

## Finham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 Finham Primary School

**Present:**

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

**Coventry City Councillors:** Councillor Tim Sawdon

**Residents:** 5

**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

**338. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Morshead and CCC Councillor John Blundell.

**339. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**340. Chairman's Update**

Welcome to the Finham Parish Council's September meeting, the first for two months.

I hope everyone is feeling refreshed after the break.

Well, the ONS are at it again, re-enforcing the view of many of us that they really do not know what they are doing.

Apart from making a mess of the population projections which resulted in Kings Hill no longer being green belt it has now admitted the percentage growth figures for the Gross Domestic Product after the pandemic for the whole of the UK were also wrong.

So wrong in fact that far from lagging behind Germany, the largest economy in Europe, the UK recovered from the pandemic much better than previously reported and was in fact 1.6% larger, which translates into a difference of £40bn.

Let's hope its handling of the 2021 Census figures is better.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 marks the end of the consultation period of Coventry City Council Local Plan Review 2023 with those most affected – the residents of the city.

I encourage everyone to respond. It is a long document, but you only have to reply to the areas of the report which concern you most.

As this Local Plan is likely to affect Kings Hill, there will be more detail about the Local Plan and how you can offer help and advice to CCC, in the Kings Hill report later in the meeting.

**341. Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved.

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

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

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

Councillor Sawdon updated:

Hedges on Green Lane – currently trying to find out who is responsible for the hedges on Green Lane.

Pollution tubes – it was noted that the data captured didn't record levels over 20 units and the levels had to be over 40 to register concerns. The responsible Officer said that the levels are too low and therefore there is no justification to continue.

Ash tree – the petition is being presented to the Cabinet member. A further survey to take place.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders.

**344. Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

**345. Correspondence**

Nothing further to discuss.

**346. Finance**

346.1 to approve payments

**2023-24**

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
13.07.23	E32	Finham Park	Grant for Film festival	£200.00
30.07.23	E33	NEST	Clerk Pension July	DPA
08.08.23	E34	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary August	DPA
08.08.23	E35	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
08.08.23	E36	J Chatterton	Meeting Room booking 2024	£250.00
08.08.23	E37	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses August	£56.30
08.08.23	E38	Top Source	Invoice 0004115	£19.41*
01.09.23	E39	NEST	Clerk Pension August	DPA
09.09.23	E40	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
09.09.23	E41	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary Sept	DPA
09.09.23	E42	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses Sept	£50.00
09.09.23	E43	Top Source	Invoice 0004925	£19.41*
09.09.23	E44	J Chatterton	Poppy Wreath	£24.99

\*INCLUDING VAT

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**347. Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road traffic calming**

The responsible officer, Rachel Goodyer had been invited to attend tonight's meeting to provide an update.

**ACTION:** Clerk to chase an update from Rachel Goodyer.

Discussion took place on turning Finham into a "Low Traffic Neighbourhood". Something that had proven successful in other areas of the country.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillor Baker to provide further information.
- (ii) Agenda item for October's meeting.
- (iii) Formally invite Rachel Goodyer to October's meeting.

**348. Drone footage**

**ACTION:** add the Kings Hill drone footage to the PC website.

**349. Website**

Following criticism that the parish council website was not easy to find a new domain name had been purchased. The new website is:

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

**350. Remembrance Day Arrangements**

The Parish Council had purchased a Poppy wreath to lay at the Remembrance Day parade at the Coventry Memorial Park.

It was agreed that Councillor Davies would lay the wreath.

**351. Task groups & Working Parties**

To receive reports from Task Group and Working Party leads (reports to be sent to the Clerk for inclusion in the minutes)

**• Highways**

**ACTION:**

- (i) Plastic bollards on St Martins Road – people are driving over them. Councillor Morshead to request they are changed to a more permanent structure.
- (ii) Camera at the Erithway lights - request a camera on the traffic lights.
- (iii) Bollards outside the Primary School – request bollards be installed to prevent parking.

**• Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Councillors Mrs Bush and Mrs Fryer attended a Governors meeting earlier today. The data presented at the meeting was outstanding. The children are working very, very hard. The Teachers have supported all children who are needing extra support following the disruption caused by the pandemic. The school is full, one year group has 64 pupils in it after being admitted due to the appeal process. It was noted that these children resided in Finham.

Children's attendance is very good. The meeting had been very positive.

Initialled

There are still parking issues outside the school during drop off and pick up. The school were engaging more with parents about their dangerous parking, appeal to them to stop blocking residents' driveways.

The school were requesting a police presence and Traffic Warden. Previously the traffic car had been promised but had never attended.

**ACTION:** Make the request again.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

All quiet on the Warwick District Council front in more ways than one.

There is still nothing on the website that suggests Kings Hill is up for further discussion and we still pursuing a meeting with the new head of WDC, Cllr. Ian Davidson.

There are all sorts of rumours circulating about Kings Hill, as to why nothing is happening but anyone who has been following the local and national news relating to the housing market can probably come to a fairly accurate conclusion for themselves.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Kings Hill Task Group, Cllrs. Bush, Fryer and myself attended the Allesley Parish Council meeting which had arranged to meet Chris Styles, Head of Planning Policy and Environment (Local Plan Review) to see what we could learn about the Coventry City Council Local Plan Review which has been extended for consultation with interested residents and parties until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as a result of pressure being brought to bear by a number of public minded bodies who felt that such a consultation held during a holiday period was not fair.

Chris Styles stated he was new to the issues of Coventry and therefore he said very little of value but left the meeting understanding the frustrations of both Allesley and Finham and hopefully will be able to enlighten us on a number of issues in the near future.

For those of you who have not been close to the consultation of a Local Plan, they are prepared by a local planning authority in consultation with its community. Every planning authority has to review it's local plan at least every 5 years.

The Local Plan is supposed to set out CCC's vision for future development in its area of authority and covers many policies besides housing such as Regeneration and Infrastructure, Green Infrastructure, Health, Climate Change and there are many others.

Coventry has decided to conduct a full review of every single one of the policies identified in it's earlier Local Plan 2017, to see what needs changing and why and whether there are any new policies it should introduce.

***“One area of controversy that the plan will address is the number of houses that need to be built. Recent evidence has cast doubt on the population projections that the previous plan was based on”.*** – CCC quote.

***“ the 2014 projections are demonstrably incorrect for the city, significantly over estimating population growth compared to the most accurate source of data, the 2021 Census”.*** - CCC Quote

Initialled

This error is something CCC, Warwick District Council and the Office for National Statistics were told about on many many occasions over the past few years but to no avail until now! Maybe!

This is your opportunity to offer help and advice to CCC before the plan is formally concluded.

If you want to contribute, go to [www.coventrycitycouncil.inconsult.uk/CLPRIO/consultationHome](http://www.coventrycitycouncil.inconsult.uk/CLPRIO/consultationHome)

It is a very long consultation plan but there is no need to answer/comment on all sections. You might just choose the policies of greatest concern to you. This is your opportunity to tell CCC what you think and what you want. If you do not tell them, your needs cannot be taken into account.

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

The Crime Figures for Green Lane/Finham for July 2023

ASB	1
Burglary (inc car key)	1
Drugs	1
Other theft	2
Robbery (inc Carjacking)	1
Shoplifting	2
Vehicle Crime	2
Violence / sexual assault	8
Other	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

I attended a Police liaison meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September, and we were informed that by comparison with other areas of the City our crime figures are low. I said that to the person experiencing the crime it is always important.

The issue of parking outside the schools was raised but there is little that can be done to discourage selfish people who are parking on double yellow lines and across residents’ driveways. The police are willing to attend at these school start and end times as a one off and warn parents / carers but once they are gone the issue will occur again.

**352. Councillor’s reports and items for future Agenda**

Agenda items:

- Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- Invite Rachel Goodyear

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders to allow for public participation.

**353. Public participation:**

Crime figures – crime figures including crimes of violence figures are in the public domain. Months' trailing. In recent months the police have widened their criteria.

Ward Boundary review – the City Council are looking at revising the Ward Boundaries. There is a proposal that CCC could put forward the suggest that Wainbody is too small and needs to be bigger. The option could be for part of the Westwood Heath moves into Wainbody. Ward Councillors have put forward a different proposal – this is for more of Styvechale to move into the Ward as there are stronger links with Styvechale than Westwood.

There would still be 18 Wards in Coventry, but the review would level up the ward sizes.

Bollards by the garage – Councillor Sawdon has emailed the officers. Needs a “no u turn” sign installing at the traffic lights.

**ACTION:**

- (i) FPC to raise a Petition for a “no u turn”.
- (ii) Councillor Sawdon would present it.

Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road traffic safety – parishioner had emailed Rachel Goodyear after the meeting in July setting out what was needed. The parishioner reported that the response was not helpful.

Following this a letter was placed in the Coventry Evening Telegraph to try and keep the momentum going. He had also been in contact with Councillor Birdi, the current Lord Mayor. An email had been drafted to the Local MP requesting support.

It was reported that the bad driving continued. The dropped kerbs had been installed.

20mph signs on the road and realigning the junction – Brentwood Avenue

**ACTION:** Cllr Morshead.

Sign down on St Martins Road – Rachel was looking at the repair, but the work had not been completed.

**ACTION:** Cllr Morshead.

Post box outside the shops –

**ACTION:** chase a date for reinstalling the post box.

**354. Date for the next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at Finham Primary School

Councillor Sawdon gave his apologies for October's meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm