

## Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at Finham Park School, Green Lane Finham

**Present:**

Councillor Peter Burns

Councillor James Cobbett

Councillor Anthony Dalton

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Robert Fryer

Councillor Angela Fryer

Councillor Colin Salt

Councillor Kate Taylor

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Gary Crookes

**Residents:** 3

**90. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ann Bush and Robert Aitken.

**91. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved.

**92. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda**

**Defibrillator**

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated that she had visited the BP Garage on the A45 and spoken to the Manager. Agreement in principle had been provided and fortunately it was confirmed that there was an electrical point on the external wall.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to head office.

**Bench**

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated that this was progressing but was held up by the Amenities Supervisor being off sick. The bench would be ordered shortly and the ground works had been completed. The lead time suggested by CCC was one month.

**93. FLAG**

Councillor Davies updated that FLAG was still awaiting for CCC to sign the lease which would put FLAG in full control of the Library and Community Centre's affairs. No anticipated date had been given by CCC.

With the future in mind and with a desire to cast the net wider for interested parties and/or individuals to help, assist or just visit, a group from FLAG gave a talk to Styvechale Residents Association. The meeting was well attended and was encouraging. Additionally, the book sale had gone well.

**94. CORRESPONDENCE****94.1 Rodent Problem – St Martins Road**

Councillor Burns updated that Pest Control had visited the site and it had been proven that the rodents were living in the old cars at number 98. CCC had issued a summons requesting the owner remove the vehicles, compliance was 21 days.

**ACTION:** Situation to be monitored.

**95. PLANNING**

Planning Applications received since the last meeting

**Weekly list for the period 22 October to 26 October 2018**

**95.1 Application Number: HH/2018/2901**

**Application Site:** 17 and 19 Droylsdon Park Road

**Proposal:** Erection of front extension and store conversion to number 17 and erection of front extension, two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension at first floor. Hip to gable loft conversion with rear dormer and detached outbuilding

**RESOLVED THAT** no comment.

**Weekly list for the period 29 October to 2 November 2018**

**95.2 Application Number: AD/2018/2965**

**Application Site:** 31 Wychwood Avenue

**Proposal:** Application for a non material amendment to application ref: HH/2018/2054 for erection of a single storey side and rear extension, granted 7th September 2018

**RESOLVED THAT** no comment.

**Weekly list for the period 5 November to 9 November 2018**

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**96. PARISH ENHANCEMENTS****96.1 Status of a mirror to be placed at the junction of Grange Avenue and Howes Lane**

Councillor Cobbett read out a reply from CCC. They stated that they do not generally support the provision of mirrors at junctions because in some instances they can cause confusion for some motorists, particularly at night.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

Councillor Crookes updated that there were mirrors situated around the City and suggested that Highways England be approached.

**ACTION:** Councillor Cobbett to progress.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders.

**96.2 Status of the mapping of 'green spaces' in Finham**

In the absence of Councillor Aitken, carry over to January's meeting.

**96.3 Signage for Finham Community Library and St Martins Church**

Councillor Cobbett updated that he was in the process of arranging a site meeting to identify the positioning of the signage.

**ACTION:** Further update once known.

**97. Finance**

97.1 to approve payments: -

**Cheque Payments (Current Account)**

Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
15.11.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerks Salary November 2018	
15.11.18	BACS	HMRC	Tax & NI Payment clerk (November)	£76.14
15.11.18	DD	Coventry Telegraph	Newspaper for the Library October	£15.60
15.11.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance, mileage Nov 18	£73.01
15.11.18	BACS	FLAG	Room Bookings (PAID)	£140.00
15.11.18	BACS	FLAG	Donation via Tony Swann (PAID)	£150.00
15.11.18	BACS	P Davies	Expenses travel reimbursement	£50.30

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**98. Draft Budget and Precept Request 2019-20**

The draft budget and precept request for 2019/2020 was discussed.

The Clerk updated that she had requested the Tax Base figure from Coventry City Council along with the grant figure for 2019-20. The CCC Finance Officer had confirmed that this information would be approved on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (i) the draft budget be approved.
- (ii) further discussion at January's meeting.

**99. Proposal as to multi-agency approach to reducing traffic issues from the Finham MAT**

Councillor Burns updated that he had spoken to the Heads within the MAT who had agreed to be included in the multi-agency approach.

**ACTION:** Discussion at a future meeting.

**100. Parish Council Newsletter**

Councillor Cobbett updated that he was in the process of creating the PC newsletter.

**ACTION:** Councillors were requested to provide the requested information for inclusion.

**101. Promoting Road Safety**

Councillor Cobbett requested that consideration be given for the Parish Council to create an initiative to promote road safety especially with the darker nights.

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (i) Councillor Mrs Fryer to liaise with the Head Teacher at Finham Primary seeking approval to provide each child at the school with a snap band.
- (ii) Councillor Cobbett source a supplier for 500 snap bands with an agreed budget of up to £550.
- (iii) The snap bands to include information that they had been sponsored by the Parish Council.
- (iv) Snap bands to be yellow.
- (v) Snap bands to be distributed before the end of term (December).

**102. The Children's play area**

An update had been received from Councillor Mrs Bush. It was reported that in October Councillor Mrs Fryer and Mrs Bush were able to attend a talk given by Mr Gregory Hood to Styvechale Grange Residents Association about his family and how they had acquired land in Finham and the surrounding areas.

Councillor Mrs Fryer and Mrs Bush a few years ago written to Mr Gregory Hood asking about the possibility of the field adjacent to the primary school being used as a children's play area. At that time he agreed to the request and this was then passed on to his Land Agent, Godfrey Payton & Co.

When they had met with the Land Agent at the school they were advised that there was an agreement in principle on the land and that he was not confident that the request would be granted.

As Councillor Fryer had the opportunity to speak to Mr Gregory Hood they decided to formally write again to ask whether there was any possibility of a piece of land being bequeathed to the children of Finham.

He responded immediately and said he would pass the letter on to Godfrey Payton for them to give the request further thought and ask them to respond.

To date no response has been received from them.

**RESOLVED THAT** further update to be provided when known.

**103. Signal blocking pouches – keyless car fobs**

Councillor Mrs Fryer reported that she had spoken to a local supplier of the signal blocking pouches for keyless car fobs. It was noted that there were many available on the market and some were much better than others.

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (i) Councillor Fryer to liaise with Tony Swann (NHW).
- (ii) More information was required, discuss further once known.

**104. Task groups & Working Parties**

Updates from Task Group and Working Party leads

- **Highways – Councillor Aitken**

In the absence of Councillor Aitken, Councillor Cobbett reported that it had been a quiet time with few reported issues. Those dealt with included a leaning lamppost and 4 non-working street lights. The drains on Howes Lane had been unblocked.

An issue raised previously, a request to install a “dead end” road sign on St Martins Road was discussed and it was confirmed that CCC said this would not be completed by them as this was no longer CCC policy.

**ACTION:** Councillor Cobbett to progress.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Fryer**

It was reported that there had been no further information available on the Planning Application for the Road Access points onto Green Lane. Government and Environmental groups were now talking about the detrimental affects of Air Pollution on people’s health. The development on Kings Hill would have a huge impact on the Air Quality of our area.

The Task Group had written to the Environmental Department at CCC to ask if they can undertake their own monitoring of Air Pollution along Green Lane and St Martin’s Road. The Department states that Air Quality testing was undertaken by the Developers and WDC and they were happy to accept those findings.

It was felt that the CCC should undertake independent testing for their Residents. The Developer’s Environmental Report stated that Air Quality testing took place at various locations in Green Lane; St Martin’s Road and had provided addresses. Cllr Ann Bush and Cllr Angela Fryer had visited houses named in the report and of the houses checked so far the owners had no knowledge of any survey being undertaken and had not been contacted by the developers.

The Task Group would now check with the CCC to ask if they gave permission for testing to take place outside these properties.

**No 9 Bus**

For those Residents who use the No. 9 bus it was noted that they can now use the bus before 9.30am at the charge of £1 per journey. This would help those residents needing to get to the station for a train or to an early Hospital appointment.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

**Armistice Day**

It was reported that the children at Finham Primary had paid their respects and remembered this very important moment by creating the famous ‘Christmas Truce’ with a Teacher v Children Football Match. They were brought to silence at 11am by the sound of ‘The Last Post,’ beautifully played on the Cornet by Mrs. Thompson. The silence was brought to an end with the playing of ‘The Reveille’ and they all walked calmly and thoughtfully back to their classes.

They would be supporting Children in Need in two ways this year and the children had decided they would like to have a ‘Spotty Day’ and a ‘Colour Run’. Spotty Day - Children would be encouraged to

go in non-school uniform and as spotty as they like with a donation of £1. Colour Run - At 3pm, children wishing to take part in a Colour Run. This would involve them doing their daily mile. Children would need to take a donation of £1 if they want to be involved.

Councillors Mrs Fryer and Bush had attended an Ofsted Training session and a Governors' Meeting earlier this week.

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

The most recent crime figures available were as follows:-

All crime	(26)
<b>Crime types</b>	
Anti-social behaviour	3
Bicycle theft	0
Burglary	5
Criminal damage and arson	1
Drugs	0
Other crime	0
Other theft	4
Possession of weapons	0
Public Order	1
Robbery	0
Shoplifting	8
Theft from the person	0
Vehicle crime	1
Violence and sexual offences	3

If the figures for BP are removed which are Shoplifting 8 and other theft which is driving off without paying for petrol, then our area figures show a drop of 5%. However, violence appears to be increasing and although the number is low it is a 30% rise over the previous 12 months.

Councillor Mrs Fryer had emailed Sgt Amy Wright to inform her of the meeting and asked for any information that she would share. No response other than an automated email saying she was out of the Office until 12<sup>th</sup> November had been received.

There would be another Police Meeting for the Wainbody area on December 13<sup>th</sup> when we would hopefully be able to address local issues with Sgt Amy Wright. Ruth Khan who organised the Street Patrol said that there was nothing to report.

As there had been an increase in vehicles being stolen the police had issued advice on how to keep keys stored safely. The Faraday key pouches were one option and Councillor Fryer had been looking at the different options.

The West Midlands Police were promoting Active Citizens Awards again this year and offering grants for Community Projects. The key pouches may be one idea that we could follow up. Tony Swann had attended a meeting about the Active Citizens Award Scheme and would be able to give more detail about the grants in the public session later.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

Councillor Davies reported that as the last few weeks had been difficult for most of the Neighbourhood Plan Team, no meeting had been arranged recently and since they now planned the survey to be carried out in early 2019, there was time to plan the detail better as they now understood the issues.

A meeting would be held either in late November or early December to finalise the survey plans and at a future FPC meeting make a brief presentation of the plans, intentions and to cover the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Councillor Burns had spoken to Nicole and would arrange for the group to attend January's meeting.

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

**Electricity Supply**

Councillor Cobbett reported that he had been investigating the installation of an electricity supply on The Green.

**ACTION:** Agenda item for January's meeting.

**Memorial Wreath**

Councillor Taylor requested that consideration be given to the parish council providing a Wreath to next year's memorial day at the Memorial Park.

**ACTION:** future agenda item.

**106. Public participation:** To adjourn to allow public participation.

**Roundabout Traffic Lights**

The issue with the traffic lights not working on the junction of St Martins Road and the A45 was discussed again. In peak times it continued to be a problem existing St Martins Road.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Colin Knight raising the issue and requesting a response.

**377 Green Lane**

Councillor Crookes updated that he had spoken to the enforcement manager on 5<sup>th</sup> November. A planning application had been submitted but was incomplete and had to be resubmitted. This was just in time to prevent enforcement action. When the planning application was validated by the planning department, the parish council would be notified via the weekly list.

It was noted that breaching planning consent was not a criminal offence but ignoring an Enforcement Notice was a criminal offence.

Further update once known.

**Active Citizens Fund**

Mr Swann updated that he had attended a meeting in relation to the Active Citizens Fund. This provided grant money which was obtained from proceeds from crime. Two grants were available to be applied for, small projects up to £1,000 and larger and sustainable projects £5,000.

**CCTV Register**

Mr Swann updated that there was a growing CCTV register. Recently this had proved successful in capturing criminals during an offence.

**Finham Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr Swann reported that the Finham Neighbourhood Watch had been nominated to receive an award. The event would take place at the end of November.

The parish council acknowledged that this was a great achievement and wished the group well at the awards.

**107. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019