

## Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.00pm,  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at Finham Park School, Green Lane Finham

**Present:**

Councillor Robert Aitken	Councillor Angela Fryer
Councillor Peter Burns (Chair)	Councillor Bob Fryer
Councillor Ann Bush	Councillor Colin Salt
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chair)	Councillor Tony Swann
Councillor Paul Davies	Councillor Katherine Taylor (part)

**In Attendance:**

Councillor Tim Sawdon, Coventry City Council  
Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

**Residents: 2****87. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Coventry City Councillors John Blundell and Gary Crookes.

**88. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**89. Minutes of previous meeting****Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**90. Public Participation**

The Chairman suspended the standing orders.

Mr Bannister spoke about a meeting he had attended at Finham Library. The Deputy Director for the library service was in attendance. At the meeting it was noted there was currently a consultation process but unless the community runs the library then there was no alternative for the library to continue.

Information continued to be contradictory.

Councillor Sawdon reported that the decision on which libraries to keep and which to close were based on deprivation figures, the decision to close Finham library could be classed as "an assault on the middle classes". It was agreed that for the library to run successfully there was a need for a professional librarian to be in charge and not simply run solely by volunteers.

There had been suggestion that the library could move to the primary school but it was acknowledged that this had safeguarding issues.

Councillor Burns would speak to Mark Bailey (Head of the Academy Trust) about the practicalities of having the library at the primary school.

If the building was no longer used as a library, then there may be the possibility of this becoming a meeting room or community base for the local groups to use.

Mr Bannister said that previously the Vicar had expressed an interest in helping run the library.

The Chairman reinstated the standing orders.

### **91. Finham Library**

Discussion had taken place in the Public Session.

Councillor Aitken reported that he had been researching other community run libraries in Warwickshire, including one in Harbury and the legalities of setting up a charity.

The following actions were identified:

#### **Resolved that:**

- (i) Councillor Burns to speak to Mark Bailey (Head of the Academy Trust) about the practicalities of having the library at the primary school.
- (ii) Councillor Swann would discuss with the Vicar whether he would be prepared to help run the library.
- (iii) Councillor Aitken to finalise a report for circulation.

### **92. Planning:**

To Consider Planning Applications:

92.1 FUL/2016/2254 - 25 Gretna Road - Proposal: Change of use of parking area at rear to part of garden of house. Proposed erection of single storey rear extension, front porch, loft conversion with rear dormer, addition of parking space to garden at the rear and paving of front lawn with low kerbs for parking space. Date: 03/10/16

**Resolved:** No Comment.

92.2 FUL/2016/2386 - Land adjacent to 439 Green Lane -Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling and associated access. Date: 04/10/16

**Resolved:** No comment.

92.3 PA/2016/2572 - 389 Green Lane – Proposal: application under prior approval for rear extension. The extension would be 3.415 metres away from the original rear wall of the building with a height of 3.690 metres at the highest point and 2.800 metres to the eaves.

**Resolved:** No comment.

**For Information**

92.4 HH/2016/2325 – 4 Poolside Gardens - Proposed single storey extension to rear and new flat roof over existing garage structure. Date: 28/09/16 Comment date: expired before meeting

92.5 PA/2016/2408 - 23 Hadleigh Road - Application under Prior Approval for rear extension. The extension will be 4.5 metres away from the original rear wall of the building with a height of 3.5 metres at the highest point and 2.95 metres to the eaves.. Date: 29/09/16 Comment date: expired before meeting

**92.6 Delegated Authority re Planning**

Discussion took place for the arrangements for dealing with planning applications requiring consideration before the next meeting.

This would be discussed further after the Planning training taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Resolved:** Agenda item for November's meeting.

**93. Training****Planning Briefing**

The Clerk confirmed that places had been booked for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for Councillors Mr & Mrs Fryer, Burns, Salt, Aitken, Davies.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk book Councillor Bush on the training course.

**94. Books**

It was reported that the Clerk had commenced CILCA training and a book was required for the course. £55.99 (WALC Member's price)

**Resolved:** That the Clerk purchase the reference book at a cost of £55.99 from WALC.

**95. Finance**

95.1 to approve payments: -

<b>Cheque Payments (Current Account)</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Value</b>
20.10.16	000044	J Chatterton	Clerks Salary & Overtime	
20.10.16	000045	HMRC	Tax Payment clerk	
20.10.16	000046	J Chatterton	Office allowance, mileage and expenses	£45.73
20.10.16	000047	WALC	Training: Planning Training (£180) CILCA Training (£100) Precept & Budget Training (£30)	£310.00
20.10.16	000048	SLCC	Purchase of book (agreed 22.09.16)	£76.60
20.10.16	000049	WALC	Local Councils Explained book	£55.99
				<b>£988.28</b>

**95.2 Financial Report**

The Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were discussed.

**Resolved:** That the Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved.

**96. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:**

Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information (this is for matters which come up after the agenda is published) or action, not included elsewhere on the Agenda, and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

**Task groups****Highways**

Councillor Aitken reported on follow up actions from the full report last month. Updates included:

1. Councillor Aitken had met with Councillor Innes on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to discuss various issues affecting Finham, it was of course confirmed the severe budgetary limits on the City Council but it was useful to understand some of the decisions around Finham. As a consequence, he had forwarded some of the live issues on the highways, litter and verges and awaited her response with interest.
2. Councillor Innes informed that a "no vehicular access" sign was to be erected on the entry in Fosseyway. Councillor Aitken confirmed the Parish Council's current stance on matters around Fosseyway Road.
3. As a consequence of residents, Cllr Aitken and the neighbourhood police liaison contacting the Council, the trimming of the verge on the A45 had been brought forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Thanks had been passed on for taking action on this matter.
4. The bottom of Green Lane would be repaired on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**Police**

Councillor Swann reported that the police had plans to carry out a speed watch on Green Lane and Anchorway Road especially around school times. This would be carried out once the equipment had been recalibrated.

Councillor Fryer reported that he had attended a meeting in respect of the proposed changes to the roundabout at the end of St Martins Road. Councillor Sawdon confirmed that the work was scheduled to take place within the next 12 months. Councillor Sawdon had formally requested that Coventry City Council keep Finham PC informed.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk invite Ian Lewis, Senior Programme Manager, Major Projects, Coventry City Council to the November meeting to discuss the plans.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Davies reported that he had been working on the Neighbourhood Plan after collating the responses to the questionnaires. A letter was required to be sent to the Planning Policy Team at Coventry City Council in order to proceed in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. The letter would ask Coventry City Council to begin their formal consultation and consideration processes to allow Finham Parish Council to be designated as the recognised body to represent the Finham area for the purposes of a Neighbourhood Plan. This would subsequently enable FPC to construct a plan for the benefit of all residents in Finham

**Kings Hill**

Councillor Fryer reported the following:

- Two further meetings had taken place to work on how to approach the Warwick District Council Local Plan examination.
- Each person in the task group was working on aspects of what was required to be presented.
- The important date for diaries was **November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m. in Leamington Town Hall**
- This was the only day set aside to discuss the proposals for Kings Hill.
- The matter would also be discussed at the **Wainbody Forum meeting on Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Schools**

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated as follows:

- Bulbs had been planted on Finham Green and Councillor Fryer had passed on thanks from the Parish Council to those who took part.
- As a matter of courtesy Councillors Bush and Fryer had spoken with Richard Machin about the possible use of the area adjacent to the school as a Temporary playground if the Landowner was happy to proceed.
- This would not be decided until the WDC Inquiry was completed as all of the land along Green Lane was earmarked by developers for building.

**97. Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Signed BY THE CHAIRMAN

17<sup>th</sup> November 2016