

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.00pm,
15th March 2018, at Finham Park School, Green Lane Finham

Present:

Councillor Ann Bush

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)

Councillor Angela Fryer

Councillor Robert Fryer

Councillor Colin Salt

Councillor Katherine Taylor

In Attendance:

Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Gary Crookes

Residents: 6**134. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aitken, Burns and Cobbett and Coventry City Councillor Tim Sawdon.

135. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders in order to receive an update from the Trustees of FLAG.

It was reported that Councillor Aitken had resigned as a trustee of FLAG during a meeting on 13th March.

FLAG were still to successfully apply for charitable status. The process had been started in 2017 but on checking progress with the Charity Commission they had indicated that no application had been received. The process took approximately 16 weeks, so concern was expressed of what would happen to FLAG in the interim period. Without charitable status FLAG were unable to sign any contracts or take out insurance.

The trustees requested ongoing support from the Parish Council and sought clarification on who could take over from Councillor Aitken. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Davies would be the Councillor representing the parish council and along with the Clerk would attend FLAG meetings and assist them in obtaining charitable status.

ACTION: Councillor Davies to contact Sue Vickery to obtain convenient dates and hold a meeting to discuss plans to move forward.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders.

136. Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February 2018.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

137. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda**Noticeboard**

Clerk updated that the noticeboard to be sited at the primary school was ready. The donation of £500 to the school to purchase books had been paid. Work was continuing to install a second noticeboard on Brentwood Avenue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Machin to obtain keys.

138. Finham Library FLAG update

No update provided.

138.1 Newsletter

A request had been received from FLAG for financial support to pay towards a newsletter. It was agreed due to the issues with FLAG this would be placed on hold for the time being.

ACTION: Discuss further at a future meeting.

139. Correspondence

No correspondence for discussion.

140. Benches

Councillor Angela Fryer updated that she had been speaking with CCC, they had requested that the parish council provided a map of the area with the location of the new bench drawn on.

ACTION: Councillor Angela Fryer to progress.

141. Defibrillators

It was noted that the second quote was still awaited. Permission from the petrol station to site the defibrillator there was still required.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to chase the quotations
- (ii) Councillor Angela Fryer to liaise with the petrol station.

142. Planning

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

Weekly list for the period 5 February to 9 February 2018**142.1 Application Number: FUL/2018/0234**

Application Site: 47 Brentwood Avenue

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and new front entrance

RESOLVED: No comment.

Weekly list for period 12 February to 16 February 2018

Nothing to report

Weekly list for period 19 February to 23 February 2018

Nothing to report

Weekly list for the period 26 February to 2 March 2018

142.2 Application Number: LDCP/2018/0447

Application Site: 97 Gretna Road

Proposal: Installation of footway crossing for vehicular access

RESOLVED: No comment.

Weekly list for the period 5 March to 9 March 2018

TBC

142.3 Alvis Sports Ground

Application Number: W/18/0374

Variation of condition 3 of planning permission ref: W/13/0805 dated 5 September 2013 (Erection of floodlights adjacent to football pitch) to allow a total of 25 games to be played under floodlights |

RESOLVED: No comment.

143. Finance

to approve payments: -

Cheque Payments (Current Account)				
Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
15.03.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerks Salary March 2018	
15.03.18	BACS	HMRC	Tax & NI Payment clerk (March)	£42.00
15.03.18	DD	Coventry Evening Telegraph	Newspaper for the Library	£14.73
15.03.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance, mileage, stationery March 18	£127.25
15.03.18	BACS	Zurich	Parish Council Insurance (PAID)	£269.61
15.03.18	BACS	Zurich	Insurance for Finham Festival (PAID)	£67.20
15.03.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Reimbursement Printer (PAID)	£79.99
15.03.18	BACS		Work on entry between Anchorway and Green Lane (awaiting invoice)	TBC

144. Requests and Parish Enhancements

It was reported that requests had been received from residents for the following items.

- Mirror at the end of Grange Avenue at junction with Howes Lane
- Litter bins south end of Green Lane
- Renewal of Road signs in Droylesdon Park Road and south end of Green Lane
- Welcome to the Parish of Finham signage

Discussion took place on how best to progress.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Crookes would take the requests back to CCC, update at April's meeting.

145. Identifying Areas of Land

Carry over to April's meeting.

146. Asset Register

The Asset Register was discussed and approved.

RESOLVED THAT the Asset Register be approved.

147. 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.

Weston Power

Councillor Ann Bush reported that she had received a letter from Weston Power informing that there would be excavations taking place in Daleway Road to Erithway Road to lay new electricity cables. The contractor would be Morrison Utility Services. The work would take place from the end of March.

Task groups & Working Parties

To receive reports from Task Group and Working Party leads

- **Highways – Councillor Aitken**

Due to councillors Aitken and Cobbett being absent no report was received.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Fryer**

It was reported that the group continued to monitor the planning applications for WDC. The developers had not yet submitted plans for Kings Hill. The Kings Hill group had points ready to respond to each planning application as it came and would notify residents quickly.

There would be limited time to make any response to an application and it was important that as many people as possible write in response or do so on time. Councillor Fryer had received a letter from Severn Trent with details of their timescale and they stated that they would be able to meet the capacity required for all of the extra houses being built across Coventry and Warwick District.

The meeting between Jim Cunningham, Councillor Davies, Clive Birch and the new Housing Minister Dominic Raab would take place on Monday 26th March at the House of Commons.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Councillor Mrs Bush reported that the school had feedback on their successful litter pick of the area.

- **Police & Crime – Councillor Angela Fryer**

The crime figures for Finham and Green Lane area were as follows:

Anti-social behaviour	1
Bicycle theft	0
Burglary	4
Criminal damage and arson	2
Drugs	0
Other crime	0
Other theft	6
Possession of weapons	0
Public order	1
Robbery	0
Shoplifting	7
Theft from the person	0
Vehicle crime	0
Violence and sexual offences	1

- The general rise in crime across the West Midlands had been announced by HMO as 14% for the period October 2016 to September 2017.
- Crime in the Finham area had risen by approximately 22% for the 2016 v's 2017 period. This was largely due to a spike in Finham in the first part of 2017, which saw the crime rate rise by a huge 70% for the period January to March.
- There had been a ten-fold uptake in NW membership in Finham. This combined with working closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, saw crime drop to 10% over the remainder of the year.
- This may not be solely due to NW membership, but it had made people more conscious of what could be done to prevent crime in their area, and steps they could take to reduce it.
- In recent days there had been a car stolen from their driveway. Residents were reminded not to leave car keys on a hook or shelf close to the front door. Many vehicles were stolen because their keys were hooked through the letterbox or picked up with a magnet taped to the end of a stick.

Ideas for improving safety included:

- Purchasing a Driveway alarm
- Not leaving items in the car that were visible
- Lock vehicles
- Use a steering wheel lock

Any further information could be obtained from Tony Swann or be visiting the website www.finhamnw.org.uk

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

The Finham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held its third meeting at the Finham Library on the 8th March 2018. A well attended meeting again which was entirely devoted to the format and presentation of the questionnaire planned to be broadcast to the residents, business owners, schools and frequent visitors to Finham.

Tony Swann had agreed to look at the set of questions the group had collected together and present it as an effective and efficient questionnaire to be completed electronically and on paper and carried out over a set period of time to make sure that as many people as possible had the opportunity to contribute and had their say on how Finham should develop in the near future.

The final format was yet to be decided, it was believed it was important to start the process properly so that everything else that comes later was properly addressed and backed into the final plan.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 17th April 2018 at the Finham Library.

- **Coventry City of Culture 2021 – Councillor Burns**

Further updates at April's meeting.

- **Finham Events Working Party (FEWP) – Councillor Cobbett**

Councillor Cobbett had provided an update in his absence.

The process for applying to run a fete on Finham Green was appearing increasingly complicated. This would appear to be from operational and insurance, but largely also Coventry City Council requirements.

To help illustrate the process a flow chart had been produced to show the current progress and the status until the day of the event.

FPC or FEWP would need to make an application to CCC to operate the event upon the advice of FEWP to the FPC, ideally this would be in the coming weeks.

This would not incur any expenses, and was required when FEWP completed the returns based on the feedback of CCC. The whole process was currently being delayed by difficulties communicating with CCC Event Safety. They were not responding to emails or answering telephone calls.

148. Public participation: To adjourn to allow public participation.

Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting and the Parish Council cannot pass a resolution on matters raised during public participation that are not on the agenda. Residents are invited to give their views and raise questions to the Parish Council.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

A46 Resurfacing Works

Councillor Crookes updated that Highways England had confirmed that the new road surface to the A46 would be the quiet road surface material. They had confirmed that the night works should not disturb residents.

New Traffic Lights

Councillor Crookes updated that the lights at the end of St Martins Road had been installed due to increasing capacity and to ease traffic flow during peak times. They were SMART lights with phasing. Once capacity increased over 80% the traffic lights switch on, therefore only worked when there was a traffic issue.

The M6 motorway was being upgraded to a smart motorway between Junction 2 and Junction 4, the work would include night closures.

Councillor Mrs Bush raised the issue that the lights were not working properly, especially between 5pm and 7pm and causing an issue for traffic trying to come out of Erithway Road.

ACTION: Councillor Crookes to feedback the issue to Ian Lewis.

149. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 19th April 2018.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

19th April 2018