

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm,
17th February 2022 at The Four Seasons Function Room,
Kings Hill Nurseries, Kings Hill Lane, Coventry CV3 6PS

Present:

Councillor Mrs Angela Fryer
Councillor Mrs Ann Bush
Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Anthony Dalton

Councillor Kate Taylor
Councillor Richard Baker

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Tim Sawdon

Residents: 3

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

102. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors; Councillor Stan McCarthy and Councillor James Morshead. Coventry City Council Councillors; Councillor Mattie Heaven and Councillor John Blundell.

103. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

104. Chairman's Report

Welcome to the Finham Parish Council February meeting which is the last 'live' meeting until May.

This is because the Kings Hill Nursery is not available to us for the next two months and therefore it is our intention to hold Zoom meetings for the 17th March and 21st April before we return back here for the May meeting which will be on the 19th May.

Anyone wishing to join the Zoom meetings just needs to follow the link that will be publicised nearer to the time.

Thankfully, we are back in our current normal venue after being locked out by accident last month.

On Thursday 3rd February 2022 I attended a Teams meeting with Jane our Clerk and representatives of Coventry City Council.

My invitation was mainly down to the persistence of Jane and proved to be a first step in establishing communications between the FPC and CCC.

It is a terrible indictment that such communication did not exist and that it had not existed for some years beforehand.

It was a good start.

105. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2021 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2021 were approved.

106. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

107. To receive updates from Coventry City Councillors

The Chairman asked if there were any updates of the following:

Bin dispute – Councillor Sawdon said there was no update. Estimated cost to date was approximately £1.8m.

Councillor Baker enquired about the arrangements for recycling when dropping rubbish at the waste collection points, it isn't being separated for recycling and all going into the same area. Question asked if this was being separated afterwards. Councillor Sawdon updated, it wasn't.

Queens Platinum Jubilee – no update on any planned events from CCC.

Pollution tubes – no update. Information was with Councillor Blundell. Councillor Sawdon hadn't been provided with the figures to update Councillors at the meeting.

ANPR signs – no update on the calibration.

108. Planning

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

108.1 Application No:	HH/2021/2912
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey side extension, new pitched roof over existing rear extension and front porch (resubmission of HH/2021/2912).
Site:	275 Green Lane

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

109. Correspondence**Newspapers for the Library**

Email correspondence had been received in relation to continued support to provide newspapers for library patrons.

It was reported that FPC discussed the s137 grant funding at October's and November's meetings whilst setting the budget for 2022-23. FPC agreed that as we had been approached by parishioners and volunteers at the Library, we would continue to cover the cost of providing the Coventry Telegraph to the Library. (Currently purchased from Baginton Stores and delivered directly.)

However, for transparency and fairness to other Community Groups FLAG would need to complete a Grant Application request.

The cost of £400.00 to cover the newspapers was transferred into the Grants & Donations part of the budget.

Correspondence was received from parishioners in January reiterating the need for the continued supply of the newspapers. It was confirmed that this would be the case.

Clerk wrote to FLAG in January explaining the situation and provided the Application Form for completion. Notes attached explained that the sum required for the form was £400.00. Following receipt of a response and a misunderstanding in the request the situation was reiterated.

An email has now been received from FLAG stating that they do not wish to make the request for funding for the newspaper and have made alternative arrangements.

FPC stated for the record, so there is no misunderstanding or misrepresentation, FLAG's decision not to apply for funding was disappointing and goes against FPC's offer to continue to provide the newspapers for a further year as it has done previously for many years.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

110. Finance

110.1 to approve payments: -

2021-22

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
30.11.21	E59	NEST	Pension November	DPA
30.11.21	E60	Defenda	Newsletter	£525.99
15.12.21	E61	J Chatterton	December Salary	DPA
15.12.21	E62	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	DPA
15.12.21	E63	J Chatterton	Expenses December	£30.43
20.12.21	E64	NEST	Pension December	DPA
12.01.22	E65	SPS	Payroll Sep Nov Dec	£54.00
13.01.22	E66	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary January	DPA
13.01.22	E67	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	DPA
20.01.22	E68	J Chatterton	Expenses January	£38.53
20.01.22	E69	ICO	Membership	£35.00
20.02.22	E70	Nest	Clerk Pension	DPA
01.02.22	E71	J Chatterton	Microsoft Office	£59.99
01.02.22	E72	Newpath	September meeting	£50.00
01.02.22	E73	Baginton Stores	Newspapers	£25.24
03.02.22	E74	SPS Payroll	Payroll January	£18.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

110.2 Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2021

The Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2021 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 31 st December 2021:	£	£
	<u>£57,978.97</u>	
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Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 31 st December 2021		
	<u>£0.00</u>	
	<u>£0.00</u>	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 31 st December 2021	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31 st December 2021		<u>£57,978.97</u>

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

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2021 (Prior year Box 8)	£46,077.01
Add Receipts up to 31 st December 2021	£24,376.00
Less: Payments up to 31 st December 2021	(£12,474.04)
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 st December 2021	<u>£57,978.97</u>

FRA ring fenced	=	£13,550.78
FPC	=	£44,428.19

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2021 be approved.

110.3 Quarterly report 31st December 2021

The Quarterly Report 31st December 2021 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 31st December 2021 be approved.

110.4 Precept 2022-23

The Clerk updated that the Precept request had been sent to CCC.

Following an update from CCC on the grant and tax base figures for Finham.

The precept for 2022-23 was confirmed as £21,262.00.

Returning a Band D figure of £13.95.

Precept Request 2022-23

To meet budget	£24,322.00
Less grant	£3,060.00
Precept 2022/23	£21,262.00
Tax Base	1524.60
Band D	£13.95 per annum

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

111. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Discussion took place in relation to arrangements for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee event.

Agreed date:	Saturday 4 th June – 3pm to 8pm
Venue:	Green Lane
Arrangements:	Shops, eateries and to have stalls along Green Lane Engage with the Senior School Hire toilets St Johns Ambulance Notify bus service Request Green Lane road closure

Liaise with FLAG see if they would hold an event during the day and take responsibility for that.

Councillor Dalton to Lead Zoom catch ups

112. Cycleway

Nothing to update.

113. Pollution Tubes

No update. Councillor Blundell was not present, and Councillor Sawdon didn't have the figures.

ACTION: Chase for an update on recent figures.

114. Task groups & Working Parties**• Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Speedwatch - Councillor Morshead had emailed ahead of the meeting. He had contacted Paul Jackson of WM Police to arrange a Community speedwatch in Brentwood Avenue as this had been suggested and agreed at a previous Parish Council meeting.

Unfortunately, one had already been arranged by Councillor Mattie Heaven for the 16th March, at 16:30. Disappointingly, no one had involved that the Parish Council or the Lead for Highways. Due to this it was unlikely that Councillor Morshead could participate.

The resident who had approached the Parish Council requesting a Speed Watch had been notified by Councillor Morshead of the date and time.

Noisy motorcycle – a resident had reported a noisy motorcycle which rides down Brentwood Avenue at 5:40am, apparently on a 4 days on, 2 days off rota. Councillor Morshead had asked for advice from the police, and was awaiting a reply.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

This will be the shortest update I have given to the Finham Parish Council since its creation, for reasons I think are apparent to all.

Not much has happened since Warwick District Council (W/18/0643) and Coventry City Council (FUL/2018/0842) granted Outline Planning Permission for Kings Hill on Christmas Eve last year.

I will leave it up to you to decide what the apparently devious motive these councils had for this action, but it does not appear to have been in the best interests of the residents of Finham.

We are now into a different phase for Kings Hill. No longer can we expect any positive responses to our complaint about a 32% population explosion which has been used to justify this huge housing estate.

The task the FPC has now is to make this development as palatable as possible and monitor everything they do from now on and to seek clarity from CCC what financial benefits it will be receiving and what benefits it has negotiated with the developers on behalf of Coventry and in particular Finham.

It is a major concern for the residents just how 8,000 plus extra cars are to be managed in the coming years without any road improvements along with many other concerns which have been registered on the WDC website.

Hopefully, by the time I read out this update, the FPC will have held its very first proper meeting with representative(s) of the Planning Department of CCC immediately prior to our monthly meeting tonight, bearing in mind the Finham Residents Association and more recently the FPC has been asking for such a meeting for the best part of 20 years.

If such a meeting has taken place tonight, it is too early to report any detail in the form of a report until the FPC has had time to digest the answers and reasoning that has been voiced.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week, and the Wellbeing of staff, children, families and the wider community have always been a priority at Finham Primary School.

The week gave a great opportunity for further improvement, building on and embedding the good practice already in place whilst adapting to the issues the school currently faces.

Last week was also Safer Internet Day.

The children were reminded how to keep themselves safe on-line and report anything they are worried about.

Parents were reminded to continue to talk to their children about staying safe on the internet and not accepting friends requests from people they do not know.

Year 5 children had been to Dol y Moch. The children had a fantastic experience, they represented the school brilliantly and created memories that will last with them for many years.

Forthcoming events:

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2022 The theme/focus of this year is – ‘You are a reader!’ Pupils to come into school in their pyjamas, bring their favourite story in to school and bring a cuddly toy if they wish.

Easter eggs and bonnets - 4th April

Next week will be half term and the children are looking forward very much to being on holiday

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

Events are still continuing. Celebration of the Cathedral recently. Updates were available on the CCC website. Councillor Ms Taylor continued to distribute information.

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

It was reported that Councillor Mrs Fryer, as Police & Crime liaison continued to experience issues with gaining a response from the Police.

Clerk to send a formal letter to the police requesting an update with the up-to-date crime figures.

ACTION: Clerk to write to local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

Nothing to report.

115. Councillor’s reports and items for future Agenda:

Nothing to add.

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

Speeding

Brentwood Avenue – traffic has increased. Volume of traffic and the speed. Motorbike at 5:20am. Driving in excess of the speed limit of the road.

Trying to get off their drive, the volume of traffic gives them difficulty. Many motorists are using the road as a rat run.

Lots of family live on the street and elderly residents.

ACTION: Councillor Sawdon to liaise with the police (Sergeant Betts). Agenda item for March.

115. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 17th March 2022 and would be held via Zoom.**

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
COUNCILLOR PAUL DAVIES

17th March 2022