

## Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, at Finham Park School, Green Lane Finham

**Present:**

Councillor Ann Bush	Councillor Angela Fryer
Councillor James Cobbett	Councillor James Morshead
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)	Councillor Colin Salt
Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)	Councillor Kate Taylor

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Mattie Heaven

**Residents:** 5

**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Jim Cunningham – retiring MP for Coventry South**

It was noted that over the short period of time that FPC had existed, Jim Cunningham had been very supportive in its efforts to maintain the quality of life for the residents of Finham.

This is especially true of his efforts over the Kings Hill development where he had not only spoken in Parliament twice but also allowed FPC to access to the Housing Minister also attending our protest on Green Lane, for which we are grateful.

Members of FPC have always been able to receive a response at short notice over matters that have concerned the people of Finham and found the help and advice of great value.

FPC wish him well for a happy and prosperous retirement.

**ACTION:** Thank you letter to be sent.

**84. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bob Fryer.

**85. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**86. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved.

**87. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising, not listed on the agenda.

**88. Correspondence****88.1 Arthritis Group ([www.arthristisaction.org.uk](http://www.arthristisaction.org.uk))**

Information had been received from Arthritis Action Coventry Group. This is a UK charity that runs a local group in Coventry for people with arthritis. By joining the group residents could find out more about living with arthritis and how the condition impacts others.

Meetings were held at the Salvation Army, Upper Well Street, CV1 4AG the next meeting was on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2pm to 4pm.

Further information could be obtained by called 0203 781 7120 or [info@arthristisaction.org.uk](mailto:info@arthristisaction.org.uk)

**89. Planning**

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

**Weekly list for the period 20 October to 26 October 2019**

**89.1 Application Number: HH/2019/1204**  
Application Site: 12 Ilfracombe Grove  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment.

**Weekly list for the period 27 October to 2nd November 2019**

**89.2 Application Number: HH/2019/2128**  
Application Site: 113 Anchorway Road  
Proposal: To add additional timber & trellis fence above an existing brick wall for added security and privacy. The finished height will be 2.3m from ground level

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment.

**Weekly list for the period 3 November to 9 November 2019**

**89.3 Application Number: HH/2019/2692**  
Application Site: 174 Anchorway Road  
Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment.

**Weekly list for the period 10 November to 17 November 2019**

**89.4 Application Number: HH/2019/2761**  
Application Site: 25 Anchorway Road  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension and raised patio area and steps

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment.

- 89.5 Application Number: PA/2019/2811**  
**Application Site: 20 Crossway Road**  
**Proposal:** Application under Prior Approval for rear extension. The extension will be 3.3 metres at the highest point and 2.7 metres to the eaves

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment

### 52 St Martins Road

It was reported that 52 St Martins Road had been demolished. No planning application/ notification had been received.

**ACTION:** Contact Planning Department and request further information.

## 90. Finance

90.1 to approve payments: -

Cheque Payments (Current Account)					
Date		Reference	Payee	Details	Value
14.11.19	E46	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerks Salary November 2019	
14.11.19	E47	BACS	HMRC	Tax & NI Payment clerk (November)	£106.42
14.11.19	E48	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses (Nov & Dec)	£85.16
14.11.19	E49	BACS	J Cobbett	Travel Expenses	£6.53
14.11.19	E50	BACS	Baginton Store	Newspaper for the Library	£32.50

**RESOLVED THAT:** the payments be approved.

## 91. Defibrillator

The Clerk updated that she had liaised with Mrs Sue Vickery, Lead Trustee from FLAG in relation to the requirements of an asbestos report prior to the installation of the defibrillator. Work was being planned to make internal alterations to the library. Once more was known a further update would be provided.

## 92. Newsletter

The Clerk updated that the December Newsletter was currently being drafted. Any articles for inclusion were required by 20<sup>th</sup> November.

A new delivery circulation list had been created. Volunteers were needed to help distribute the newsletter. Anyone who would be willing to help could contact the Clerk on [Clerk.finhampc@outlook.com](mailto:Clerk.finhampc@outlook.com)

**93. Meeting Dates 2020**

The meeting dates for 2020 were discussed and it was agreed to follow the usual meeting pattern. The dates were confirmed as:

January	16 <sup>th</sup>
February	20 <sup>th</sup>
March	19 <sup>th</sup>
April	16 <sup>th</sup>
May & <b>APCM</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>
June	18 <sup>th</sup>
July	16 <sup>th</sup>
August	No meeting
September	17 <sup>th</sup>
October	15 <sup>th</sup>
November	19 <sup>th</sup>

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting dates be approved.

**94. VE Day**

Councillor Davies updated that on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Baginton Royal British Legion, Baginton Parish Council and Finham Parish Council will be holding a number of events on the Millennium Field, Baginton to celebrate the ending of World War 2 in Europe.

We will be commemorating not only the brave men and women who fought all the way off the beaches of Normandy but also those who fought their way up through Italy from Salerno who are all too often not mentioned.

We will be commemorating also the brave men and women of the RAF and Royal Navy whose support and contribution was invaluable and who also lost lives during the campaign to free Europe.

A full programme of events will be published nearer to the time, but it is hoped that jointly we can achieve something worthy of all these men and women, some of whom sacrificed their lives.

We have a joint committee established but if you would like to become a volunteer to help nearer the time or on the day or have suggestions and ideas of how we can make these events better please contact either Cllr Gordon Tracey [gordontracey4@gmail.com](mailto:gordontracey4@gmail.com) or Cllr Paul Davies [paulbdavies2010@gmail.com](mailto:paulbdavies2010@gmail.com)

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**95. Task groups & Working Parties**

To receive reports from Task Group and Working Party leads

- **Highways – Councillor Dalton**

**Flooding**

Councillor Dalton reported incidents of flooding including the top of St Martins Road from Droylesdon Park Road. Green Lane at the junction caused by run off from the Kings Hill fields. The gully from the Primary School towards Green Lane was blocked and needed clearing.

**ACTION:** Issue to be reported to Coventry City Council Highways Department.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Mrs Fryer**

It was reported that since the last meeting, Savilles, one of the Consortium of developers had put in an addendum to the outline planning permission. Residents and organisations that had submitted responses to previous applications received notification from WDC. CCC had not informed the Parish Council but had placed a notice in the Coventry Telegraph.

Lucy Hammond from WDC informed the Parish Council that there were no alterations to the original submission. The wording had changed to include extra categories for commercial and retail outlets eg fast food takeaways and a bank.

The Kings Hill Group had studied the Addendum and noted that the proposed roundabout at the junction of Green Lane/St Martins Road had been reduced in size.

The alteration does not take into account any of the previous concerns that a roundabout was totally inappropriate. The Group had felt that if residents did not submit their views again it could be taken that the proposal was now acceptable.

Accordingly, the group had contacted all residents on the email database and also placed information on the website and Pride in Finham.

The deadline for responses to WDC was 21<sup>st</sup> November but CCC was 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

A copy of the letter and information had been sent to Andy Street, West Midlands Mayor via Cllr Allan Andrews. An email response had been received.

The heavy rains of last week resulted in flooding in the area where the roundabout was proposed. This occurred with the fields remaining on Kings Hill. Councils needed to consider the impact of heavy rains when 4,500 houses replace the fields.

Traffic along St Martins Road and Green Lane continued to be a problem and the A45 was now being used far more by heavy vehicles. This had become a daily occurrence now and CCC should be taking this into account when looking at the Developer's outline plans.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

It was noted that the children had been enthusiastically collecting items for donations to be made to the Food Bank which is a worthwhile cause. This week it had been Road Safety Week and the children had been made aware of safety issues when crossing the road etc.

As part of the build-up for Christmas the children would be going on two trips. The Nursery and Reception – Warwick Arts Centre and Years 1 – 4 to the Belgrade Theatre.

- **Coventry City of Culture – Councillor Ms Taylor**

Further updates when known.

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

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated that the most recent crime figures available are for September and are as follows:-

For the Finham / Green Lane area there were a total of 13 crimes. 4 of these are at the BP garage.

All crime <del>(13)</del> 9
Crime types
Anti-social behaviour (0)
Bicycle theft <del>(1)</del> 0. BP=1
Burglary (0)
Criminal damage and arson (1)
Drugs (0)
Other crime (0)
Other theft (0)
Possession of weapons (0)
Public order (0)
Robbery (1)
Shoplifting <del>(1)</del> 0. BP=1
Theft from the person (0)
Vehicle crime <del>(3)</del> 1. BP=2
Violence and sexual offences (6)

Year to date figures January –September 2019 show a 33% drop.

Tony Swann is developing a Crime Index which will enable us to see our area compared to other areas in the city in a more accurate way. Comparing crime figures per population of an area.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

Work on the NHP was progressing. Further updates at January's meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders to allow for public participation.

**97. Public participation**

**Footpath 90 to 102 St Martins Road**

It was reported that the footpath was covered in a deep layer of fallen leaves and required clearing.

**ACTION:** Report to CCC.

**Lamppost**

A year ago the matter was raised in relation to a lamppost outside 106 St Martins Road that was damaged by a vehicle. Signage was required to inform drivers that the road led to properties 90 to 106 St Martins Road only.

**ACTION:** Report to CCC.

**Welcome to Finham Signage**

Issue raised again in relation to the signage erected with wording which was not as agreed by the Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Councillor Cobbett to send the order to Clerk to progress.

**98. Date for the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

16<sup>th</sup> January 2020