

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,
21st July 2022 The Four Seasons Function Room,
Kings Hill Nurseries, Kings Hill Lane, Coventry CV3 6PS

Present:

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

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Tim Sawdon

Residents: 3

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

168. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

169. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

170. Chairman's Update

Evening everyone and welcome to the Finham Parish Council monthly meeting for July, I hope everyone is surviving the very hot weather at the moment and taking sensible precautions where necessary.

Tonight, is the first meeting for two months and therefore there is plenty to report on, especially during the month of June and as usual there are reports and updates on all of these issues during the course of the meeting.

With regard to Ukraine, the Woodside Methodist Church will resume donations and collections in September for medical and sanitary items. Clothing is no longer needed.

171. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2022 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2022 be approved.

172. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda**Update on Petition for Brentwood Avenue**

Councillor Mattie Heaven had presented the petition which had been signed by forty or so residents of Brentwood Avenue and Hadleigh Road for traffic calming measures to be installed. Residents still report their concerns.

173. Updates from Coventry City Councillors

Councillor Sawdon updated on the following:

Petition - It was confirmed that Councillor Mattie Heaven had presented the petition in June. The petition would now go to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration.

ACTION:

- (i) Ward Councillors to provide an update at September's meeting.
- (ii) Agenda item for discussion on the best way forward.

Kings Hill development - it was reported that the Ward Councillors had written to Councillor Andrew Day, Leader of Warwick District Council, to ask if there was any legal way to limit the housing development, given that it has now been proven that the population predictions had been overestimated.

Exiting the BP Garage - cars were frequently making unsafe turns when exiting the garage.

ACTION: Councillor Sawdon to ask if a "No U-Turn" sign could be organised. Councillor Sawdon to keep Councillor Morshead updated.

Police liaison - a new meeting needed to be arranged as the last one was cancelled owing to Police activities for the Commonwealth Games.

Trees for Streets – this is an opportunity offered by the Trees for Street scheme. It was suggested that the Parish Council become involved.

The City Council had now joined this national scheme, hoping for many thousands of trees to be planted throughout the City. This initiative is funded by the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund and City Bridge Trust and was aimed at "empowering people and making it easy for residents and organisations to get involved in greening their communities".

This is an opportunity for everyone. Residents can choose to sponsor a tree in their own street, or in their neighbourhood. The City Council then checks if the location is suitable, and if it is, arrangements are made to plant a tree the following winter: the best time to plant young trees to ensure they grow and thrive.

People can also sponsor Celebration Trees in one of Coventry's parks and green spaces, where everyone can benefit.

More details here ... <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/4290/more-trees-for-coventry-streets-as-council-joins-new-national-sponsorship-scheme>

174. Planning

At the Parish Councils meeting on 29th June the Chairman and Clerk raised the issue again that the FPC were not receiving the Statutory Notices in relation to planning applications in the Parish. This means that many planning applications are not being identified. This is a legal requirement placed on the Principal Authority (Coventry City Council).

FPC were assured at the start of the year that the new Planning System being installed in April 2022 would mean that the communications would start to come through. Sadly, this is not the case.

RESOLVED THAT: a formal complaint be sent to Rob Back, Head of Planning and his senior officer.

175. Correspondence

Nothing further to note.

176. Finance

176.1 to approve payments made since the last meeting: -

2022-23

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
12.05.22	E12	WALC	Training JC inv 22170	£60.00
12.05.22	E13	WALC	Training JC inv 22168	£36.00
12.05.22	E14	SPS	In 9662 April	£18.00
12.05.22	E15	Newpath	Meeting venue April	£60.00
12.05.22	E16	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary May	DPA
12.05.22	E17	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£29.80
12.05.22	E18	J Chatterton	Expenses May	£42.93
19.05.22	E19	J Chatterton	Work trolley	£26.99
19.05.22	E20	J Chatterton	APM refreshments	£25.99
19.05.22	E21	J Chatterton	APM refreshments	£5.99
20.05.22	E22	J Chatterton	Jubilee Bunting	£206.82
20.05.22	E23	NEST	Pension	£128.70
27.05.22	E24	J Chatterton	SLCC Part payment	£100.00
27.05.22	E25	Newpath	Meeting venue May	£75.00
27.05.22	E26	J Chatterton	Zoom part payment	£40.00
31.05.22	E27	Finham PTA	Jubilee Event	£2,000.00
10.06.22	E28	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary June	DPA
10.06.22	E29	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£29.80
10.06.22	E30	J Chatterton	Expenses June	£60.13
17.06.22	E31	SLCC	Training BK206200-1	£36.00
17.06.22	E32	WALC	Training 22229	£36.00
17.06.22	E33	SPS Payroll	Payroll May 9766	£18.00
20.06.22	E34	NEST	Pension	£128.70

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

176.2 Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2022

The Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2022 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 30 th June 2022:	£	£
	£70,262.07	
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Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 30 th June 2022		
	£0.00	
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	£0.00	£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 th June 2022	£0.00	
	<hr/>	£70,262.07
Net balances as at 30 th June 2022		

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

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2022 (Prior year Box 8)	£53,093.58
Add Receipts up to 30 th June 2022	£24,322.00
Less: Payments up to 30 th June 2022	(£7,153.51)
Closing balance per cash book as at 30 th June 2022	<hr/> £70,262.07

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2022 be approved.

176.3 Defibrillator

Funds were allocated in previous budgets to purchase and install a defibrillator in the parish. Meetings and written requests had been made of various sites, but permission could not be obtained.

The importance of providing a community defibrillator was still a high priority so it was agreed that work would continue in securing a site.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Councillor Baker to liaise with BP Head Office for permission to install a defibrillator at the Garage on the A45, St Martins Road roundabout.
- (ii) Further option of the site at Miller & Carter be explored.
- (iii) Parish Council agreed to make a contribution to the MAT towards the purchase of a defibrillator at the schools. Clerk to contact the MAT.

176.4 Quarterly Report 30th June 2022

The Quarterly Report 30th June 2022 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 30th June 2022 be approved.

177. Kings Hill Film Update

Finn Gibbs and the Chairman met up as arranged for the start of recording on 17th June with the full co-operation of the staff at Finham Primary School.

It was all carried out on the playing fields at the back of the school and completed in about an hour and a half.

Unfortunately, later that day when Finn played back the recording there was too much background noise and therefore most of it could not be used.

Consequently, we met again on 23rd June at Finham Park School and carried out the recordings indoors in the film studio.

It was a very strange experience for me, and I have no idea at the moment how it all appeared as I was doing all the talking and none of the recording.

I know Finn wanted to complete the film quickly and have it completed before the summer holidays. He has not replied to my email for a progress report and therefore I am not able to tell the council exactly when it will be completed at the moment.

178. Litter bin

Councillor Morshead updated that there had been no progress with the installation of a new larger bin.

The Parish Council could rely on the Statutory Power covering Litter. The Power to provide litter bins in streets and public places. Litter Act 1983, subsections 5 and 6 and provide the bin, but FPC would need CCC to add the bin to their emptying schedule.

RESOLVED THAT: Councillor Morshead contact CCC again and advise that the FPC were happy to purchase the bin and ask for them to add this to their emptying schedule.

179. Cycleway

Nothing to report.

180. Pollution Tubes

Nothing to report.

181. Task groups & Working Parties

• Highways – Councillor Morshead

Traffic calming on highlighted roads was still being pursued. Councillor Morshead to contact Colin Knight for progress.

• Kings Hill – Councillor Davies

Well, it duly arrived on time, the Census 2021 results appeared on 28th June and confirmed everything that the local groups around Coventry and Nuneaton have been telling the Office for National Statistics, Coventry City Council and Warwick District Council all along for many years now.

Their own statistics contradict their projections and raise serious concerns about the algorithms used by the ONS, although the ONS has stated there is nothing wrong with its algorithms.

I wonder if the ONS knows or cares about the misery caused by such large errors and even worse its refusal to even re-evaluate the figures and apply an element of common sense which would have highlighted these errors, not just for Coventry but for Guildford, Oxford, Leeds etc. etc.

To put it in cold hard facts, the ONS have over-estimated the population increase for Coventry up to this point in time by 42,000 people! It has stated that it is “a slight over-estimate”, which is the largest slight over-estimate for any town or city in England.

CCC had claimed that Coventry was the second fastest growing town or city in England and Wales. As it turns out, Coventry is 84th in the population growth league since 2011.

Another fact repeatedly pointed out to CCC and the ONS that there has been an over-estimate of the number of students who stay in Coventry after graduating, estimated to be less than 1% but all graduating students were included into the calculations.

For the age group 20–24-year-olds the projections were overstated by 32%. For 25–29-year-olds by 63%.

This all translates into a need for an extra 14,000 homes for Coventry, not 42,700 as stated in Coventry’s 2017 Local Plan! If 14,000 had been baked into the plan this figure is well within CCC’s stated limit for new housing within its own borders of a maximum of 24,000.

Kings Hill should never have entered into the equation.

However, as they say, we are where we are...

At the request of the Finham Parish Council, WDC agreed to meet with the Kings Hill Task Group on 8th June. Unfortunately, much to my irritation, I could not attend due to proving positive for Covid19.

WDC proved to be very positive, open, helpful and professional. A comment fed back to me was they are clearly used to conversing with parish councils and trying to reconcile the issues presented to them.

It should be said, we have had many more meetings with WDC than we have had with our own CCC although the effort to try and achieve meetings with CCC has been far greater.

The KHTG were asked for a ‘wish list’ by WDC which has duly been presented and are considered to be reasonable and achievable. Issues which include all the concerns raised by the FPC and the Finham Residents Association over many years.

Time will tell how it all pans out but so far so good.

On 30th June, the FPC Clerk and I attended a Zoom Meeting with CCC, which included Allesley PC and Keresley PC. There are only three PCs within the boundaries of Coventry.

Kings Hill was discussed at one point and whilst the impression I gained throughout this meeting was that the representatives of CCC all thought they were doing a fine job, I and Allesley left them in no doubt that we did not think they were doing a fine job at all.

I pointed out to them that for well over a decade Finham has been trying to have a face-to-face public meeting with a knowledgeable representative of CCC Planning Dept. to discuss and explain issues surrounding Kings Hill. To date we have been singularly unsuccessful.

CCC were very surprised by this fact that there had been no such meeting and therefore it was left with them to nominate a knowledgeable representative, someone who is keen to attend our meetings, someone who has professed a desire to improve communications with PCs. We await some suggested dates from CCC.

In the past, CCC Planning Dept had always shirked its responsibilities in the pretence that Kings Hill is in Warwickshire and had little to do with them. It presumably felt Finham should not be talking to them, even though the reasons for Kings Hill happening are completely and entirely due to CCC who did not challenge the ONS in the first place all those years ago and if it had done so, would have realised its future housing needs could be contained within its own boundaries and the Greenbelt could have remained green.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

It was reported that the children had remained busy with fantastic learning.

The School were following the government guidance in relation to safe working during the hot temperatures being experienced. Children were attending school in loose fitting clothing, non-uniform was permitted, and some were wearing sports gear.

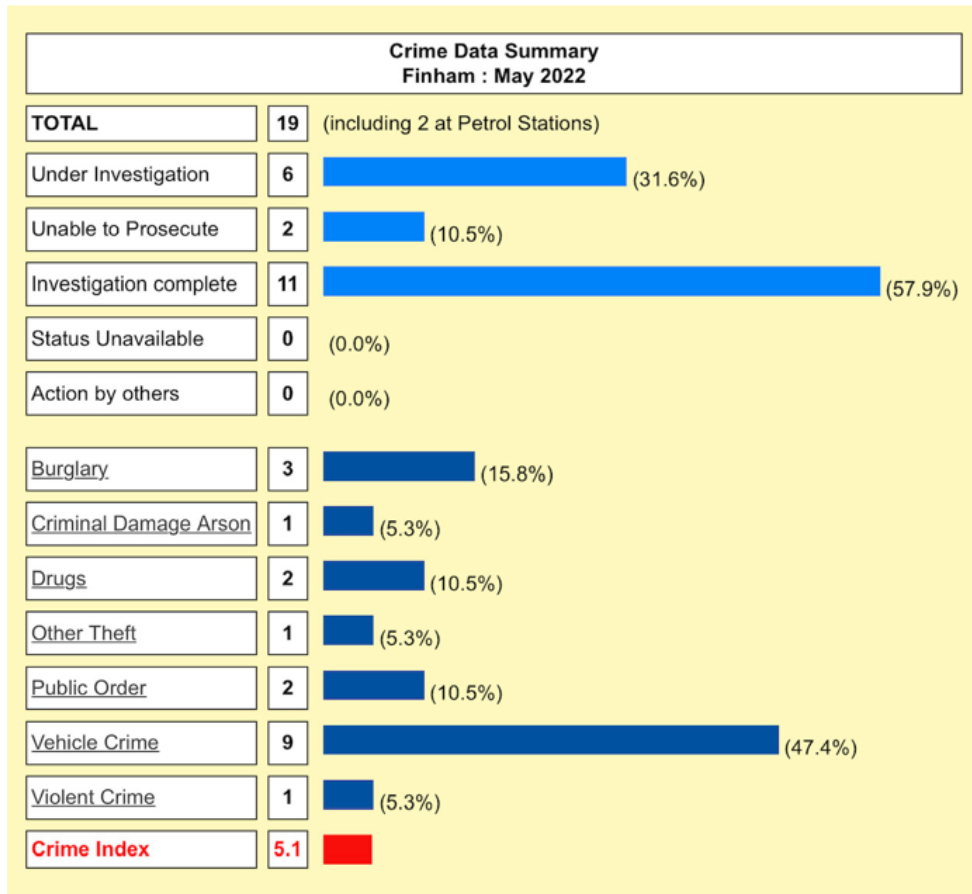
- **Police & Crime – Councillor Mrs Fryer**

I attended a Police Liaison Meeting at Fletchamstead Police Station on 25th May.

- The meeting was taken by Sgt Darren Betts
- The new Chief Inspector, Jerome Moran came at the end of the meeting to introduce himself
- Crime figures for May for Wainbody were 58 and of those 14 were in Finham
- We were informed of plans for the existing Police Stations
 - Little Park Street will be demolished and rebuilt about half the size
 - Henry Parks (Cov Rad) will have a new station.
 - Chace will remain
 - Fletchamstead will be demolished
- At present there are 6 permanent PCSO and 4 student officers
- There are 3 Neighbourhood areas and 9 Teams
- Cllr Matty Heaven told the meeting that the Ward Councillors had met with Chief Superintendent Henrick at Little Park Street and were informed that there will be 42 new officers for Coventry.
- These could be graduate officers who will require training alongside existing Teams to learn about different aspects of the work. Some may require driving lessons,

The next meeting was scheduled for July 26th. John Archer from Stivichall Residents and myself were not included on the email so we are grateful to Tony Swann for notifying us. Cllr Sawdon has suggested a new date of August 16th. This is yet to be confirmed.

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ACTION: Write to the person who invites people to the meeting and request that Councillor Mrs Fryer is invited, as she is the representative of a Statutory Body aka the Parish Council

• **NHP - Councillor Davies**

As has been mentioned earlier, the KHTG attended a meeting with WDC on 8th June.

At this meeting it was stated by WDC that a completed NHP may not be able to influence WDC but at least it could be beneficial from a financial point of view.

The Community Infrastructure Levy without a NHP would be 15%, with a NHP it would be 25%.

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge which is levied by local authorities on new developments in their area.

It is used by local authorities to help them to deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in the local authority area.

Therefore, completion of the NHP has now taken on a new urgency and is no longer a nicety.

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

- Defibrillator
- New Bin
- Traffic Calming
- Planning – Statutory Requirements
- Refund from CPRE

183. Public participation:

Councillors were congratulated for their hard work in relation to Kings Hill. Request was made for information on when the building work would begin.

It was reported that no building work would happen within 2 years. It was hoped that the 2021 census could make them change the building requirements.

184. Meeting Venue and dates for 2022/2023

It was noted that the meetings from September would now take place at Finham Park Primary School.

The meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday 15th September 2022

Thursday 19th October 2022

Thursday 16th November 2022

Thursday 19th January 2023

Thursday 16th February 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

Thursday 20th April 2023

Wednesday 17th May 2023 (Election Year meeting must take place within 14 days of Election)

Thursday 15th June 2023

Thursday 20th July 2023

Thursday 21st September 2023

Thursday 19th October 2023

Thursday 16th November 2023

185. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 15th September 2022 at 7:00pm** at Finham Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm