

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,
19th November 2020, held via Zoom

Present:

Councillor Mansoor Ahmed	Councillor Stan McCarthy
Councillor Ann Bush	Councillor James Morshead
Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)	Councillor Kate Taylor
Councillor Angela Fryer	Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor John Blundell
Councillor Tim Sawdon

Residents: 4

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

76. Apologies

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Mattie Heaven CCC.

77. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

78. Public Participation

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

Councillor Blundell updated:**140 St Martins Road**

Councillor Blundell updated that he had spoken to CCC Planning Department who confirmed that relevant parties had received the Statutory Notice. CCC had confirmed that they were meeting the minimum requirement.

A neighbour to the property (who would be affected if the planning permission was granted) updated that he did not receive the notification of the planning application until early October (letter was dated 18th September). This did not provide sufficient time to read the documentation and make any representation. Some neighbours hadn't received a letter.

Councillor Blundell was requested to "call in" the Planning application. Councillor Blundell agreed to do so.

Pollution Tubes

The pollution tubes had been installed at sites in the areas identified by the PC.

It was noted that Councillors had visited the locations and had not been able to locate them.

ACTION: Clerk to write to CCC Officer responsible and request the details of their exact location.

ANPR Camera

The ANPR camera was unable to operate outside the Primary School as the correct markings were not yet in place. CCC were behind with arranging the necessary Traffic Orders due to Covid-19.

Councillor Blundell would monitor the situation, keep making the request and report progress.

Request for a Speed Activation Sign

A request had been made for the installation of a speed activation sign on Green Lane. This would be investigated.

79. Chairman's Update

Welcome to our last meeting before the Christmas break.

Before we start, I would like to send the well wishes of the FPC to Tony Swann who is currently in hospital. As most of you know, Tony is a major contributor of crime information to the FPC and runs a CCTV network across Finham helping to deter burglaries and aiding police enquiries.

Let us hope he gets well soon.

As most of you will have guessed, FPC will continue to be held on Zoom well into the new year. When we have information about when we can return to some form of normality, you will certainly be made aware as soon as possible.

80. Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2020 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2020 were approved.

81. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

There were not matters arising.

82. Planning

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

Weekly list for the period 18 October to 24 October 2020

82.1 Application Number: HH/2020/2406
Application Site: 16 St Martins Road
Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

82.2 Application Number: HH/2020/2486
Application Site: 25 St Martins
Proposal: Demolition of the existing garage and conservatory to the rear, and the erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

Weekly list for the period 25 October to 31 October 2020

- 82.3 Application Number: TP/2020/2489**
 Application Site: 14 Cotswold Drive
 Proposal: Beech trees x2 (T1 & T2) - Crown reduction by 3m, Crown lift by 2m.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

Weekly list for the period 1 November to 7 November 2020

Nothing to report

Weekly list for the period 8 November to 14 November 2020

- 82.4 Application Number: HH/2020/2623**
 Application Site: 132 St Martins Road
 Proposal: Proposed new pitched roof to existing house, two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

- 82.5 Application Number: PA/2020/2725**
 Application Site: 234 Kenpas Highway
 Proposal: Application under Prior Approval for rear extension. The extension will be 6.0 metres away from the original rear wall of the building with a height of 3.4 metres at the highest point and 2.85 metres to the eaves.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

83. Correspondence

Nothing to note.

84. Finance

to approve payments: -

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
24.10.20	E39	J Chatterton	Land registry	£139.20
06.11.20	E40	J Chatterton	Nov Salary	DPA
06.11.20	E41	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	DPA
06.11.20	E42	J Chatterton	Office Allowance	£30.43
06.11.20	E43	Signs Direct	School signs	£890.64

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

85. Finham Residents Association

It was reported that representatives of the Finham Residents Association (RFA) and Finham Parish Council met on the 28th October 2020.

Points approved at the meeting:

The following points were agreed:

1. The FRA to be held in abeyance, the opportunity to be reformed if required.
2. The financial report for the FRA bank account to be completed after the 31st December 2020.
3. The balance of the account to be circulated after the 31st December 2020.
4. The current FRA auditor complete the audit on the accounts after the 31st December 2020.
5. Agenda item for November's Parish Council meeting. To discuss with a view to approve the following:
 - 5.1 The FRA funds to transfer to the Finham Parish Council bank account.
 - 5.2 The funds to be held separate from the FPC account.
 - 5.3 Details of the 2 separate funds to be kept. One for the Kings Hill activities (circa £1,200 remains) and Community Projects (circa £12,000).
 - 5.4 Clerk of the FPC to prepare a separate report as part of the quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Quarterly report.
 - 5.5 The Parish Council to use funds from the Kings Hill part of the funds for any use in relation to Kings Hill.
 - 5.6 A task group to be formed to allocate any expenditure from the Community fund.
 - 5.7 All expenditure would be minuted in the Parish Council minutes.
 - 5.8 Full transparency to be maintained.

RESOLVED THAT

- (i) the above be approved.
- (ii) Councillor Dalton provide a financial update at January's meeting.

86. CPRE Letter

It was reported that the Kings Hill Task Group had been working for some years now to realise an acceptable outcome on Kings Hill for the benefit of all residents. Some of the statistics of Kings Hill were deeply worrying such as a belief by CCC of a 32% population increase between 2014 and 2031 (to date the increase is just over 6%).

The KHTG is associated with a group of Parish Councils and Residents Associations around Coventry and in Warwickshire who do not believe the 32% population explosion predicted by the Office for National Statistics.

The letter, which had been circulated to Councillors, was to be sent to Sir David Norgrove, Chair UK Statistics Authority asking him to review the situation as all efforts by the Coventry groups, along with the efforts of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE which is a national organisation with an office for Warwickshire in Warwick), Jeremy Wright MP for Kenilworth & Southam, Zara Sultana MP Coventry South, Andy Street Mayor of the West Midlands, all of whom have grave concerns about the validity and accuracy of the statistics produced by the ONS.

The FPC was being asked to add their endorsement to this letter along with all the other organisations around Coventry, some of whom have done so already.

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council endorsed the letter and approved the request to add FPC to the list of signatories.

87. Cycleway

Councillor Morshead reported that new road infrastructure, including roundabouts, had to conform to LTN 1/20, a new standard for cycling and walking provision had been released in July.

It was believed that failure to follow this can open the way for a judicial review. The Kings Hill developers were under pressure to build in inclusive ways, to promote green transport and cut traffic, including leaving a clear route for Very Light Rail through the site when that's ready to roll.

They were also expected to hand over CIL/S106 money for developing walking and cycling infrastructure for the area.

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to check that the new roundabout complies.

88. Diffusion Tubes

Considered under Public Participation.

89. ANPR Update

Considered under Public Participation.

90. Meeting dates

RESOLVED THAT the meeting dates for 2021 were approved as:

January	21 st	Thursday
February	18 th	Thursday
March	18 th	Thursday
April	15 th	
May & APMC & APCM	20 th	Thursday
June	17 th	Thursday
July	15 th	Thursday
August	No meeting	
September	16 th	Thursday
October	21 st	Thursday
November	18 th	Thursday
December	No meeting	Thursday

91. Task groups & Working Parties

To receive reports from Task Group and Working Party leads

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Request for traffic calming – Hadleigh Road and Brentwood Avenue

A parishioner had highlighted the issue with speeding along Hadleigh Road and Brentwood Avenue and made a request for the installation of traffic calming.

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to progress.

Howes Lane signage

It was reported that the Howes Lane street sign had fallen down.

ACTION: Councillor Sawdon to progress with WCC.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mattie Heaven for her petition to

STOP The Sale of Council Land on Kings Hill until the Population Growth Figures have been Independently Verified.

This petition closed last night, 18th November 2020 with **291** approvals

Since our last meeting, the Mayor of West Midlands, Andy Street has advised directly to the Finham Parish Council that the Office for National Statistics admitted to him that the population projections for Coventry of a 32% population increase between 2014 and 2031 now appear “inflated” but the ONS see no reason to do anything about it.

So much for publicly funded experts looking after the interests of ordinary people and not caring what misery they can cause as a result of huge miscalculations and worse still, unprepared to do anything about it.

The only avenue open to gain a further “projection” from the ONS, which is unfortunately the only source for such information, is to have the Coventry City Council Local Plan reviewed and with such a huge error in their current Local Plan, one would suppose that this would be done automatically in March 2021 which is the next time such a review can take place.

As a result of this information, the Kings Hill Task Group has written a letter to the head of Coventry City Council, Cllr George Duggins asking him to confirm there will be a review of the CCC Local Plan in March 2021, something he has already stated is something he does not wish to do.

Earlier in this meeting, the CPRE letter was discussed, a letter that was circulated to all FPC Cllrs some three weeks ago.

It can be seen from the number of individuals and organisations prepared to support this letter that it is not only the FPC who are horrified and disgusted by the ONS error and the attitude of CCC so far.

As has been stated many times, Kings Hill is in Warwickshire and therefore under the administration of Warwick District Council. WDC had/have a duty to co-operate under national legislation regardless of whether they believe the 32% population projection and therefore it matters little to them as the only choice they had was to decide where to put the CCC population overspill in Warwickshire.

It is no surprise they chose Kings Hill, benefiting from being well away from their electorate and at the same time taking all of the taxes that will come from this proposed new town. At this present time there is no revenue or facilities prescribed for Finham.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Councillor Mrs Bush updated that interviews had taken place for a new member of staff. The school had completed a successful H&S Covid-19 Inspection. Children were happy and were carrying on as normal. Sadly, staff morale was low currently.

It was noted that the Covid-19 restrictions were having an effect on many.

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

Councillor Taylor updated that City of Culture had announced some up and coming events, details were available on their website.

ACTION: City of Culture to be invited to a further meeting in 2021 for an update.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

The process was still ongoing. Nothing new to report.

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

Planning Document

A report had been received from Councillor Blundell in relation to planning. The document was comprehensive at 52 pages and would require time to read through before discussion.

ACTION: Agenda item for January's meeting. David Butler to be invited to a future meeting to clarify points.

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

CPRE letter

Mr Bannister requested a copy of the CPRE letter.

ACTION: copy to be forwarded to Mr Bannister and Mr Morrison.

Leaves – St Martins Road

Mr Bannister reported that for 40 years he had liaised with CCC to request they clear up the fallen leaves from St Martins Road. This had always received a good response previously. Currently the leaves remained and were blocking the gutters.

ACTION: Mr Bannister to forward his email to Councillor Sawdon who would progress.

ONS Algorithm

ACTION: Letter to be sent to Robert Jenrick.

The Chairman updated

Thank you all for attending and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again on the 21st January 2021.

93. Date for the next meeting

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as 21st January 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Councillor Paul Davies

21st January 2021