas and policies in the Action Plan. The Parish Plan also complements and helps move forward the District Council's Agenda 21.

4.5 ***Equality Impact Assessment***

4.5.1 The consultation for the Plan provided everyone within the community with an opportunity to comment.

5 **Risk assessment**

5.1 The actions recommended within this report are to commend those involved in the preparation of the Parish Plan, adopt the Parish Plan as a local information source and adopt it as a material consideration. There are no identified major risks associated with these actions.

5.2 Choosing to not adopt the Parish Plan would risk losing the chance to adopt a valuable source of local information and a useful material consideration to aid planning decision-making.

6 **Conclusion**

6.1 The Parish Plan Steering Group, the Parish Council and residents of Fenny Compton should be commended and congratulated on completing their Parish Plan, and are encouraged by Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council to implement and periodically review the Action Plan.

6.2 The Fenny Compton Parish Plan is a good example of how a community can prepare a Plan that is both a good source of local information and provides a sound basis through the Action Plan to address the needs and aspirations of the community.

Pat Reid

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Background papers:

Fenny Compton Parish Plan 2008

Stratford District Community Plan; the future to 2015

Stratford-on-Avon Local Plan Review 2006

Officers Consulted: Head of Service: 13/02/09

Appendix A - Guidance for the Assessment of Parish/Town Plans

- 1.1 In assessing Parish Plans, the following considerations should be taken into account:

Evidence and extent of research work to justify conclusions.

Evidence and extent of analysis related to conclusions.

Public involvement and endorsement at local level.

Level of implementation available to District and County Council services, (e.g. the District Council Planning Authority, Leisure and Arts etc.).

Conformity with District and County Council's policies, (e.g. Planning policies etc.).

- 1.2 The above five criteria will enable the production of recommendations regarding the acceptance of each of the Parish Plan's detailed conclusions and Action Points.

- 1.3 A response to each of the detailed conclusions and Action Points will be one of the following:

(A) ENDORSE

The specific recommendation will be accepted and taken into account on the decision making of the District Council. (For example, "Small scale development with a 'craft' emphasis should be looked at sympathetically").

(B) ACTION

The specific recommendation will be accepted in principle and, subject to financial, procedural and legal constraints, implemented by or with the support of the District or County Council. (For example, "A social housing scheme of ten units on land next to the Green should be provided").

(C) INVESTIGATE

Further information to be obtained by the Parish/Town Council or other agency may be required in order that the District or County Council may establish if the specific recommendation can be supported. (For example, "An existing Conservation Area should be extended").

(D) SUPPORT

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is not the responsibility of the District or County Council. However, the proposal is supported and will be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

(E) NOT SUPPORTED

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is in contrary to the policy of the District or County Council or is beyond the powers of the authority or that insufficient and/or unsatisfactory information has been submitted to substantiate their commendation. (For example, "No development of any kind should take place within the settlement").

Appendix B – Further Background Information

- 2.1. Communities produce Parish Plans for a number of reasons:
 - To increase the awareness of community issues, foster community spirit and encourage a sense of pride;
 - To act as a strong basis for local action (the Action Plan);
 - To collectively represent the views of residents, to positively influence others to the benefit of the community.
- 2.2. In the 1980s the concept and practice of Village Appraisals first emanated nationally from the Rural Development Commission in conjunction with the Countryside Commission.
- 2.3. Nationally, Parish Plans have a role to play within the 'modernising Local Government' agenda, for example, shaping local services, public participation, decision-making and greater democratic legitimacy.
- 2.4. One of the aims within Chapter 12 of the Rural White Paper (Our Countryside: the future – A fair deal for rural England) includes involving people living in rural areas in developing their community, safeguarding its valued features and shaping the decisions that affect them – developing a vision for the future. Parish Plans are a recognised method of achieving this aim.
- 2.5. In line with guidance from the Countryside Agency issued in August 2000 ('Planning tomorrow's countryside', advice to local planning authorities, government and developers on how the planning system should operate and evolve), Parish Plans are a recognised community planning method to help achieve key objectives. In March 2003 the Countryside Agency produced detailed guidance for parish and town councils on the preparation of Parish and Town Plans.
- 2.6. Policy RA3 in the Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996-2011 encourages local planning authorities to use 'Appraisals' when establishing the views of local communities and when identifying local housing and industrial development need.
- 2.7. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is committed to the encouragement of Parish Plans as a means of identifying local issues and will respond to them positively. Much faith has been placed by the Government, the County Council and the District Council on local appraisals and their role in assisting the formulation of strategic policy.
- 2.8. Parish Plans can now play a broader role within the production of the statutory Community Plan for Stratford District.
- 2.9. The recommendations and Action Plans can both inform and help deliver the Rural Strategy for the Stratford-on-Avon District.
- 2.10. Policy COM.1 of the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan Review 2006 states:

"The views of the local community as expressed preferably in a Parish Plan (or equivalent) or in its absence an alternative source of reliable evidence, will be fully taken into account in the planning process. In particular they will be used:

 - To help assess the merits of schemes promoted by communities to meet needs which they have identified;

- As a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and to assist in identifying the scope and nature of associated planning obligations which might be sought; and
- To identify opportunities for environmental and other forms of enhancement.

In the case of Main Rural Centres and Local Centre Villages only, as defined in Policy STR1, small scale schemes which meet housing (particularly affordable housing) and employment needs will be encouraged in this way..."

- 2.11. Nationally, Parish Plans are broad, holistic documents addressing local issues at a local level. Whilst in this District 'appraisals' have had a close association with planning, they are no longer 'planning-led'. Parish Plans address both planning and non-planning related matters and this is reflected in their assessment at Committee.
- 2.12. Parish Plans can and do act as a tool to assist in giving many of the services provided by the District Council greater community focus. Vice versa, many of the services provided by the District Council can and do feed into the Parish Plan process creating more informed Action Plans.

Appendix C

Summary of key action points

Abbreviations

SDC= Stratford District Council

WCC= Warwickshire County Council

WRCC= Warwickshire Rural Community Council

Appendix A gives an explanation of what is meant by each suggested response key word.

| Parish Plan action | SDC and WCC Proposed Response |
|---|---|
| Traffic | |
| Seek to reduce HGV traffic through the village by: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertaking a traffic survey | Action – this traffic survey has been completed with support from WCC. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging with local businesses | Support – this action can be supported. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting forward proposals to reduce volume of HGV traffic | Investigate – the traffic survey found that through traffic did not make up a large percentage of all HGV traffic and therefore the proposal put forward so far is not a justifiable option. WCC Traffic Projects - Strategic Projects team would be happy to discuss any further suggestions. |
| Seek to reduce speed of traffic through the village by: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertaking a traffic survey | Action - this traffic survey has been completed with support from WCC. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting forward proposals to reduce speeding. | <p>Investigate – The Road Safety Unit runs the SpeedAware scheme which utilises mobile flashing sign technology and employs two Community SpeedAware Officers with 'Smiley SIDs'. SpeedAware operates in Fenny Compton. WCC Road Safety Team advise that there is no funding to take forward a further road safety scheme in Fenny Compton as their work is casualty reduction prioritised.</p> <p>However, small-scale proposals could be considered for the Minor Works and Safety and Maintenance scheme 2010/11 but this will be subject to budgetary constraints.</p> |

| Parish Plan action | SDC and WCC Proposed Response |
|---|--|
| <p>Improve the safety of the road under the railway bridge by putting forward proposals to improve safety for all road users.</p> | <p>Investigate – The Road Safety Unit have no plans to undertake work at this location. There is no funding to take forward a further road safety scheme in Fenny Compton as work is casualty reduction prioritised.</p> <p>However, small-scale proposals could be considered for the Minor Works and Safety and Maintenance scheme 2010/11 but this will be subject to budgetary constraints.</p> |
| <p>Local Transport</p> | |
| <p>Obtain a definitive answer from Network Rail and Chiltern Railways as to whether the railway station could be re-opened.</p> | <p>Support – this action can be supported in principle. The Community Plan seeks to support communities by improving access to key services.</p> |
| <p>Investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links.</p> | <p>Support/ Action - The Community Plan aims to support individuals by increasing the number of people using tailored transport schemes.</p> <p>SDC and WCC are partners of the Community Links, Back and forth, and Volunteer Centre's Medical Journeys schemes which could help meet the need of eligible residents.</p> <p>Fenny Compton is served by 2 conventional bus services, one supported by WCC, but frequency is low.</p> |
| <p>Facilities for young people</p> | |
| <p>Improve facilities for young people within the village by:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surveying young people to establish their priorities. | <p>Support – this action can be supported and has been completed.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating the feasibility of introducing a youth club to the village. | <p>Support – the Community Plan seeks to increase the number of young people participating in leisure and recreation activities, and joining in local clubs.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering using the SDC mobile skateboard facilities on the sports field. | <p>Action – SDC Mobile Skate Park is designed to be used in different locations around the district. The Sports Development Team can be contacted on 01789 260115 to discuss arrangements.</p> |

| Parish Plan action | SDC and WCC Proposed Response |
|---|--|
| Recreation and Sports Field | |
| Improve and extend facilities for children aged 2 to 7, and 8+ | Support - The District Council Community Grants Team offers help locating and applying for funding. Enquiries should be made to the Community Leadership Team on 01789 260651 or 260694. |
| Improve sports facilities for all by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating provision of a tennis court on the Sports Field • improving sports pavilion • conducting feasibility study to consider replacing sports pavilion. | Support – The Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people playing sport on a regular basis. The District Council Community Grants Team offers help locating and applying for funding. Enquiries should be made to the Community Leadership Team on 01789 260651 or 260694. |
| Village Hall | |
| Improve the quality of facilities though short-term improvement of appearance and ambiance of the village hall, and long-term consideration of a new multi-function village hall. | Support - The Community Plan seeks to maximise the use of existing facilities for community use, and support development of new facilities where they are needed. The Local Plan Review encourages the provision of new services to meet the needs of the local community. WRCC Village Halls Adviser is able to supply guidance and support, and can be contacted on 02476 217 344. |
| Provide a wider range of facilities at the village hall by: | |
| Showing films through the Rural Cinema Initiative | Action – This touring cinema facility is jointly funded by SDC, WCC and Screen West Midlands. |
| Re-instate the Pilates class and extend range of activities at village hall | Support – the Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people participating in clubs and activities, and maximise the use of existing facilities such as village halls. |
| Neighbourhood Watch | |
| Raise awareness through meetings and publicity, and increase coverage by recruiting additional co-ordinators. | Support – the Community Plan seeks to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the district. |

| Parish Plan action | SDC and WCC Proposed Response |
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| Village Communication | |
| Investigate possibility of creating a village directory. | Support – this action can be supported. |
| Local Facilities | |
| Raise concerns relating to level of service from post office with Post Office and sub-post master. Represent village views in the Fire Station review and Post Office Network Change consultation. Investigate options for providing allotments. | Support – the Community Plan seeks to improve access to key services. |
| Local Government | |
| Improve communication and engagement of Parish Council with the village by reviewing methods and providing more information about the Parish Council and Councillors. | Support – this action can be supported. |
| Access to the Countryside | |
| Improve awareness of walks within the parish by producing leaflets and putting updates on the village website. | Support – The Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people enjoying the countryside. |
| Continue to maintain and improve the footpath network. | Action – Fenny Compton is a member of the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) which enables residents to manage their local footpaths, supported by WCC Countryside Access team. |
| The Village Environment | |
| Provide more information about recycling service | Action – SDC Environment Services have completed this action. |
| Review provision of dog bins in the village to reduce dog fouling. | Support - this action can be supported. |
| Continue to maintain flood prevention measures by: | |
| Reviewing the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures. | Support – this action is completed. |
| Co-ordinate an investigation into the causes of recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures. | Action – a consultant engineer has been engaged by SDC to carry out an investigation into the causes of the last flood event in the village in Sept 08. |

| Parish Plan action | SDC and WCC Proposed Response |
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| <p>Endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures.</p> | <p>Action – once a draft report has been produced, SDC and the consultant engineer will meet with the Parish Council, WCC, and Severn Trent to discuss the required measures and agree how different agencies will assist in implementing the measures.</p> |
| <p>Ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams.</p> | <p>Support – this action can be supported.</p> |
| Housing and Local Development | |
| <p>Preserve the character of the village by reflecting the findings of the Parish Plan when responding to planning applications, and asking SDC to consider the Parish Plan when determining planning applications.</p> | <p>Endorse - The Parish Plan and the community views expressed within it will be used by Stratford District Council as a material consideration when determining planning applications, as laid out in Policy COM.1 of the Stratford District Local Plan 2006.</p> |
| <p>Meet local housing need by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out a further Housing Needs Survey • Investigating options to meet the needs identified in the survey • Supporting development to meet local housing needs | <p>Endorse/Action - The Parish Council has undertaken a Housing Needs Survey with support from WRCC Rural Housing Enabler. The District Council is keen to support the Parish Council and Rural Housing Enabler in their work.</p> <p>Policy COM.1 of the District Local Plan allows for the provision of local occupancy housing on the basis of an identified need.</p> |

REPORT INFORMATION SHEET

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| Ward Members | | Cllr Williams/ 6 th Feb 09, Cllr Booth/ 6 th Feb 09 |
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| Legal Services | | Leenamarie Aantaa-Collier/ 6 th Feb 09 |
| Other Services | | Housing/ 16 th Jan 09 Policy and PR/ 16 th Jan 09/ Supportive, advice on transport schemes reported in Appendix C Community Services/ 16 th Jan 09/ Supportive of leisure and recreation actions, supportive in general and suggest timescales should extend beyond 2009 Warwickshire County Council Environment and Economy Directorate/ 27 th Jan 09/ Comments reported in Appendix C |
| Other organisations | | Warwickshire Rural Community Council/ 16 th Jan 09 / Supportive, offer help in taking forward housing needs. Encourage Parish Council to work towards Quality Parish Council Status. |
| final decision by this Committee or recommendation to another committee/Council ? | | Final decision Recommendation to : Executive / Council Committee <i>Delete as appropriate</i> |
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Looking to the future



The 2008 Fenny Compton Parish Plan





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The Fenny Compton Parish Plan

Introducing the Parish Plan

In March 2006 it was agreed by the Parish Council that a Parish Plan should be prepared as a response to the Government White Paper *Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal For Rural England*.

The objectives of the Plan were to:

- Provide opportunities for all residents to define the way the community should develop into the future;
- Identify the aspirations, needs and concerns of the community;
- Develop a realistic Action Plan to address those aspirations, needs and concerns.

The Parish Plan acts as a blueprint for the future of the parish as defined by the community. It is recognised as proof of public consultation, which is fundamental to any application for external grant funding.

An open meeting was organised by the Parish Council in October 2006 to introduce the concept of the Parish Plan to the community and provide an opportunity for volunteers to support the process.

An initial grant was obtained from Defra. Further grants were obtained from Fenny Compton Parish Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council Community Fund. These grants have funded the survey of parish residents, analysis of the results and presentation of these back to the community. A final grant was obtained from Awards for All which has funded the production of this document.

A small Steering Group was set up in March 2007 to consult with parishioners and to develop a questionnaire to be sent to the 322 households in the parish. 258 or 80% of all households completed the questionnaires, ensuring that the conclusions of the survey were representative of the community as a whole.

The responses to the main questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd, including many pages of comments, opinions and suggestions. All the information gained was displayed in the Village Hall in October 2007. All parishioners were invited to attend and give further comments on the results of the survey. More than 150 residents attended on the day, from the youngest to the oldest members of the community. Much discussion took place and many more suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the Parish Plan.

As the Action Plan was developed, regular progress updates were published in the Compton Chronicle, the monthly magazine for Fenny Compton and the surrounding villages. A draft of the Action Plan was displayed in the Village Hall in May 2008. Again, this open meeting was well

attended with much discussion on the material presented.

By using all the responses, which represent the wishes of the community, an Action Plan has been drawn up by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Council.

The Action Plan sets out:

- The concerns of the community;
- The actions to be taken;
- The partners;
- The priorities and timescales for delivery.

Fenny Compton Parish Council has played an important part in the production of the Parish Plan and in September 2008 formally adopted the Parish Plan and Action Plan.

The Parish Council and others have already put in place several of the actions suggested in the responses to the Questionnaire and placed within the Action Plan.

Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep the Action Plan under regular review.

The Fenny Compton Parish Plan Steering Group are extremely grateful for all the support they have received from Defra, the Parish Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Awards for All and the community of Fenny Compton Parish. Without this support it would not have been possible to discover and record the wishes of the Fenny Compton community and set out this Action Plan for its future.

The Parish Plan Timeline

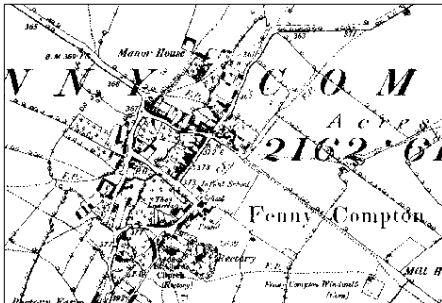


The Village of Fenny Compton

The Origins of Fenny Compton

Fenny Compton dates from before the Domesday Book, at which time the village was known as 'Contone' and consisted of around 40 properties. The name Fenny Compton is thought to come from the Anglo-Saxon Fennig Cumbtūn, meaning "marshy farmstead in a valley".

The church of St. Peter and St. Clare was built in the 14th century. In 1769 the Fenny Compton Enclosure Act was passed, which signalled the end of the open field system, and the Oxford Canal reached the parish in 1776.



The 1840's was a period of great change for the parish. A piped water supply was installed which still serves some 40 houses, and our first railway station was opened.

In the late 1990's the village expanded significantly with new residential developments behind Berry Meadow and off the High Street.

The Parish Today

The parish today consists of some 322 households. Most of the population live in the village, but there are households as far out as The Wharf and the Tunnel, and on Dassett Road.

The village is in the form of a distorted T, with the southern part of the village containing more of the older houses, and the northern part more of the newer houses.

258 households, made up of 703 people, completed questionnaires, and the following statistics were obtained from an analysis of these.

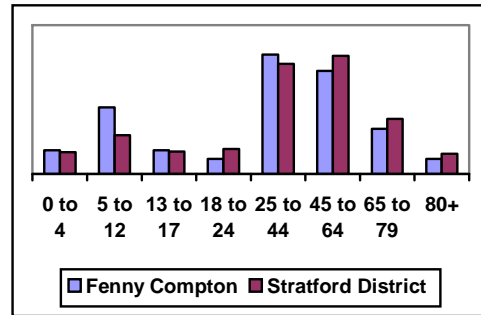
The average household has 2.7 members.

43% of households have lived in the village for more than 15 years, and just over another third (34%) between 6 and 15 years. Less than a quarter (23%) have lived in the village for less than 6 years.

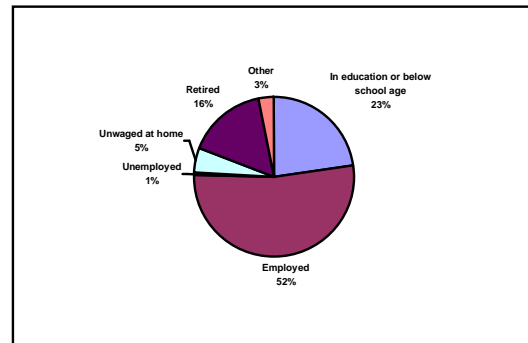
Almost four in five households (79%) own their own home, while most of the rest rent.

The age profile of the parish (shown below) is broadly typical of the area, with the exception of the high proportion of young children aged 5-12, possibly due to the presence of the primary school. Conversely, the proportion of young adults

aged 18-24 is somewhat lower, which may reflect the limited availability of starter homes.



The employment status of the survey respondents is summarised below, showing that just over half the population is employed, with the majority of the remainder being in education or retired. Only 1% of the population describe themselves as unemployed.



What We Think About Fenny Compton

Residents value the balance that Fenny Compton manages to strike between traditional 'village life' and a connected, self-sufficient place to live: on the one hand, a friendly and peaceful village with little crime, and good access to the countryside; and on the other, a village in a convenient location, with access to local towns and major roads, containing a comprehensive range of valued facilities such as the school, doctors surgery, post office and shop.



Unsurprisingly, the aspects of life in the parish that residents wish to improve reflect a desire to

maintain or enhance this balance. Issues around traffic are by far the most important, including the volume of lorry traffic and problems with speeding. Concerns were raised about the lack of public transport. Although crime is not seen as a problem, there are some concerns about anti-social behaviour, which may be related to the lack of facilities for young people.

Traffic

Concerns about traffic dominate the responses to the survey. More than half of households are concerned about speeding; the volume of lorry traffic; speeding lorries; and parking causing obstruction. When asked to identify the worst aspects of living in Fenny Compton, traffic contributed three out of the top six issues.

Fenny Compton Traffic Group was formed in October 2007 to address all traffic-related issues affecting the village. One of their first actions was to request a comprehensive traffic survey from Warwickshire County Council, to provide evidence to support the perceptions reported in the survey. This was carried out over a three week period in January 2008, measuring the number, size and speed of vehicle traffic in both directions via the three entrances to the village.

Speeding

84% of households are concerned about the level of speeding through the village. The results from the traffic survey showed that more than 80% of traffic exceeded the 30mph speed limit along the roads entering the village.



The survey showed that two-thirds of households were in favour of illuminating signs to reduce speeding.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce speeding

Lorry Traffic

The volume of lorry traffic is one of the most emotive issues facing Fenny Compton. 82% of households are concerned about the number of HGVs passing through the village. The sources of this traffic are varied: businesses within the parish; deliveries to the shop; and through traffic.

The traffic survey showed that an average of more than 100 HGVs pass through the village every working day. Nearly half are associated with a single operator based in the parish.



More than three-quarters of households supported restrictions on lorries passing through the village.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village

Parking Causing Obstruction

In common with any other village, Fenny Compton has narrow roads. Nearly 70% of households are concerned about parking causing obstruction. The survey did not ask for specific details about where issues exist, but problem areas are known to include the High Street, especially close to the shop and around the school; Church Street; and Station Road.

Traffic Danger Spots

When asked about a number of specific traffic danger spots in the parish, almost 90% of households identified walking or driving under the railway bridge as an area of concern.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users

Public Transport

The residents of Fenny Compton stated that access to the road network and local towns was one of the things that made the village a good place to live; however, they also expressed concern about the lack of public transport. 40% of respondents believed it was an issue for the less able and for teenagers living in the village.

The survey suggested that if the bus service was better publicised and ran more frequently, people would be more likely to use it.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village, e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links

A main line railway from Birmingham to London passes along the east side of the village. In the past Fenny Compton was served by two railway stations, but these closed in 1952 and 1964 and the nearest stations are now Banbury and Leamington Spa. Many residents have asked for a railway station to be re-opened; however, it has been suggested that there is insufficient capacity on the line to make this possible.



Action: The Parish Council will obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened

Local Facilities

Fenny Compton is fortunate to enjoy a number of facilities which are important to the community, including the doctors' surgery, shop, post office, fire station, village hall, school, sports field and playground.

Some of these, such as the post office, may be at risk of closure due to under-utilisation. Others may appear safe for the moment, but events outside the parish's control, such as changes in national or regional policies or the redevelopment of Southam, may place some of them under threat.

The range of facilities and amenities provide employment, act as meeting places to support a sense of community, and provide vital services to those who find travel out of the parish difficult.

The Village Hall

Fenny Compton's Village Hall was originally built in the 1920's and extensively refurbished in 2001. As well as providing a venue for several community groups to meet on a weekly basis, the hall hosts frequent social events. The fabric of the building is starting to show its age; the building is expensive to heat and has recently been found to suffer from extensive dry rot; and there is no off-street parking.



Action: The Village Hall Committee will improve the appearance and ambience of the Village Hall

94% of households believe the village hall is important to the village, and 23% of households use the hall on a regular basis (weekly or monthly). A further 56% of households use the hall occasionally. The survey invited residents to indicate their support for a range of new activities at the hall. The most popular suggestions were village cinema (41%), Pilates classes (27%), social evenings and charity events (both 21%).

Action: The Village Hall Committee will extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall

The village cinema started in autumn 2007 but has had limited support. A Pilates class also started in autumn 2007 but closed when the instructor had to leave for personal reasons.

Action: The Village Hall Committee will reinstate the Pilates class

The Post Office

Fenny Compton's previous Post Office on the High Street closed in 1999. In 2002, it was re-opened in an annex to the Village Hall. The costs of maintaining the Post Office in the village are subsidised by a substantial donation from the Parish Council.

97% of households in the village think the Post Office is important, and 57% of households use it at least monthly. Unfortunately there were a number of adverse comments about the Post Office in the survey, mostly related to a failure to adhere to the published opening hours.

Subsequent to the survey, informal and formal discussions have taken place with the sub-postmaster and the Post Office, and in June 2008 revised opening hours were implemented.

At the same time, the proposals for the Post Office Network Change programme were published, and fortunately Fenny Compton's Post Office was not one of those scheduled for closure.

The Fire Station

Fenny Compton has had its own fire engine for many years, previously operating out of the barns behind The Merrie Lion. The current station opened in 1965. Having a fire station in the village provides employment to residents and 96% of households believe that the Fire Station is important to the village.



There is likely to be a review of fire station provision in Warwickshire in 2009.

Action: The Parish Council will represent local views in the Fire Service review

The Doctors' Surgery

Fenny Compton has an excellent doctors' surgery. It was rated as 'important' by 100% of respondents to the survey.

Public Houses

There are two public houses in the parish: The Merrie Lion in the centre of the village, and The Wharf on the Southam road.

A number of households expressed a desire for the Merrie Lion to be more welcoming and more family-friendly. Informal discussions with the landlord have failed to identify a way forward.

The Shop

Fenny Compton has a popular shop, which provides all the essentials and has long opening hours. It was rated as 'important' by 99% and is used weekly by 88% of households.

The School

Fenny Compton's first school was built in 1833 and a larger infant school was completed in 1864. Modern classrooms were added at different times, with large extensions in 1972 and 1998.



By this time all the neighbouring villages had lost their village schools, and the Dassett Primary School now serves Avon Dassett, Northend, Knightcote and Farnborough as well as Fenny Compton.

The school currently enjoys an excellent reputation, and is supported by an active group of 'Friends'.

Communication

Most of the village feel that communication is of a high standard. The Compton Chronicle, notice boards and fliers are all considered to be effective ways of spreading the word.

The Sports Field and Recreation

Around 9 in 10 households consider the Sports Field and the Playground to be important to the parish. 60% of households use the Sports Field at least 'occasionally' and the equivalent figure for the Playground is 47%.

70% of households using the sports field and 56% of those using the playground were satisfied with their maintenance.



There is a wish among the main users of the sports pavilion (i.e. the Cricket Club, the Football Club, and the Colts) for improvements to the pavilion, both in the short term, by carrying out relatively inexpensive works to the existing building, and in the longer term, by considering the replacement of the existing building by a more permanent structure, which would be easier to maintain.

Action: The Parish Council will improve the sports pavilion

Action: The Parish Council will conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion

One additional sports facility was supported by a significant number of households – 25% expressed an interest in the provision of a tennis court.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field

The Fenny Compton Playground Group has been working for some time on the provision of improved playground facilities for children, initially for the under 8's, and then for the older age groups. Support for these improvements was found in the results of the questionnaire.

Proposals for the under 8's area have been obtained, and sources of funding are currently being investigated.

Action: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7

Action: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 8+

Facilities for Young People

Fenny Compton is a rural village, and as such the level of facilities for young people is naturally limited. Although access to the countryside is good, access to other leisure facilities such as shops and sports centres is hindered by distance and the lack of public transport. It is therefore unsurprising that when asked to assess the quality of facilities for particular age groups those for young people scored very low, only 6% of households assessed those for 13-17 year olds as 'adequate' and not a single respondent thought they were 'good'. Similarly only 9% thought facilities for 18-24 year olds were 'adequate' or 'good'.

The lack of facilities for these age groups may contribute to concerns about anti-social behaviour, which was the highest area of concern for crime.

The number of residents in these age groups in the parish is relatively small – only 9% of the population are between 13 and 24. However the high proportion of children aged 5-12 means that the issue of facilities for the older age groups is

likely to become even more pressing over the next few years.

A survey of young people from the village who attend Kineton High School (predominantly in the age range 11 to 16) was carried out in May 2008. This confirmed that the main issues for young people were a lack of facilities and a lack of public transport. There was some support for a youth club in the village, with more than 60% saying they would use it 'sometimes' or 'often'.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club

Action: The Parish Council will consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field

Action: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve public transport to and from the village

The Village Environment

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling was identified as the biggest area of concern for the village environment, with 74% of households being concerned. There are a number of dog bins in the village, but these are away from the main thoroughfares. Opinion was evenly split on whether more bins was the answer.

Action: The Parish Council will review the provision of dog bins in the village

Flood Prevention

A local volunteer group, Aqueous, was founded following an incident in 1998 when 22 houses



were flooded. A flood prevention scheme was implemented in 2000 that involved the building of a dam and flood retention scheme in Hall Yard.

The group's main activities currently include the maintenance of the village's streams, ditches and culverts.

The Parish Plan survey was undertaken in June 2007, just before two significant national flooding events. Although Fenny Compton was virtually cut off at the height of both incidents, only a handful of properties experienced minor water ingress into the living area, proving the value of the scheme implemented in 2000.

The timing of the survey may account for the relatively low proportion of 33% of households

being concerned about the risk of flooding – fewer than were concerned about dog fouling, litter or noise pollution – or it may be a reflection of the work already done by Aqueous.

Nevertheless, the survey did identify some concern with maintenance of the drainage system, this being the factor contributing most to flooding.

Due to the events of summer 2007, flood prevention has become a high priority nationally, and increased funding has been made available for flood prevention measures.

More recently, in September 2008 Fenny Compton suffered serious localised flooding, which affected many houses in the Bridge Street and Brook Street areas.

Action: Aqueous will review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures

Action: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways, will coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures

Action: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways, will endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures

Action: Fenny Compton Parish Council will ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams



Footpaths

Fenny Compton has over twelve miles of public footpaths, most of which link up with others in adjacent parishes. Ten years ago a group of volunteers formed Fenny Compton Footpath 2000 under the sponsorship of Warwickshire County Council and began the restoration of our system of footpaths. Although the restoration work is largely complete, the workload of the ongoing maintenance of the footpaths is considerable, and the group needs more volunteers.

83% of households indicated that they would find maps or leaflets of local walks useful; and more than half wanted to see improvements to existing paths.

Action: The Footpaths Group will produce and distribute leaflets of local walks

Action: The Footpaths Group will continue to maintain all footpaths

Crime and Emergency Services

We are fortunate to live in a village where serious crime is a rarity. Residents listed antisocial behaviour, vandalism and graffiti, and under-age drinking as their main causes for concern, although these were seen as less important than traffic or dog-fouling.

On a more positive note, those who have had reason to call the police are generally satisfied with the speed of the response.

Similarly, those who have called an ambulance are generally satisfied with the response time and over 80% of households were aware of the First Responders.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch has been operating in Fenny Compton for several years, although the entire village is not yet covered.



The results of the survey showed that awareness of Neighbourhood Watch was very good but some respondents requested wider coverage and available contact details. It is planned that all areas of the village will be covered by the end of 2008.

Action: Neighbourhood Watch will recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village

Local Government

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and the closest to the electors of the parish. Amongst its main responsibilities are the maintenance of parish assets; the provision and maintenance of public open space which includes sport, recreation and play facilities; the provision of allotments; the provision and maintenance of seats, litter bins and dog bins for public use.

62% of households indicated that they knew their Parish Councillors and nearly 80% knew how to contact the Council. Much of the feedback in the survey demonstrated a need for better communication from the Parish Council.

Action: The Parish Council will review how it communicates with the parish

Action: The Parish Council will provide more information about who the councillors are and what the Parish Council does

Action: The Parish Council will consider ways to improve engagement with the community

Housing and Local Development

"We have a beautiful village and we need to work together to keep it that way". This was one resident's response to a question in the Parish Plan Survey but could equally be a mission statement for us all. It is the wish of the majority to preserve and enhance the character of the village.

Housing

There was a general view that no further large scale residential developments should be supported. Over 70% of households would, however, support a development to satisfy local housing needs identified by a Housing Needs Survey.

Action: Warwickshire Rural Community Council will carry out a further Housing Needs Survey

This Housing Needs Survey was carried out in Fenny Compton in May 2008. Around 100 households participated in the survey, of which 70% (the same proportion as in the Parish Plan Survey) were in favour of a small development to meet the needs of local people. Thirteen housing needs were identified, of which three are suitable for owner occupier homes and the remaining ten will be rented.

Action: Fenny Compton Parish Council and Warwickshire Rural Community Council will investigate options to meet the needs identified in the Housing Needs Survey

Local Development

Through the Parish Plan Survey, many households indicated they would not support further commercial, industrial or tourism development in Fenny Compton.

Action: The Parish Council will reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications

Action: The District Council will consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications

The Parish Plan supports the District Design Guide, which states that:

To achieve the objectives of this guide, the central focus is the distinctive, local quality of the District. The guidance works on the basis that new development should share some of the characteristics that define the area in which it is located.

Any changes within or extension of the village should respect its character and if possible enhance the immediate area. Key vistas from within the village should also be protected.

The Parish Plan is now a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration', and should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Stratford-on-Avon District Design Guide (Issue 1: 2001)

Supplementary Planning Guidance – Meeting the needs of the District's rural communities (April 2003)

The Countryside Design Summary

The Stratford-on-Avon Character Map

Fenny Compton Village Design Statement
(1998)

What Happens Next?

The Parish Action Plan was developed in full consultation with the Parish Council. The formal adoption of the Parish Plan and Action Plan in September 2008 by the Parish Council, and as a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration' in [March 2009] by Stratford-on-Avon District Council ensures that the document will become part of future planning for the parish.

Some of the actions listed have already been implemented, some are under detailed consideration, while others will be delegated to community groups as appropriate. More extensive long-term plans will depend not only on access to external funding, but on the level of support given to a range of pilot schemes which will be run by volunteers. Working groups may be formed, reporting back to the Parish Council who will monitor progress and keep the Action Plan under constant review.

The full reports are available for inspection, if you would like to see them please contact the clerk to the Parish Council. Anyone wishing to contribute help in any way should contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Plan Steering Group.

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| Theme | Objective | Actions | Priority | Timescale | Lead Responsibility | Partners | Resource Implications | |
|---------|---|--|---|---------------|-----------------------------|---|--|------|
| Traffic | Reduce HGV traffic through the village | Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem | High | Complete | Fenny Compton Traffic Group | Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council Northend Traffic Group | Funded by WCC | |
| | | Engage with local businesses to investigate ways to reduce the volume of HGV traffic | High | Short – 2008 | | | None | |
| | | Put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village | High | Medium – 2009 | | | WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council | |
| | Reduce speed of all traffic through the village | Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem | High | Complete | Fenny Compton Traffic Group | Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council | Funded by WCC | |
| | | Put forward proposals to reduce speeding | High | Medium – 2009 | | | WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council | |
| | Improve the safety of the road under the railway bridge | Put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users | High | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Traffic Group | Fenny Compton Parish Council Warwickshire County Council Network Rail | WCC may fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council | |
| | Local Transport | Re-open the railway station | Obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened | Medium | Short – 2008 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Network Rail Chiltern Railways | None |

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|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| | Improve access to public transport | Investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village, e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links | High | Medium –2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council Warwickshire County Council Local bus companies | Subsidy may be required |
| Facilities for young people | Improve facilities within the village | Survey young people to establish their priorities | Medium | Complete | Parish Plan Steering Group | Kineton High School | Printing |
| | | Investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club to the village | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Parish Council | Warwickshire County Council | Funding would be required if a club was to be established |
| | | Consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | None |
| Recreation and Sports Field | Improve and extend facilities for children | Improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7 | High | Medium – Spring 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group | Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained |
| | | Improve playground facilities for children aged 8+ | High | Medium – 2010 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group | Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained |
| | Improve sports facilities for children and adults | Investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field | Medium | Long – beyond 2010 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained |

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| | | Improve the sports pavilion | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Sports Clubs | Will require support from local groups and businesses |
| | | Conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion | Low | Long – beyond 2010 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Sports Clubs | Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained |
| Village Hall | Improve the quality of facilities | Improve the appearance and ambience of the Village Hall | Medium | Short – 2008 | Village Hall Committee | | Sufficient funds in hand to commence work. |
| | | Consider new multi-function village hall | Low | Long – beyond 2010 | Village Hall Committee | Village Community as a whole Fenny Compton Parish Council | Multiple grants, loans and fund raising from business. |
| | Provide a wider range of activities | Show films through the Rural Cinema initiative | High | Ongoing | Village Hall Committee | Stratford-on-Avon District Council Rural Cinema Project | None |
| | | Reinstate the Pilates class | High | Medium – 2009 | Village Hall Committee | Pilates teacher | None |
| | | Extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall | Medium | Short – 2008 | Village Hall Committee | Activity organisers | None |
| Neighbourhood Watch | Raise awareness | Raise awareness through publicity and open meetings | High | Ongoing | NW Coordinators | Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team | Funds provided by Fenny Compton Parish Council |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Expand coverage | Recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village | High | Short – 2008 | NW Coordinators | Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team | None |
| Village Communication | Village Directory | Investigate the possibility of creating a Village Directory | Medium | Medium - 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | All Residents | None |
| Local Facilities | Ensure future of Post Office services in Fenny Compton | Ensure village concerns are fed into the Post Office's Network Change consultation process | High | Complete | Fenny Compton Parish Council | The Post Office | None |
| | Address village concerns relating to level of service from Post Office | Raise concerns with sub-postmaster | High | Ongoing | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Sub-postmaster | None |
| | | Raise concerns with Post Office | High | Ongoing | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Post Office | None |
| | Secure future of Fire Station | Represent local views in the Fire Service review | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Warwickshire Fire Service | None |
| | Allotment provision | Investigate options for providing allotments | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Local landowners | Possible costs of land and/or utilities |
| Local Government | Improve communication of Parish Council decisions to the village | Review how the Parish Council communicates with the parish | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | None/minimal |
| | Improve engagement between the Parish | Provide more information about who the Parish Councillors are and what the Parish Council does | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | Printing |

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|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| | Council and the village | Consider ways to improve engagement with the community | Medium | Medium – 2009 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | Venue costs Publicity |
| Access to the countryside | Improve awareness of walks within the parish | Produce and distribute leaflets of local walks. Ensure updates are available on the village website | Medium | Short – summer 2008 | Footpaths Group | Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Cost of printing etc Cost of running the website. |
| | Continue to maintain and improve the footpath network | Continue to maintain all footpaths | Medium | Ongoing | Footpaths Group | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Volunteers needed |
| The Village Environment | Better recycling information | Provide more information about recycling service | Medium | Complete | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | | Will be funded by SDC |
| | Reduce dog fouling in the village | Review the provision of dog bins in the village | Medium | Short – 2008 | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | Cost of bins |
| | Continue to maintain flood prevention measures | Review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures | | High | Complete | Aqueous | Fenny Compton Parish Council |
| | | Coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures | High | Short – 2008 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Aqueous Parish residents Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways | |

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| | | Endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures | High | Medium – 2009 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways | |
| | | Ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams | High | Ongoing | Fenny Compton Parish Council | Aqueous Warwickshire County Council Riparian owners | Volunteers needed |
| Housing and Local Development | Preserve the character of the village | Reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications | Medium | Ongoing | Fenny Compton Parish Council | | None |
| | | Consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications | Medium | Ongoing | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Fenny Compton Parish Council | None |
| | Meet local housing needs | Support development to meet local housing needs (see below) | High | Ongoing | Stratford-on-Avon District Council | Fenny Compton Parish Council | None |
| | | Carry out a further Housing Needs Survey | High | Complete | Warwickshire Rural Community Council | Fenny Compton Parish Council | None |
| | | Investigate options to meet the needs identified in the survey | High | Short – 2008 | Warwickshire Rural Community Council | Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council Housing Associations | None |