

## Finham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Informal Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 via Zoom

**Present:**

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

Councillor Kate Taylor  
Councillor Richard Baker  
Councillor Stan McCarthy  
Councillor James Morshead

**Coventry City Councillors:**

Councillor Tim Sawdon, Councillor John Blundell and Councillor  
Mattie Heaven

**Residents:**

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**In Attendance:**

Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO  
Sgt Betts

**132. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**133. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**134. Chairman's Update**

Welcome to the second of our two Zoom meetings which is the last before we return to the Kings Hill Nursery for our Annual Parish Council meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

It being a Zoom meeting tonight it will be less formal.

Even though the Ukraine war has fallen down the priority list for most of our news outlets, the destruction and misery for all Ukrainians continues. The Woodside Methodist Church continues to take in medical and sanitary contributions. No further donations of clothing are needed.

Rachel Groves has informed me that she and others have seen a number of new faces at their church who have been making these contributions along with their regular churchgoers. So well done to them and long it may continue whilst Mr Putin wages his wholly unjust war.

The focus on Kings Hill continues and there is the usual update later during this meeting but everything has become very quiet which I do not find comforting at all and also results in there being little to say on the matter, save to repeat, it is the biggest threat to our standards of living and the need for it going ahead has not been justified yet to the Finham Parish Council.

**135. Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were approved.

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

There were no matters arising.

**137. Update from Sgt Betts**

Sgt Betts attended the meeting to listen to concerns and provide a brief update on police priority. It was reported that this included addressing the increase in vehicle crime over the last few months.

Community Meeting – at meeting had been scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> May at 1:30pm.

**ACTION:** Councillor Mrs Fryer would attend the meeting as FPC representative.

Councillor Mrs Fryer thanked Sgt Betts for attending the meeting and asked for an update on when the new Police Website would be completed. The latest crime figures available were for June 2021.

**ACTION:** Sgt Betts to provide updated crime figures to Councillor Mrs Fryer via email.

**138. To receive updates from Coventry City Councillors**

Litter bin – Councillor Sawdon updated that the decision from the Officer at CCC was that a bin would not be provided for Crossway and Green Lane junction. Councillor Sawdon read out the response in full.

**ACTION:** Councillor Davies to liaise with the parishioner who requested the new bin. Councillor Davies to raise a petition which Councillor Sawdon would present to CCC.

Meetings with WDC and WCC – Councillor Sawdon updated that he felt he had given the wrong impression about the nature of the meetings with WDC and WCC, he clarified that the meetings were to discuss the issues for the whole of Wainbody Ward and not just Finham.

A46 link road – this appears to be on the back burner for the time being.

Meeting with Councillor Andrew Day – Councillor Sawdon updated that the Ward Councillors had met with the Councillor Andrew Day to discuss issues for the Wainbody Ward.

Nuisance motorbike – Councillor Sawdon had suggested that the parishioners with concerns about the nuisance motorbike raise a petition.

Broken glass – Councillor Mattie Heaven raised the safety issue with broken glass in the subway. This is outside the Parish, but the subway was used by Finham Parishioners.

**139. Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

**140. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**141. Finance**

141.1 to note payments made since February’s meeting: -  
**2021-22**

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
11.03.22	E85	J Chatterton	Expenses March	£30.43
15.03.22	E86	Baginton Stores	Newspapers	£33.66
15.03.22	E87	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary March	DPA
15.03.22	E88	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	£118.43
15.03.22	E89	J Chatterton	NetNerd website	£8.39
17.03.22	E90	J Chatterton	Bunting	£137.88
17.03.22	E91	J Chatterton	Arnold Baker book	£164.99
18.03.22	E92	NEST	Clerk Pension	DPA

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**141.2 Bank Reconciliation 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The Bank Reconciliation 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022:	£	£
	£53,093.58	
		<b>£53,093.58</b>
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022		
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	£0.00	
		<b>£53,093.58</b>
Net balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022		

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

**CASH BOOK**

Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 (Prior year Box 8)	£46,077.01
Add Receipts up to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	£24,376.00
Less: Payments up to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	(£17,359.43)
	<b>£53,093.58</b>
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	<b>£53,093.58</b>

**RESOLVED THAT** the Bank Reconciliation 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be approved.

**141.3 Quarterly Report 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The Quarterly Report 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Quarterly Report 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be approved.

**142. Platinum Jubilee and Finham Festival**

It was reported that Councillors Mrs Fryer and Bush had met with the Finham Primary School PTA. The PTA were trying to organise an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, they had the people to support the event but not the funds. The Parish Council had discussed previously putting on an event but lacked the people to organise, especially during the bank holiday weekend. It was also felt that having too many events could mean that efforts were wasted.

A combined approach was suggested, and the PTA agreed this would be an excellent idea.

The Parish Council had previously agreed to provide financial support of £2,000 (this was the budgeted sum set aside for the Finham Festival, which wasn't taking place this year). The funds would enable the PTA to put on an event for the whole community and not just limited to families with children at the school.

It was hoped that the event would bring the whole of Finham together and everyone was invited.

The event would take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, more details to follow.

**ACTION:**

- (i) The PTA be invited to the APM to update on the event.
- (ii) Councillor McCarthy to provide the contact details of the Rock Choir leader to see if it was possible for the Rock Choir to attend and perform.

**143. Litter bin**

Discussed previously, nothing further to add.

**144. Cycleway**

Nothing new to update.

**145. Pollution Tubes**

Councillor Blundell updated that he had tried to obtain updated figures, but the Officer was currently on holiday. It was noted that the pollution tubes were not in the correct position. The one closest to Erithway was 50 yards from the traffic lights and it should be on the traffic lights.

**ACTION:** Councillor Davies and Blundell to discuss.

**146. Task groups & Working Parties**

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Nothing to update.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

The Kings Hill Task Group has worked hard over the last 5 years or so and some of the group for a great deal longer and despite there being no good news at all and all that has kept everyone going is hope and a feeling of gross injustice, it is nice to say there may be a glimmer of hope on the horizon in mitigating the potential awful effects of the Kings Hill housing estate.

After a lot of persistent hard work, our Council Clerk, has managed to gain an agreement with Warwick District Council for a meeting to air our concerns. The first time this has ever happened.

Whilst we are used to bad and dispiriting news, there is hope there may be some pluses for the residents of Finham but at this very early stage it is hard to say what they may be or if there are any at all, but every avenue is worth pursuing.

Additionally, we have asked WDC for an update of the potential timing plan for the building work so that we can advise everyone of what is happening and when and hopefully with the minimum of disruption to everyone's lives.

As of this moment in time we are still awaiting a second meeting with Coventry City Council who have not yet offered us a date. As most of you know, Kings Hill is mainly within WDC boundaries, but a small part is in the boundaries of CCC and therefore we have the more difficult task of liaising with both councils.

There is no doubt at all which area around Kings Hill will be the most affected and I am afraid it will be Finham.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Councillor Mrs Bush updated that the school were looking to install a defibrillator. More details to follow.

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

Councillor Mrs Taylor updated that the events continued to take place, the finale would be at the end of May. The Festival Gardens were now open, and events took place there also.

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

There is still no news about the new IT systems to give us crime statistics. This means that the latest statistics available are July 2021.

There are few reports of crimes – two thefts from motor vehicles and theft of a catalytic convertor.

We would like to remind everyone to lock up their vehicles and to ensure that nothing is left visible in the car or valuable items in the glove compartments.

A police liaison meeting has been arranged for 1.30pm May 25<sup>th</sup> at Fletchamsted Station. Dave Swanson will represent the CPCA.

We continue to urge everyone in Finham to report all crimes to the police so that an accurate picture develops of what is happening in our area.

Dial 999 if a crime is in progress or 101 to report a crime that has taken place such as a car being broken into.

We are fortunate to have Sgt Betts at the meeting this evening who will be able to give you more information about Police matters in the area.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to add.

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

Traffic sensors, St Martins Road – Mr Bannister asked if there was a reason for the installation of traffic monitoring system on St Martins Road.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to contact CCC Highways and ask for an update.

Meeting venue – Mr Bannister asked when the Parish Council meetings would return to the Finham Park School. It was noted that the meetings would continue at the Kings Hill Nursery until the summer break. The Clerk would then liaise with the School to see if meetings could return to the school, once opinion was that the venue was safe.

**149. Date for the next meeting**

The date for the next formal meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6:30pm** at the Kings Hill Nurseries. Meetings to include the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the May Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
Councillor Paul Davies

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022