

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,
21st January 2021, held via Zoom

Present:

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

Coventry City Councillors: Councillors Blundell, Heaven and Sawdon

Residents: 4

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

98. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ahmad.

99. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

100. Chairman's Update

Welcome to the first meeting in 2021 of the Finham Parish Council.

Happy New Year. Let's hope everything improves for everyone in 2021. One good sign is the spread of the Covid 19 vaccination, which I received yesterday and a very efficient set up it was, Cathie and I were in and out in less than 15 minutes and that includes 10 minutes rest time after the jab to detect if there were any immediate aftereffects.

Before we start the meeting tonight, I would just like to wish many happy returns of the day to our Clerk, Jane Chatterton who is 50 today which I hope she won't mind me announcing to everyone.

Hopefully this leap in age will qualify her for the Covid 19 jab a little earlier now she is in a more elderly age category.

101. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 19th November and 17th December 2020 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Parish Council meetings held on 19th November and 17th December 2020 were approved.

102. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda**140 St Martins Road**

A meeting had taken place between Councillor Blundell, Mr Reynolds and the Clerk to discuss the adverse effects the application would have and to devise a way forward. Documents would be sent

to the Planning Officer. It was noted that the matter had been withdrawn from the Planning Committee meeting due to administration reasons.

When the matter was next scheduled for the Planning Committee meeting, Councillor Blundell and Mr Reynolds had registered to speak.

ACTION: To be monitored.

Pollution Tubes

It was confirmed that 3 pollution tubes had been sited in Finham. They were not in the exact places requested and some of the CCC's chosen locations were questionable.

Additionally, they are set at heights of 8 to 10 feet above the ground whereas the recommended height is no higher than 6 feet in order to give more accurate readings. All three are well away from the road points requested by the FPC and therefore we believe their readings will be less representative of the real pollution levels.

ACTION: To be monitored.

Speed Activation Signs

The Chairman updated that he had been in correspondence with Mr Peace and Rachel Goodyear, CCC. Various locations had been suggested.

Howes Lane Signage

Councillor Morshead had been working on this. Councillor Sawdon updated that it was the responsibility of CCC and not WDC.

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to progress. If unsuccessful, forward information to Councillor Sawdon.

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ACTION: Councillor Blundell to contact Rachel Goodyear for an update.

103. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk updated that a recruitment campaign had continued to fill the current vacancies.

Applications had been received and a zoom meeting had been scheduled for next week to interview the candidates.

It was hoped that the successful candidates would take up office at February's meeting.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

104. Planning

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

104.1 Application Number: PA/2020/3144

Application Site: 6 Grange Avenue

Proposal: Application under Prior Approval for rear extension. The extension will be 4.2 metres away from the original rear wall of the building with a height of 3.75 metres at the highest point and 2.6 metres to the eaves.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

104.2 Application Number: FUL/2020/2738

Application Site: 377 Green Lane

Proposal: Installation of shop frontage and new extractor flue and associated equipment

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council OBJECTS to the application.

104.3 Application Number: ADV/2020/2765

Application site: 377 Green Lane

Display of new fascia board with illuminated signage

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council OBJECTS to the application.

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104.4 Application Number: HH/2020/2992

Application Site: 66 Anchorway Road

Proposal: Erection of part single and part two storey rear extension inclusive of new glazed roof lantern

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council OBJECTS to the application.

104.5 Application Number: LDCP/2020/2993

Application Site: 232 Kenpas Highway

Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Development [Proposed]

Proposal: Dormer loft conversion with gable end build up

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

104.6 140 St Martins Road

Discussed under matters arising.

105. Correspondence

An email had been received from a resident highlighting concerns of the waste ground between Anchorway Road and Crossway Road that had been churned up by heavy delivery lorries, these had been delivering materials for an ongoing extension.

The damage to the ground had rendered the access to the rear garages of Crossway Road unusable and the pedestrian crossing between Anchorway Road and Crossway Road was now a mud crossing.

The matter had been progressed by Councillor Morshead who updated that he had spoken with Dave Lewis at CCC, there was a known problem with drainage. There was an expectation that the builders would be required to make good the damaged grassed area.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted. Councillor Morshead to monitor.

106. Finance

106.1 to approve payments: -

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
27.11.20	E44	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit 2020-21	£240.00
27.11.20	E45	J Chatterton	Parish Council Laptop (PD)	£443.99
27.11.20	E46	NEST	Pension Oct	DPA
09.12.20	E47	J Chatterton	Office 365 PD laptop	£52.99
13.12.20	E48	J Chatterton	Dec Salary	DPA
13.12.20	E49	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	£64.58
13.12.20	E50	J Chatterton	Office Allowance December	£38.53
21.12.20	E51	NEST	Pension Nov payment	DPA
13.01.20	E52	J Chatterton	January Salary	DPA
13.01.20	E53	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	£64.58
13.01.20	E54	CPRE	Donation Judicial Review (CPR KOGG)	£2,500.00
13.01.20	E55	J Chatterton	Office allowance January	£30.43

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

106.2 Bank Reconciliation up to 31st December 2020

The Bank Reconciliation up to the 31st December 2020 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 31 st December 2020:	£	£
	£41,416.22	
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Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 31 st December 2020	£0.00	

	£0.00	£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 31 st December 2020	£0.00	

Net balances as at 31 st December 2020		£41,416.22

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2020 (Prior year Box 8)	£28,532.48
Add Receipts up to 31 st December 2020	£25,842.74
Less: Payments up to 31 st December 2020	<u>(£12,959.00)</u>
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 st December 2020	<u>£41,416.22</u>

RESOLVED THAT the bank reconciliation up to the 31st December 2020 be approved.

106.3 Quarterly Report up to 31st December 2020

The quarterly report up to the 31st December 2020 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the quarterly report up to the 31st December 2020 be approved.

107. Website

The Clerk updated that notification had been received from the website provider that the website would be turned off on 21st May 2021.

Various options had been investigated.

The best option (and the most cost effective) was to use the FRA website and update to be the FPC website. That way all the previous valued information would not be lost and would be an excellent platform for the FPC to build upon.

The Clerk was working with the originator of the FRA website and would update further at February's meeting.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

108. Cycleway

There was nothing new to report.

109. Pollution Tubes

Discussed under matters arising.

110. Task groups & Working Parties

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

- Finham Green – Reinstatement of grass**

- Councillor Morshead updated that he had liaised with Dave Lewis at CCC. The initial repair which included flattening out the damage wasn't sufficient. Lifting the kerbs was being looked into.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

- I think it would be useful to remind everyone of the huge support the Finham Parish Council Kings Hill Task Group has had and is still receiving from many other like-minded groups locally and nationally.

Zarah Sultana MP Labour, Taiwo Owatemi MP Labour, Craig Tracey MP Conservative, Jeremy Wright MP Conservative and Mark Pawsey MP Conservative, Sir Andrew Watson of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Sir David Norgrove, Chair UK Statistics Authority all of whom are complaining about the algorithms used by the ONS to produce projections of a 32% population rise up to the year 2031.

Other supporters are – Allesley Parish Council, Bubbenhall PC, Burton Green PC, Corley PC, Fillongley PC, Finham PC, Keresley PC, Stoneleigh & Ashow PC as well as Allesley Green Residents Association, Nuneaton & Bedworth Residents, Westwood Heath Residents Association and the Leader of the Opposition on Coventry City Council Cllr. Gary Ridley

There's a clue in all of this for CCC but I am afraid on this subject they are literally clueless.

CCC response to our request to review the Local Plan in March 2021, which is when such a review can take place was to move the review date back to December 2022. In case anyone might have forgotten, CCC is an elected body supposedly to represent the interests of the people of Coventry.

Nationally, there are areas where the local populations have begun to object to ONS population figures to the extent that Robert Jenrick SoS for Housing, Communities and Local Government has now raised concerns about the ONS figures. We are not alone. It is small comfort to know that the ONS has not picked on us alone but has seemingly made substantial messes all around the country.

The FPC letter sent by recorded delivery to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP Sec of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the 25th of November last year by the FPC has received no reply, which is fairly standard for public bodies, but we do understand that he is looking into the ONS figures nationally.

To date the erroneous population figures have been reported in The Times newspaper 3 times and the Guardian once over the past few months. The ONS figures are a national concern but because they are a national concern our worry is that our national government will gloss over the issue rather than risk failing on its arbitrary housing target of 300,000 homes per annum.

To those who have stated we need more housing and where will the youth of today live in the near future it is important for them to realise that our efforts are aimed at the youth of today and the generations to come. It is important that the greenbelt is preserved and that housing numbers have to be realistic. Build the right number of houses, to the right specifications, in the right places and not just build to an arbitrary figure in order to fulfil a nation target which seems to allow building of anything anywhere so that our national politicians can stand up and say they are meeting targets and the national housing needs.

The evidence shown by the CPRE states the population projection for Coventry exaggerates growth by up to 60,000 over the next two decades and that the average growth across the whole of the West Midlands is just **14%**. So why is Coventry 32%? Should we be expecting an invasion of population in the next ten years bearing in mind the population has grown by just 6% during this period so far.

Last Tuesday night the KHTG attended a meeting with all interested parties from all around Coventry and the immediate areas of Warwickshire. Donations have been received to help fund the legal processes now under way against CCC and WDC. FPC have donated £2,500 towards this effort.

It was confirmed at this meeting that no answer had been received by CPRE to the letters sent to these two councils but CCC had now refused to answer any further queries and questions from Eastern Green due to receipt of the letter.

The next significant date on the WDC website is and I quote – ‘Agreed expiry date 5th March 2021’, whatever this is meant to signify but it is best to assume the worst and prepare ourselves for the next course of actions should they be needed.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

All Nursery children are still welcome to attend as Finham Primary Nursery is open fully.

At the moment we are experiencing unusual circumstances.

Plans are now in place to provide a workable solution for the 460 children.

The staff at Finham Primary are working incredibly hard to support learning for the most vulnerable and key worker children, while at the same time planning for children who will be at home.

They are endeavouring to find improvements and new ways of working to support the future learning of all children.

Children are receiving work through FROG on a daily basis and members of staff are responding to children as appropriate. Unfortunately, they are not in a position to comment on each individual piece of work.

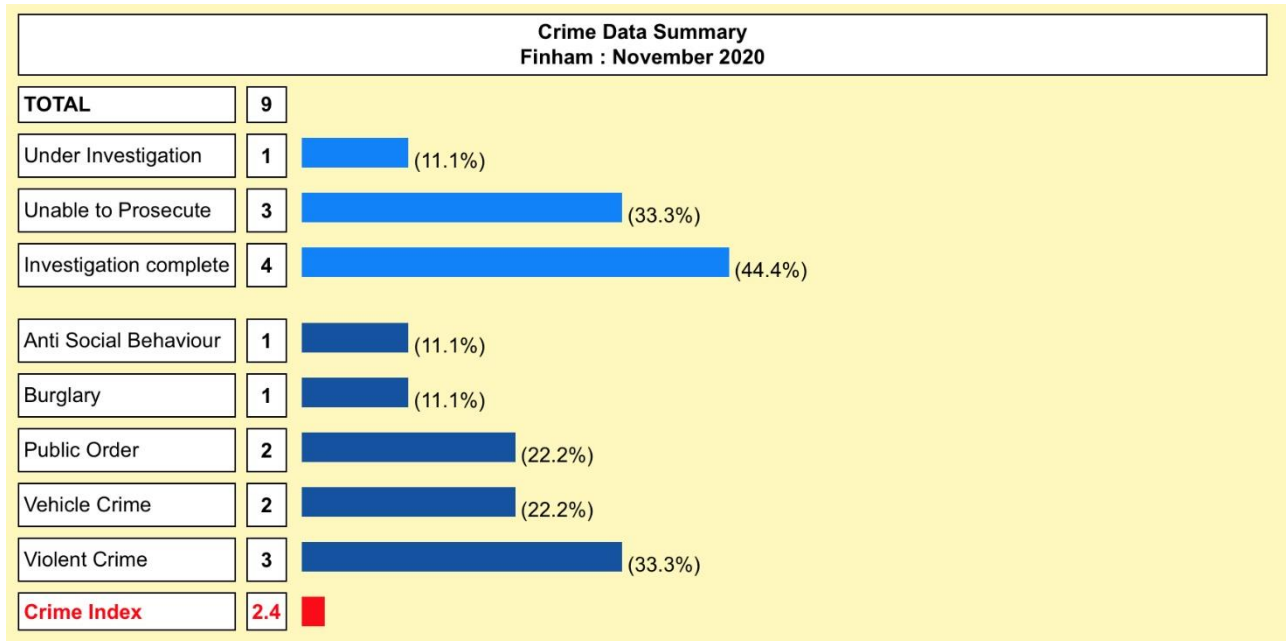
A copy of the school remote learning policy has been distributed to all parents.

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

Councillor Taylor updated that she had invited Ellen Booth to address February’s meeting, but she had declined and would not be available to attend further meetings.

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

Councillor Mrs Fryer updated on the latest crime figures available, these were for November. Those for December, and therefore the overall total for 2020 won’t be available until the beginning of February.



The Police have advised us that "tea-time" burglaries were recently on the increase with perpetrators gaining access to rear gardens, then smashing their way through rear double-glazed doors or patio doors. They would then ransack the property and take jewellery and other items of value.

Mr Tony Swann posted a reminder on Facebook reminding people to take extra care when leaving their house after dark and to ensure they close curtains and leave lights on so as not to make it obvious that nobody was home.

Tony has sent me a list of crime index number which is his interpretation of crime levels. This enables us to compare crime in different areas.

The Crime Index is simply the number of crimes per thousand population. An example for November is as follows:-

Finham	-	2.4
Wainbody Ward	-	4.8
Westwood Ward	-	8.5
Woodlands Ward	-	2.0
Whoberley Ward	-	1.9
Cheylesmore Ward	-	6.3

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has begun his search for outstanding citizens from across the West Midlands.

This year's Outstanding Citizens Awards will celebrate the unsung heroes of the region who selflessly supported others throughout the pandemic.

Nominations are now open to the public who can let the PCC know about someone or a group who are doing outstanding work to help others and show good citizenship.

There may be a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to help vulnerable people in the community deal with the pandemic, a young person who has made an impact or a community organisation who have brought local people together to support the community.

Now in their 9th year, nominations are open until 12pm on 25 February 2021.

There are 4 awards up for grabs this year:

- Volunteer Hero Award
- Community Organisation Award
- Key Worker Hero Award
- Young Hero Award

• **NHP - Councillor Davies**

The group would be engaging a specialist to continue the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. Grants are available to cover costs.

110.1 Creation of Planning Task Group

Due to the large amount of planning applications received it was suggested to form a Planning Task Group.

RESOLVED THAT: The Planning Task Group would consist of Councillors Ahmad, McCarthy and Taylor.

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

Laptops for schools

Councillor Mrs Fryer had been contacted by the Primary School SENCO requesting information be disseminated in relation to a request for any unwanted laptops to be donated to schools. These would be refurbished and provided to families.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Fryer to send the details to the Clerk for the website, noticeboard and newsletter.

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

Pollution tubes

Mr Morrison suggested that the Parish Council request interim reports on the pollution tubes.

ACTION: Councillor Blundell to progress.

Police Meetings

Mr Swann updated on crime information. It was hoped that a return to face to face meetings would happen soon as these were invaluable. CCTV membership was increasing.

Window Wonderland

Councillor Sawdon updated an event being organised by City of Culture, "Window Wonderland". The aim was for residents in the City to light up windows and gardens between the 13th and 19th March.

113. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18th February 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
COUNCILLOR PAUL DAVIES

18th February 2021