

## Finham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Finham Primary School

**Present:**

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

**Coventry City Councillors:** 0**Residents:** 5**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO**209. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Ward Councillors, Councillors Sawdon, Blundell and Heaven.

**210. Councillor Co-option**

An application for co-option had been received from an eligible parishioner and an interview had taken place.

Ms Freya Millard was co-opted on to Finham Parish Council.

*Proposed: Councillor Mrs Bush    Seconded: Councillor Ms Taylor    Unanimous*

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) Ms Freya Millard be co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- (ii) Councillor Ms Millard completed the Acceptance of Office.
- (iii) Clerk to work with Councillor Ms Millard to complete the DPI documentation.

**211. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**212. Chairman's Update**

Tonight, we welcome to the Finham Parish Council Freya Millard who is joining the council and after interview is set to become a Councillor tonight. Welcome.

This is the second meeting to be held in the Finham Primary School and as we progress, the wrinkles of a new venue will be ironed out and the process will become routine.

The primary school is a more central location which will make it easier for residents to attend and of course it is situated within Finham, unlike the Kings Hill Nursery which welcomed us during the peak of the Covid-19 crisis, for which we are grateful.

Initialled

Last Sunday I attended the Remembrance Service in Memorial Park and laid a wreath on behalf of the FPC. I am not sure whether it is something to do with age, but I am more affected by these occasions as the years go by.

Services all over the country remembered those men, women and children who died through no choice of their own due to unsolicited aggression which had to be confronted. Aggression which continues to this day.

It is at a time like this, more than at any other time, we think of the people of Ukraine also who face such unsolicited aggression. It is our duty to do whatever we can to support them.

**213. Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved.

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

There were no matters arising

**215. To receive updates from Coventry City Councillors  
Hadleigh Road and Brentwood Avenue**

A letter had been sent from Rachel Goodyear CCC which was read out at the meeting.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to draft a letter in response.

**216. Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

**216.1 Planning enforcement  
HH/2020/1922 - 140 St Martins Road**

**ACTION:** chase update from Planning Enforcement.

**217. Correspondence**

Nothing to discuss.

**218. Outstanding Issues**

**218.1 Traffic Calming/Petition Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road**

Discussed earlier.

**218.2 Litter bin**

Councillor Morshead updated that CCC had confirmed that further investigation was needed to check for utilities underground in the vicinity of the bin, a permit to dig was also required.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to chase a response.

**218.3 Follow up Meeting with WDC**

FPC Meeting with WDC - It was reported that FPC were liaising with WDC and a follow up meeting has been requested. A letter was being compiled requesting more clarity on the situation.

South Warwickshire Masterplan – the second meeting was scheduled to take place in early January. Councillors Mrs Bush, Mrs Fryer and Davies would be attending. Update after the meeting would be shared at January’s FPC meeting.

**219. Finance**

219.1 to approve payments

**2022-23**

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
13.10.22	E69	SPS Payroll	Invoice 10097	£18.00
13.10.22	E70	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£15.03
13.10.22	E71	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary	DPA
13.10.22	E72	J Chatterton	Expenses October	£52.60
13.10.22	E73	P Davies	Expenses October	£10.55
20.10.22	E74	J Chatterton	Stationery	£120.40
22.10.22	E75	J Chatterton	Stationery Labels	£47.27
22.10.22	E76	NEST	Pension October	DPA

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**220. Budget and Precept Request 2023-24**

Discussion took place on the Budget and Precept Request for 2023-24. The budget was the amount required to run the Parish Council for 2023-24, this would be used to help set the Precept request.

It was noted that the information required including the grant amount and Tax Base Figures had not been received from CCC. The Precept figure could not be set until this information had been confirmed.

**RESOLVED THAT:** the Budget and Precept request be discussed at January’s meeting.

**221. Defibrillators**

Councillor Baker updated that he had visited the Premier Inn and discovered that they had a defibrillator on site. There was no update from CCC on the BT phone box option.

It was suggested that the quickest and cheapest option would be to install the defibrillator on the wall of the shop building on Green Lane.

**ACTION:** the landlord of the shop building to be contacted for consent to install (Councillor Baker/Clerk).

**222. Kings Hill Film**

Councillor Davies reported that he was still waiting on a date from Fin.

**ACTION:** Clerk to look for a company to produce the film.

**223. Cycleway**

Councillor Morshead updated that the s106 monies for Kings Hill had been published. There were funds included for active travel. He would contact Richard Smith at CCC, who is the officer responsible for cycle paths in Coventry, to see what provision they were planning for areas local to Finham.

**224. Pollution Tubes**

The response to the FOI had been received.

**ACTION:** review of data required.

**225. Task groups & Working Parties**

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Traffic lights on BP roundabout

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to contact CCC and request the traffic lights on the BP roundabout to be on permanently to aid traffic flow.

Filter on Traffic lights

The filter on the traffic lights by the garage, turning into Erithway Road were not working.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to report issue.

Bollards

The bollards preventing traffic turning right into the BP garage had been collapsed and required fixing.

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to report issue.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

As has been stated before at earlier meetings, we are now in the area of mitigation, trying to minimise the huge effect of Kings Hill as the processes continue to realise this 4,500 house estate, using what has now been proved to be erroneous population figures from the Office for National Statistics.

At the same time the Finham Parish Council is writing to The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, requesting he look into the lack of justification for this development which has been highlighted by the ONS's own figures shown in the Census 2021.

As a contingency plan, assuming we do not receive a positive and fair response from the Secretary of State, the FPC is currently preparing letters to Warwick District Council and to Coventry City Council seeking clarity over what monies might be awarded to Finham as a result of the Kings Hill development proceeding, albeit on the assumption of Coventry's population exploding by 32% by the year 2031.

Each council has its own methods of controlling the monies to be realised from this development. WDC by the Community Infrastructure Levy and Coventry City Council who still operate under the Section 106 process.

Whichever method used, it is more than fair to expect some benefits to be derived from a housing estate 2½ times the size of Finham and anticipated to produce in excess of 8,000 extra vehicles onto our roads.

The ONS continues to publish information, some of which I read with a high degree of scepticism as a result of its performances over the past 10 years or so, displaying significant errors and not just for Coventry.

I will not dwell on this organisation other than to say I have read recently its Code of Practice or as FPC and CCC would call it, its Code of Conduct.

You be the judge of just how well the ONS is performing. I quote, “The Code of Practice is based on three pillars – Trustworthiness, Quality and Value”. Well, it is certainly failing on at least two of these pillars.

Collaboration is stated as one of its “cross-cutting themes”. Singularly absent when calculating Coventry’s population projections. The only organisation to be collaborated with as far as we know, was CCC who did not challenge at any stage the 32% population increase projected by the ONS. Finally, the ONS states that “the Office for Statistics Regulation reviews compliance with the Code” and offers assistance. The ONS flatly refused to act when told by the OSR that the population projections for Coventry looked suspect. I wonder what other information published by the ONS can also be deemed suspect.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

The children have had a great start to the half term.

The PTA had organised a light celebration which proved a great success

School had organised a Scholastic Book Fair and thanks were extended to parents, grandparents and friends who took books into school for the Scholastic Book Fair which had been held in September. The occasion had raised £700.00 which would be used to buy new books for the school.

Poppy Merchandise had been available in school which could be purchased by way of a donation.

Christmas Fair - The school in conjunction with the PTA will be holding the fair on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and donations could be handed into school for this event.

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

The Crime Figures for Green Lane/Finham for September 2022 are:

Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Burglary	1
Criminal damage	2
Other theft	3
Public Order	2
Shoplifting	1
Violence	4

Initialled

There is an issue of drivers turning left out of the BP Petrol Station onto St Martins Road then performing an immediate U-turn at the lights in order to head back to the island on the A45. We understand that Cllr Sawdon is working on this issue. I will raise the issue at the next Police Liaison meeting.

There has been a recent instance of a driver coming down St Martins Road (towards the A45) then veering onto the wrong side of the road at the lights in order to turn right into the BP garage. CCTV footage of the incident shows how this could easily have resulted in a tragic accident.

There will be a Police Liaison Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and I will raise these issues and report back at our next meeting

- **NHP - Councillor Davies**

No further updates.

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

Nothing to add.

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

Post box outside McColls – the post box had been taken away following being damaged.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to the Post Office and asked when the post box was being reinstated. And suggest not going in the same spot so it doesn't get damaged.

Attendance at meetings by Ward Councillors – a request from parishioners was made that one of the Ward Councillors attend each meeting. They feel that issues are not being addressed due to their absence. Last attendance was at July's Parish Council meeting.

**228. Date for the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting as **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:00pm** at Finham Primary School

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
Councillor Paul Davies

19<sup>th</sup> January 2023