

## Finham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Finham Primary School

**Present:**

Councillor Ann Bush

Councillor Angela Fryer

Councillor Richard Baker

Councillor Kate Taylor

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)

**Coventry City Councillors:** 0**Residents:** 3**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO**186. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morshead, McCarthy and Dalton.

**187. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**188. Chairman's Update**

Welcome everybody to the Finham Parish Council's new meeting venue which we think is a better location for most people and might encourage a higher attendance in the future.

Whilst the aftermath symptoms of Covid 19 lingered the FPC was unable to find a suitable location within the borders of Finham, until now.

This is the first official meeting the FPC has been able to hold due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, who was the only monarch most people have ever known and is the longest reigning monarch in the history of the British Isles & Ireland.

Tonight, our three Ward Councillors are unable attend due to a clash of meeting times, but we have a written update from them later in the meeting.

The Woodside Avenue Methodist Church continues its support for Ukraine, and they have told me they are collecting as many donations as possible of cosmetics, toiletries and cleaning products. Other agencies supporting Ukraine are providing other items for the general population and refugees.

I wish the people of Ukraine all the luck in the world. They deserve some.

This year, as usual, the FPC will be laying a wreath on Remembrance Day, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, to remember the many thousands of service men and women who sacrificed their lives in all of the wars this country has been involved in and since the First World War.

**189. Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 be approved.

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

There were no matters arising

**191. Updates from Coventry City Councillors**

Written report and update from Councillors Sawdon, Blundell and Heaven.

Petition - We are still awaiting an Officer's report on the Brentwood Avenue petition. Councillor Sawdon is chasing this up. The wheels of CCC seem to be grinding more slowly than usual!

Kings Hill Development - A meeting was held with the Warwick District Council Leader, Andrew Day at which he explained that it would not be possible to remove Kings Hill from their District Plan as the developers would be likely to take legal action which they would probably win. He did give an undertaking to liaise with us to discuss mitigation proposals when the time was appropriate and that we would want the Parish Council involved.

The meeting expressed the wish that joint meetings with Ward Councillors could be arranged in the future.

Exiting the BP Garage - Following the PC meeting in July, Councillor Sawdon has asked CCC Officers to consider a No U-Turn sign at the lights and is still awaiting a decision.

Police liaison - The August meeting was cancelled due to the police commitment to the Commonwealth games. We did meet on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – both Tony Swann and Councillor Mrs Fryer (who will report later on the agenda) were present. Councillor Sawdon expressed his dissatisfaction that the police did not attend a rather disturbing case in Erithway Road and urged police visits to all burglaries.

Pollution Tubes - Councillor Blundell advises that the pollution figures recorded have remained low and expects the tubes to be withdrawn. He would like the Parish Council to suggest alternative sites in the hopes of persuading the City Council to continue the exercise.

Litter Pick - the 3 Ward Councillors intend to organise this in the Kenpas Highway area on 6<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at the bottom of Green Lane by the underpass. Equipment will be provided, and we would welcome assistance!

Leamington Road lane markings – Councillor Sawdon is still chasing Officers for a decision on how to improve the traffic flow on to the roundabout at peak hours.

**192. Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

**193. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**194. Coventry One Plan**

Parish Councillors attended a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September with fellow councillors from Allesley Parish Council and CCC Officers to discuss the Coventry One Plan.

The meeting was positive and provided the opportunity for those present to highlight the issues faced in Finham.

This was an opportunity to put forward issues facing Finham now and to have a say in how the whole city of Coventry could be changed in the future.

A further meeting would be held later in the year.

**195. Feedback from Coventry Parish Councils' Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September**

The latest quarterly meeting between officers at CCC, and the 3 Parish Council Clerks and Chairs took place on 29<sup>th</sup> September. An update on the May 2023 elections and Precept requests for 2023-24 were provided. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2023.

Issues such as nominating a knowledgeable CCC representative to address the residents of Finham to explain how Kings Hill was chosen for building, what were the intentions for change and what is the time frame at the moment remain unresolved.

**196. South Warwickshire Masterplan**

Councillors Davies, Mrs Fryer and Mrs Bush attended a meeting with WDC Parish Councillors to discuss the South Warwickshire Masterplan.

A further meeting is being arranged for January 2023.

**197. Outstanding Issues**

**197.1 Litter bin**

No further update.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to progress.

**198. Finance**

198.1 to approve payments

**2022-23**

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
08.07.22	E35	J Chatterton	Reimbursement	£50.00
08.07.22	E36	Finham PTA	Jubilee gifts	£500.00
14.07.22	E37	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary July	DPA
14.07.22	E38	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£20.43
14.07.22	E39	WALC	Invoice 22321 JC	£30.00
14.07.22	E40	SPS Payroll	Invoice 9824 June	£18.00
14.07.22	E41	J Chatterton	Expenses July	£43.93
20.07.22	E42	NEST	Pension	DPA
08.08.22	E43	Newpath	July Meeting	£60.00
08.08.22	E44	SPS	Invoice 9936 July	£18.00
08.08.22	E45	WALC	Invoice 22347 JC	£36.00

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08.08.22	E46	WALC	Invoice 22346 JC	£36.00
08.08.22.	E47	J Chatterton	Expenses August	£41.80
10.08.22	E48	WALC	Invoice 22354 PD	£36.00
10.08.22	E49	WALC	Invoice 22353 PD	£36.00
10.08.22	E50	WALC	Invoice 22357 AF	£36.00
12.08.22	E51	J Chatterton	Salary August	DPA
22.08.22	E52	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£41.52
22.08.22	E53	WALC	Training Inv 22363 AB	£36.00
22.08.22	E54	WALC	GDPR Part 1 Inv 22385	£36.00
22.08.22	E55	WALC	GDPR Part 2 Inv 22386	£36.00
22.08.22	E56	WALC	GDPR Part 3 Inv 22387	£36.00
22.08.22	E57	NEST	Clerk Pension	DPA
06.09.22	E58	WALC	KT training	£36.00
06.09.22	E59	PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor	£240.00
06.09.22	E60	SPS Payroll	Invoice 10021	£18.00
06.09.22	E61	Comm Lettings	Meeting venue	£260.00
06.09.22	E62	J Chatterton	Stamps	£22.80
14.09.22	E63	J Chatterton	Salary September	DPA
14.09.22	E64	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£63.12
14.09.22	E65	J Chatterton	Expenses Sept	£52.60
22.09.22	E66	WALC	Training INV 22457	£36.00
28.09.22	E67	WALC	Training Inv 22169	£30.00
28.09.22	E68	NEST	Pension September	DPA

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**198.2 Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022:	£	£
	£67,010.52	
		<b>£67,010.52</b>
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	£0.00	
	£0.00	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	£0.00	
		<b>£67,010.52</b>

***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 2022 (Prior year Box 8)	£53,093.58
Add Receipts up to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	£26,147.00
Less: Payments up to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	(£12,230.06)
 Closing balance per cash book as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	 <u>£67,010.52</u>

**RESOLVED THAT** the Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September be approved.

**198.3 Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved.

**199. Grant Applications**

**199.1 Repair Shop Finham**

*Proposed: Councillor Mrs Fryer      Seconded: Councillor Davies      Carried 5:1*

**RESOLVED THAT** the grant be approved at £100.00.

**199.2 Events at Finham Library**

Application withdrawn.

**199.3 PTA Christmas Event**

*Proposed: Councillor Baker      Seconded: Councillor Taylor      Unanimous*

**RESOLVED THAT** the grant be approved at £200.00

**200. Governance**

The following Policies had been updated.

1. Asset Register 2022 23
2. Internal Financial Control October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*
3. Donations and Grants Policy October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*
4. FPC Risk Assessment October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*
5. Gifts and Hospitality Policy October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*
6. Health and Safety Policy October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*
7. Complaints Procedure October 2022 *(NOT CHANGES)*
8. Vexatious Complaints Procedure October 2022 *(NO CHANGES)*

**RESOLVED THAT** the Policies be approved.

**201. Defibrillators**

Councillor Baker updated that he had written to BP Customer Services a response was awaited.

He had started work on obtaining a telephone box in which a defibrillator could potentially be sited.

**ACTION:** Councillor Baker would contact Premier Inn to request siting one on their building.

**202. Kings Hill Film**

Councillor Davies updated on the Kings Hill Film. A third attempt was due to be completed following technical issues.

Update at November's meeting.

**203. Cycleway**

Carry over.

**204. Pollution Tubes**

Discussion took place on alternative sites for the Pollution Tubes, these were identified as:

- St Martins Road at the pedestrian crossing
- Erithway Road traffic lights
- Crossing by the shops

**ACTION:**

- (i) FOI request to CCC to ask for the locations of the where CCC had placed the Pollution Tubes in other areas of Coventry including, Ball Hill and Hollyhead Road previously. Especially in relation to the proximity to the highway.
- (ii) Obtain costings for using an independent company to place monitoring equipment in the Parish.

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

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to request that the lights on the A45 roundabout remain on permanently to aid traffic flow.

**• Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

The whole issue of Kings Hill continues to rumble on with various groups in and around Coventry, including the Finham Parish Council, asking the Coventry City Council to review its 2017 Local Plan which was constructed on what has now been proved to be totally fictitious population projections by the Office for National Statistics. Evidence of disapproval coming from the ONS itself in its 2021 national census results.

The published Census 2021 revealed significant disparities between the ONS population estimates used to inform councils across England for their housing plans and the actual growth now seen in many areas.

The FPC has written a letter to CCC requesting it review its Local Plan. As of tonight, after two months, no one will be surprised to know, there has been no reply to this letter from CCC.

It must be very difficult for CCC to explain why it did not challenge the ONS projections some 10 years ago when it was transparent that these projections amounted to a 32% population increase by 2031. You do not have to be a statistician to realise there is a serious error in the algorithms.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the ONS published articles relating to population estimates, the methods behind them, how it will be informed by Census 2021 results and a framework to provide feedback on its population estimates.

I quote:-

“accurate and truly representative population statistics are central to the Office for National Statistics’ mission of data for the public good”.

It is hard to believe such a statement especially after the ONS has been challenged many times over the years, including by the Office for Statistics Regulation. The ONS chose to do nothing to rectify the damage. It is a shame that the OSR, being the regulator appears to have so little influence on the ONS. You could ask why the OSR exists at all.

This ONS article goes on and again I quote:-

“following the successful census in March 2021, we are now pulling out all the stops to make sure our numbers reflect recent and ongoing population changes”.

In many cases throughout England, it is too late to accurately reflect recent and ongoing population changes as the damage has been done already, needlessly affecting many areas.

There is a need for a complete overhaul of the ONS to make this public institution fit for purpose, to make it competent and to prevent further unjust misery being inflicted onto communities all over England.

The last quote I will use from this ONS publication is:-

“representative statistics of UK-wide populations is vital to the Office for National Statistics’ mission to provide quality statistics for the public good”

Such statements from the ONS would be funny if the matter was not so serious.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, the Kings Hill Task Group, Cllrs - Angela Fryer, Ann Bush and myself attended a meeting in Leamington Town Hall to discuss with other affected parish councils and the Warwick District Council, the wants and don’t wants of what might happen to their respective areas due to the town planners Master Planning Framework which affects – land north and east of Kenilworth/south of Coventry.

It was agreed at this meeting that there will be quarterly meetings to help parish councillors keep abreast of developments and where necessary try to affect plans which are disagreeable. I will keep you informed as we go along.

It is very noticeable that no such meeting has been offered to the FPC to discuss the Kings Hill situation, but it is not for the want of trying.

As has been stated already tonight, none of our three CCC Ward Cllrs are able to attend due to a meeting being arranged with Sir Jeremy Wright who is the MP for Kenilworth & Southam which includes Kings Hill.

As Kings Hill is the biggest threat to our standards of living, the FPC has asked our Ward Cllrs to ask Sir Jeremy to request CCC review its 2017 Local Plan in view of the absurd ONS population projections which have resulted in this area being removed from the Greenbelt and is currently faced with an unjustifiable 4,500 housing estate.

We will see if anything comes of this request.

We live in hope.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

At the recent Governors’ meeting it had been reported that the children had achieved successful stats results. These were above the national average. Pupils were doing exceedingly well.

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

I attended a Police Liaison Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

It was attended by representatives from Finham Parish Council, Styvechale Residents Association, Neighbourhood Watch and Ward Councillors.

- Sgt Darren Betts was unable to attend but two police officers were able to feed back
- Crime figures for Wainbody continue to be low.
- There was a discussion about the reporting of crime. Many residents have become disillusioned about the lack of response when they try to report a crime.
  - We encourage people to phone 101 or go to the online chat.
  - Neither of these systems are responding quickly.
  - People feel that there is often no response and no feedback as to what the outcome was.
- The Officers present talked about the low number of police available in our area at any time and explained that if there is an incident in another area of the city e.g. town centre, then those officers are sent to assist.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The Crime Figures for Green Lane/Finham for August 2022 are as follows:-

Anti-Social Behaviour	-	1
Burglary	-	1
Criminal damage	-	2
Robbery	-	1
Vehicle Crime	-	9
Violence	-	1
Other crime	-	3

Tony Swann reports that the CCTV Group now has over 300 members.

It has produced CCTV footage in 6 out of the 9 Vehicle Crimes in our area for the August month. Not all reveal the clear identities of the culprits, but every piece of evidence goes towards helping build a picture of the perpetrators.

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

Last night, 19<sup>th</sup> October, I attended a WALC training Course via Zoom, for those organisations preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We are recommended to:-

- Create a Steering Group
- Establish the Steering Groups – Terms of Reference – This is essential
- Create between 3 to 5 Policies, no more
- Sequence the plan logically
- Employ illustrations and/or maps
- Keep language clear and concise
- Enlist the help of a professional
- It will take 1 to 3 years normally
- Enlist the aid of local expertise
- Enlist 'temporary' help if and when needed
- Do not underestimate the size of the task

There is a second session on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

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

Number 9 bus – Councillor Ms Taylor reported that a number of local buses were under threat. This included the number 9 bus which served Finham. This was becoming unreliable, and feedback had been received that the evening and Sunday service could be scaled back or cancelled.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillor Ms Taylor to send the details to the Clerk.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs Fryer to send the Clerk the contact details.
- (iii) Clerk to send a letter to the bus company.

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

Neighbourhood Watch Update – Tony Swann updated on the work of the Neighbourhood Watch team. Further information could be obtained via their website:

[www.finhamnw.org.uk](http://www.finhamnw.org.uk)

On behalf of the FPC, Chairman Councillor Davies thanked Tony Swann for all his efforts and achievements for Finham over recent years.

**208. Date for the next meeting**

The date for the next formal meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:00pm** at Finham Primary School

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
Councillor Paul Davies

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023