

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,
21st June 2018, at Finham Park School, Green Lane Finham

Present:

Councillor Robert Aitken
Councillor Peter Burns
Councillor Ann Bush
Councillor James Cobbett
Councillor Anthony Dalton

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)
Councillor Robert Fryer
Councillor Angela Fryer
Councillor Colin Salt
Councillor Kate Taylor

In Attendance:

Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Gary Crookes (part)

Residents: 4

28. Apologies

Apologies were received from City Councillors Sawdon and Blundell.

29. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

30. Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2018 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th May 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

31. FLAG

The Chairman reported that FLAG had now been registered as a Charity and was now a fully-fledged charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

To be a COI you had to:

- have a constitution as your governing document – (use the Charity Commission’s model association CIO constitution or stay very close to it)
- register your CIO with the commission for it to legally come into existence
- keep a register of its members and trustees
- send its accounts and annual return to the commission each year, regardless of its income

This means that FLAG could now sign the lease. The plan was to take over on 1st July 2018, but due to delays from CCC to find a date suitable, the meeting to discuss and hopefully settle all outstanding issues was now set for 28th July 2018.

There were plans being discussed for a café, changes to the kitchen and toilet areas and the possibility for a conservatory being built onto the back of the library.

Sue Vickery had recently become the Chair of the Trustees for the library and Lesley Charlton continued to organise the rota for all volunteers.

Processes had been formalised so that any volunteer could refer to them and all shifts would have a 'Senior'.

FLAG Trustees were still concerned about some financial aspects as they had not had answers from CCC relating to fines and maintenance. This information would allow the setting of budgets with a greater degree of certainty. FLAG would probably appoint certain volunteers specifically for fund raising.

FLAG was aware that the FPC was receptive to requests for funding initiatives and projects but there had to be a justification for all monies donated by FPC.

RESOLVED THAT the FLAG update be noted.

32. Correspondence

32.1 WALC Newsletter

The WALC newsletter had been circulated.

ACTION: Discuss Star Council Awards at July's meeting.

33. Planning Applications

Weekly list for the period 14th May to 18th May

33.1 Application Number: FUL/2018/0842

Application Site: Land at St Martins Road, Howes Lane, Kings Hill Lane and Green Lane
Proposal: Proposed installation of two new highways access junctions on land west of Green Lane and the junction of Saint Martins Road / Green Lane / Howes Lane
Decision Date: 19.07.2018

RESOLVED: No comment

33.2 Application Number: HH/2018/1003

Application Site: 81 Wainbody Avenue South
Proposal: Erection of a single storey front, side and rear and two storey side and rear extension, incorporating a hip to gable loft conversion.
Decision date 16.07.18

RESOLVED: No comment

33.3 Application Number: HH/2018/1102

Application Site: 10 Brentwood Avenue
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side and rear extension and a single storey side and rear extension
Decision date: 29.06.18

RESOLVED: No comment

33.4 Application Number: LDCP/2018/0447

Application Site: 97 Gretna Road
 Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed Installation of footway crossing for vehicular access
 Decision date: 10.07.18

RESOLVED: No comment

33.5 Application Number: LDCP/2018/1161

Application Site: 16 Erithway Road
 Proposal: Erection of two storey side/ rear extension and change of use to No.10 bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class Sui Generis)
 Decision date: 25.06.18

RESOLVED: No comment

Weekly list for the period 28th May to 1st June

Nothing to report

Weekly list for the period 4th June to 8th June

Nothing to report

Weekly list for the period 11th June to 15th June

Nothing to report.

34. Finance

34.1 to approve payments: -

Cheque Payments (Current Account)				
Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
21.06.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerks Salary June 2018	
21.06.18	BACS	HMRC	Tax & NI Payment clerk (June)	£50.70
21.06.18	DD	Coventry Evening Telegraph	Newspaper for the Library	£15.60
21.06.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance, mileage May 18	£46.63
21.06.18	BACS	Paperstone	Stationery FEWP	£62.37
21.06.18	BACS	J Cobbett	Reimbursement for FEWP	£325.48
21.06.18	BACS	Thistle Loo Hire	FEWP toilets	£384.00
21.06.18	BACS	Printworks	FEWP Flyers	£88.00
21.06.18	BACS	Chatterbox Magazine	FEWP advert	£40.00
21.06.18	BACS	J Chatterton	FEWP Laminating pouches	£19.75
21.06.18	BACS	WALC	Training PD & JLC	£30.00
21.06.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Reimbursement towards SLCC Membership	£47.00

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

35. Mirror - Grange Avenue Junction with Howes Lane

ACTION: Councillor Cobbett to send previous email detailing the list of required actions to the Clerk. The Clerk would then forward to Councillors Crookes and Sawdon to progress.

36. Droylsdon Park Road, Signage

ACTION: Councillor Cobbett to send previous email detailing the list of required actions to the Clerk. The Clerk would then forward to Councillors Crookes and Sawdon to progress.

37. Noticeboard Maintenance

It was noted that the Noticeboard on The Green required maintenance. This included refooting, replacing the rotten backboard, new locks fitting and repainting.

The Noticeboard was vested to the Parish Council by CCC.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk contact the legal team at CCC notifying them of the works required, and seeking approval to carry out the work, requesting possible change of colour or if more economical could a new noticeboard be purchased.

38. Task groups & Working Parties

Updates received from Task Group and Working Party leads

- **Highways – Councillor Aitken**

It was reported that there were no new complaints from parishioners and no major issues were being dealt with in relation to the highways.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Fryer**

It was reported that the members of the Kings Hill Task Group had attended the Kenilworth Town Council meeting on Thursday 31st May, where the plans for Kings Hill had been discussed.

The group were not permitted to speak at the meeting but were able to meet with members afterwards and share concerns. Although they were in separate areas, Kenilworth Town Council, Stoneleigh Parish Council and Warwick County Council had similar concerns to the residents of Finham. They had raised these issues with WDC and the Developers.

Warwick County Council stated that they do not have the funds available for the infrastructure required.

As reported last month the group were led to believe that the planning applications to put two access junctions onto Green Lane was on hold. However, some residents had received a letter on 25th May which informed that the application had been re-instated with a deadline of 15th June.

CCC had requested that the application should be looked at as part of the whole application for Kings Hill. The Developers refused to accept this and WDC agreed with them. They would continue with the outline planning application. To remind residents of the new deadline emails were sent out and the Finham Residents Association had paid for 200 leaflets to be distributed along Green Lane, to those who would be the most affected by the plans.

Liam D’Onofrio had informed the Ward Councillors that the planning application would be considered by the Committee in August or September.

The Task Group were requesting the Ward Councillors to continue to insist that the application was considered by the whole Council and that they speak at the meeting.

The group had been looking at the air quality reports that placed Coventry amongst the worst areas in the country for pollution. Colin Knight who was responsible for traffic had stated that pollution levels must be treated as a priority.

No in-depth survey had been carried out to monitor the existing air quality in Finham. The traffic congestion should be assessed thoroughly so that accurate forecasts could then be made about the impact of the proposed in-excess of 4,000 extra vehicles on local roads.

The outline planning application for Kings Hill records approximately 2,500 houses but this was only the first phase. If WDC passed the plan in the current form the Developers would add the additional 2,000 houses in the next phase.

Following his visit to London to speak to the Housing Minister, Dominic Raab, Councillor Davies had received a letter which was sent to Jim Cunningham.

The letter stated:

- That the Office for National Statistics was considering changes on how student migration was accounted for
- From 6th April 2018, local planning authorities must review their local plans at least every 5 years and he suggested that if circumstances changed we could then look for the Council to re-consider the housing requirements
- He concluded that the Government preferred to allow local councils to make important decisions “without interference from central government”

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

The children had taken part in 13 challenges devised from a variety of areas of the curriculum. The challenges were maths, reading, writing, and art challenges as well as a few sporting ones. The challenges had been devised by class teachers, outside agencies and the School Governors but most importantly, the children. The aim was for children to push themselves and see what they could really achieve when set a challenge. The aim was also to raise funding for the ‘Real Books’ project.

This had culminated in a Challenge Day held on 15th June and the final total raised was yet to be advised. The Viking Day held in school had been a great success and all the children had entered into the project with great enthusiasm.

Sports Day was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16th June.

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

It was reported that the crime figures from April for the Finham and Green Lane area had been received. They showed a 20% increase overall compared with April 2017. However, this amounted to four reported crimes and there were no burglaries reported.

Ruth Khan, the Co-ordinator for Street Watch reported that volunteers had increased from 4 to 9 and the local police were working closely with the group. When patrols had taken place on 9th June,

they had reported suspicious activity to 999 and this had been successful. On the same night two youths acting suspiciously had seen the patrol and left the area.

The police were very appreciative as there was no crime in Finham that night.

A Street Watch patrol also found jewellery that had been reported lost on Pride of Finham and returned it to the owner. A very successful month for Street Watch.

A resident had reported speeding traffic along Green Lane. This occurred as early as 5am and there was a fear that this would end in tragedy.

Two recent burglaries in Green Lane had caused concern. In both instances the intruder was spotted and calls made to the police. No-one was caught.

As previously advised, if a crime is in progress phone 999. To report crimes of incidents that had taken place phone 101.

Councillor Mrs Fryer was trying to arrange for Amy Wright the Police Sergeant for the area to attend a Parish Meeting. She had emailed Sergeant Wright again but no reply had been received.

It was hoped that the police would be attending the Finham Festival, but this now wasn't the case as they were on leave.

This week is Neighbourhood Watch week. To mark this, Tony Swann would be running a Finham Neighbourhood Watch drop-in session on the morning of Saturday 25th June at the Library.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

It was reported that a survey of Finham was planned to take place between Monday 24th September and Sunday 21st October. This was the period when the group believed they were more likely to gain the best responses which they wanted to see from adults as well as school children in the area.

Details of how the group intend to carry out the survey had yet to be finalised

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

It was reported that all the arrangements had been made for the event to take place. Posters and advertising had taken place. The Event would take place on Saturday 7th July from 11am to 3pm on the Green by the Library.

The event would showcase the local societies, services and community. Stalls included tea & cakes, handmade crafts, local produce, local clubs and groups, there would be demonstrations, games, free activities, plants, book sales. A traditional Parish Fair - lots to see and do with activities for all the family.

Find out more by visiting @finhamfestival on facebook.

A detailed progress chart was shared at the meeting. All necessary paperwork had been printed including maps, stallholders security briefing, road signage etc.

Councillors were requested to volunteer to take part in the event and stalls would be available to showcase the various task groups of the parish council. Volunteers were requested to liaise with Councillor Cobbett. Councillor Aitken had been appointed the H&S officer, Tony Swann would be showcasing the Neighbourhood Watch.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Cobbett for all his hard work in establishing the event and meeting all the demands and requirements from the local authority to enable the event to take place.

39. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:

Bench

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated that she had been liaising with an officer from the City Council and could confirm that the bench had now been ordered. The bench required the installation of a concrete plinth for it to stand on, the permit was being obtained.

Defibrillator

Despite letters and emails to BP head office, no response had been received.

ACTION - Clerk to write to the local branch and request that the defibrillator be stored there.

40. Public participation

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

Councillor Crookes – Coventry City Council Ward Councillor

Mirror, Grange Avenue – no response had been received to his request to the appropriate officers. It was confirmed that the list previously provided hadn't received a response as yet.

ACTION: Councillor Crookes to chase.

Kings Hill

A question was raised, as the situation was confusing with different information being shared, around the number of houses that were proposed to be built. The numbers initially were 1,800 but this had then risen to 2,500. It was questioned why the numbers had increased.

Councillor Fryer confirmed that the outline planning permission was for 2,500 and WDC would discuss this as an outline plan. The task group had been dealing with an officer at WDC, Lucy Hammond.

The Library

It was noted that all the volunteers at the library were working very hard and each librarian had put in an average of 100 hours each. Most of whom were pensioners. An offer had been received from a resident who was willing to make a donation of a "four figure sum" to put towards running the library. This was conditional on FPC matching the amount.

It was also noted that the library was very expensive to run. Being granted charitable status would mean they could approach various organisations for grants including the Lottery Fund.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not have the Statutory Power to run a library but could run a community centre. Further work would be required.

Bathway Road and Wildflowers

Complaints had been received and forwarded to officers from Streetpride and traffic management – the issue was being progressed. Better control over the seeding process was being looked at. There was also issues with self-seeding and the grasses were diluting the flower seeds.

41. Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
COUNCILLOR PETER BURNS

18th July 2018