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# Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Finham Primary School

## Present:

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman) Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman) Councillor Richard Baker		Councillor Angela Fryer Councillor Ann Bush
Coventry City Councillors:	0	
Residents:	4	
In Attendance:	Jane Chatterton,	Clerk & RFO

## 355. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kate Taylor and Coventry City Councillors Sawdon, Blundell and Heaven.

## **356.** Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

## 357. Chairman's Update

Welcome to the Finham Parish Council's October meeting.

Tonight, our three Coventry City ward councillors are unable attend due to a clash with other appointments, Councillor Sawdon has sent some updates on outstanding items.

This year, as usual, the FPC will be laying a wreath on Remembrance Day, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, to remember the many thousands of service men and women who sacrificed their lives during all of the wars this country has been involved in since the First World War.

## 358. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 be approved.

## 359. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

# 360. To receive updates from Coventry City Councillors

Report received from Councillor Sawdon:

Kings Hill – no updates to report.

Bollards outside the BP garage - several reminders sent and will keep pursuing it.

<u>"No U Turn" sign</u> – no response.

<u>High hedges</u> –it is a CCC hedge and is down for tractor and flail cutting, agreed in 2018 with parks but this was not put on the spectrum mapping system, just appeared as grass cutting under the hedge. Tim Fox, Streetpride Area Manager has asked for it to be added, CCC are formulating a works plan over the winter to reduce the hedge and get it back in order.

Ash tree petition - will be heard by the Cabinet Member at a date to be agreed.

<u>Brentwood/Hadleigh Road</u> - no action on the Brentwood/Hadleigh 20 MPH zone.

## 361. Planning

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

## **362.** Correspondence

Nothing to report.

## 363. Finance

363.1	to approve payments
2023-24	

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
15.09.23	E45	NEST	Clerk Pension	DPA
10.10.23	E46	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary October	DPA
10.10.23	E47	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk October	DPA
10.10.23	E48	Topsource	Payroll Inv 005942	£19.41*
10.10.23	E49	P Davies	Mileage CCC meeting	£7.65
10.10.23	E50	J Chatterton	Expenses October	£50.00
10.10.23	E51	J Chatterton	Paperstone Stationery	£122.63*
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\*INCLUDING VAT

## **RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

## 363.2 Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were discussed

Balance per bank statements as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023:	£ £70,099.06	£
		£70,099.06
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any unpresented cheques at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	£0.00	
Net balances as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		£70,099.06

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

# CASH BOOK

Add Receipts up to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	£24,815.18
Less: Payments up to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	(£10,257.76)
Closing balance per cash book as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	£70,099.06

**RESOLVED THAT** the Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be approved.

# 363.3 Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Quarterly Report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was approved.

## 364. Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road traffic calming

ACTION:

- (i) List of all outstanding issues with CCC Highways with the dates they were first raised Councillor Morshead.
- (ii) Raise at the CCC Clerk and Chairman meeting.

## 365. Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Councillor Baker updated on the idea of implementing a Scheme which bans all through traffic. Residents, delivery drivers and emergency services can travel through the Parish as normal but there would be no through traffic.

If this could be progressed further, it would need local residents to buy into the scheme and would need to be discussed at a public meeting.

There is consultation in Earlsdon. (Liveable consultation)

2020 and 2022 there have been 200 schemes like this implemented.

**ACTION**: Agenda item for January's meeting.

## 366. Drone footage

**ACTION**: Councillor Davies to liaise with the Drone Pilot.

# 367. 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 – Councillor Morshead

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## • Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush

Children have been working incredibly hard focussing on their learning right from Nursery and Reception all the way through to Year 6.

Last week they were wearing hats in school to support Mental Health Awareness Day and key messages were shared with children during lessons and assemblies relating to the importance of promoting positive mental health.

Year 1 - The children have learnt about frogs and are writing a fact file all about them and about the four stages of a frog's life cycle.

Year 2 - The children had a delightful Autumn walk during Science on Monday afternoon. They took this opportunity to notice what is happening around them and were able to make accurate observations.

Year 3 - The Ancient Egyptians is a wonderful topic and this week the children had the chance to find out about Tutankhamun's tomb and how it was discovered.

# • Kings Hill – Councillor Davies

It is still very quiet with regard to anything changing for Kings Hill. The only statement received very recently is from Adam James the Site Delivery Officer for Warwick District Council who states there is little to update the Parish Councils most affected by Kings Hill and goes on to say that he will contact us again when the Project Board members have approved final documents.

I did not see the need to ask what this last statement meant. Suffice to say he has assured us that he will let us know of any changes prior to the next Parish Council meeting with WDC. Through WDC Councillor Pam Redford and other sources, we will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Last Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the funeral of Anthony Bianco who was a councillor on Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council and was until his untimely death, a big supporter of our cause regarding Kings Hill and who kept us informed of relevant details which he felt might help us to achieve a fair and just outcome.

He will be sadly missed by me and those who knew him on the Finham Parish Council.

## • Police & Crime – Councillor Mrs Fryer The Crime Figures for Green Lane/Finham for August 2023

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ASB	1
Bicycle theft (from Petrol Station)	1
Burglary	0
Criminal Damage	0
Drug offences	1
Other theft	1
Possession of weapons	0
Public order (petrol station)	1
Vehicle crime	5 (4 at petrol station)
Violence	4
Other crime	0
TOTAL	14

The issue of parking outside the schools continues to be a problem. As said before it is very difficult to deter selfish people from parking in the wrong place. A new move being piloted in Warwickshire is allowing only resident parking near to schools at start and end times during term time.

# 368. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:

<u>Defibrilator</u> – despite chasing by the Clerk and Councillor Baker the Manager at the Pharmacist has failed to respond.

**ACTION**: Look for an alternative venue.

ACTION: Invite Ian Davidson from WDC to November's meeting.

Budget and Precept 2024-25

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

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

<u>Overhanging bushes (Jacklin Drive)</u> – these have been trimmed back to allow pedestrians to walk safely on the footpath, but the flooding is still an issue.

<u>Hadleigh Road</u> – speeding. Need to install things to slow the traffic and reduce it to 20mph. **ACTION**: Chase an update from Rachel Goodyer.

<u>Brentwood Avenue</u> – dropkerb is in the wrong place. **ACTION**: raise the issue with CCC.

<u>Bus service</u> – incidents recently where the driver suddenly pulls over and says that they have completed their hours and asks everyone to get off the bus and terminating the service. This has left elderly and disabled passengers in difficulty. There was also an incident this week when the bus driver took a corner too fast and a passenger who was travelling in a wheelchair was tipped out of her chair. This has now been reported.

<u>Revised Coventry Local Plan</u> – no update received. Will update when known.

Reinstatement of Postbox, outside Green Lane shops – **ACTION**: Clerk to chase.

<u>Road signs at top of St Martins Road</u> – broken and need fixing. **ACTION**: Cllr Morshead to raise again.

# 370. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Finham Primary School.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm