

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 21st March 2024 Finham Primary School

Present:

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

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Tim Sawdon and Councillor Blundell

Residents: 4

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

421. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

422. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

423. Chairman's Update

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the Finham Parish Council monthly meeting for March.

Tonight, we welcome David Keaney of Coventry City Council's Transport Management Department who has agreed to attend this meeting to answer a number of issues that have grown over the past two years or so and are of great concern to this council as well as the residents of Finham.

Thank you for attending. It is our intention to address these issues near to the top of the agenda.

Everyone here will have the opportunity to speak towards the end of the meeting and therefore unless invited to do so during the course of this meeting, can you keep your questions, queries, suggestions etc until near the end.

424. Attendance by David Keaney – Head of Network Management

The Chairman thanked David Keaney for attending the meeting to talk through the many highway issues in Finham Parish. David is responsible for Traffic Management and Road Safety.

Councillor Morshead read through the list of outstanding issues, some of which date back for a considerable time.

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to send the list of all issues to David via email.

It was noted that the longer term needed to recognise the aspirations of local residents including junction changes etc. There was a need to ascertain what the future traffic would be on Brentwood Avenue and Hadleigh Road. It was confirmed that no updates had been allocated in the 2024-25 budget.

Drop kerb – Brentwood Avenue - dangerous

A drop kerb had been installed on the corner of Brentwood Avenue. This was sited in a dangerous position. It was noted that one had been requested in Droylsdon Park Road which hasn't been done. Question was asked if this was in the wrong location.

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to send David a google location of where the drop kerb is and where the one should be.

School traffic

Chaotic traffic at drop off and pick up times. Suggestions had been a "walking bus" but it was noted that this would be a school initiative and not a CCC initiative.

David confirmed that money has been set aside to try and address these issues. Enforcement would be by the CCC Enforcement Team, this included a car-based camera enforcement, this only enforces "school keep clears", does not enforce double yellow lines.

Updates could include "no loading enforcement" at certain times of the day which would include dropping off children.

David offered to join the Parish Council at the start of the school day and observe the conditions and the issues and see if anything could be identified to assist and take this back to CCC.

ACTION:

- (i) arrange a day and time for the meeting through the Clerk with Councillors Mrs Bush and Fryer.
- (ii) David will ask the car to pay some additional passing monitoring (Parking Services).

Traffic lights

Erithway Road onto St Martins – timing of the lights isn't correct.
Turn right from St Martins Road onto Erithway Road isn't set correctly.

ACTION:

- (i) David will ask the Team to review.

No U-turn St Martins Road

This is being addressed. Local Authorities had been given permission to apply to the Government to have the powers to enforce these restrictions with camera monitoring. CCC had identified areas in the City. This would be a balanced approach and not about making money.

CCC has ordered the works and should be implemented in the near future.

A46 closure for HS2 road bridge

ACTION: Clerk to circulate the timings to Councillors.

BP roundabout

Question was asked if the lights could be left on all the time. Part time signals are confusing.

ACTION: David to progress.

Stones on the verges outside properties

It was confirmed that this was under the remit of Mark Adams.

Grass verge parking restriction on Green Lane

Request is in to look at restrictions so prevent parking on grass verges from April 2024.

www.one.network

Has all of the roadworks and street works that will take place.

ACTION: register for alerts.

The Chairman thanked David for attending the meeting.

Councillor Baker left the meeting.

425. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February 2024 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2024 be approved.

426. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

427. Planning

Nothing to consider.

428. Correspondence

Nothing to discuss.

429. Finance

429.1 to approve payments.

2023-24

| DATE | REF | PAYEE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|----------|-----|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 05.02.24 | E74 | London Heart | Defibrillator | £750.00 |
| 05.02.24 | E75 | Top Source | Invoice TGS2324/008782 Payroll | £19.41* |
| 05.02.24 | E76 | J Chatterton | Clerk Salary Febr | DPA |
| 05.02.24 | E77 | HMRC | Tax & NI Clerk | DPA |
| 05.02.24 | E78 | J Chatterton | Clerk Expenses Feb | £59.00 |
| 16.02.24 | E79 | NEST | Clerk Pension | DPA |
| 07.03.24 | E80 | Zurich | PC Insurance | £351.87 |
| 07.03.24 | E81 | Top Source | Invoice TGS2324/010331 Payroll | £20.72* |
| 13.03.24 | E82 | J Chatterton | Clerk Salary March | DPA |
| 13.03.24 | E83 | HMRC | Tax & NI Clerk | DPA |
| 13.03.24 | E84 | J Chatterton | Netnerd renewal | £8.39* |
| 13.03.24 | E85 | J Chatterton | Clerk Expenses March | £59.00 |

*inc VAT

Income 2023-25

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| 06.02.24 | R | HMRC | VAT Reclaim 2022-23 | £845.61 |
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RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved and the income noted.

430. Governance

The following policies had been reviewed.

- Internal Financial Control March 2024 (no updates)
- Asset Register 2023/24 (no updates)
- Risk Assessment March 2024 (no updates)
- Health & Safety Policy 2024 (no updates)

RESOLVED THAT the policies be approved.

431. Petition – grass verges

Councillor Sawdon agreed to present a paper based petition as CCC had refused to list the online version.

ACTION: Clerk to send the Chairman the petition for signing. Once ready this would be passed to Councillor Sawdon.

432. Defibrillator

After many months of time and effort being spent by Cllr Baker, the FPC Clerk and Cllr Davies (Chairman), Finham Parish Council has finally succeeded in installing a defibrillator positioned in Finham.

The defibrillator was purchased via a grant scheme run by London Hearts which provided a significant saving. London Hearts is the leading heart defibrillator charity in the UK, aiming to help and support communities with the provision of life saving heart defibrillators and to teach CPR/Defibrillator skills.

The defibrillator is mounted on the side wall of the Green Lane Fish Bar, to the side and in front of the Fireaway Pizza.

The Parish Council would like to thank Stef and Shelly, the tenants of the Green Lane Fish Bar and Fireaway Pizza for their full co-operation and willingness throughout recent discussions.

We hope the defibrillator will never be needed but in case of an emergency call 999 where the code to the cabinet will be provided. The defibrillator is fully automated – all the operator needs to do is stay calm and follow the instructions. Although we are looking at training.

London Hearts aim is to ensure no one is ever further than 100 metres away from a defibrillator – so now the search for a second siting in Finham starts.

433. Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road traffic calming

Nothing further to discuss.

433.1 Street Planters

ACTION: look at sites.

433.2 Mobile speed activated signs

ACTION: look at sites.

434. Traffic issues in the Parish

David Keaney had confirmed that there are no plans currently to consider Finham for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN).

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

Nothing further to add.

• Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush

World Poetry Day on the 21st March was set as a date for the UNESCO event called “Gift” a poem.

As part of this the children wrote or found a poem linked to a UNESCO theme ie peace and the poems were kept and shared for the children to swap.

There was an event undertaken throughout the MAT and some of the poems will be shared centrally with other schools.

Various activities were undertaken last week including school trips and comic relief.

As always the children have been working very hard and are looking forward to the Easter Holiday break.

• Kings Hill – Councillor Davies

South Warwickshire Local Plan timetable has now been made public and we are currently at **Stage 2** which is Issues and Options – Public Consultations – January to March 23, for which I went to Leamington to find out the scope of the outline plan and see how it affected Finham.

Stage 3 - Preferred Options – Public Consultations – November 24 to January 25

Stage 4 – Public Consultations – October to December 25

Stage 5 – Submission to the Secretary of State – July 26

Stage 6 – Examinations – August 26 to March 27

Some of us here will remember with great fondness the Examinations held by both Coventry City Council and Warwick District Council over their individual Local Plans some years ago.

Stage 7 – Consultation on Proposed Modifications – July to August 27

Stage 8 – Adoption – December 27

The last meetings of the Warwick District Council Planning Committee were 12th and 13th March 2024 at Shire Hall, Warwick. There was nothing shown on either agenda for Kings Hill.

The next published meeting is scheduled for 16th April 2024 and at present, no documents are available for this meeting.

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

The figures for January 2024 are:

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| Theft other | - | 1 |
| Shoplifting | - | 5 |
| Vehicle crime | - | 2 |
| Robbery | - | 1 |
| Violence | - | 4 |
| Possession of weapons | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 14 |

Councillor Mrs Fryer represented the Parish Council at the recent Police meeting, at the meeting Sgt Darren Betts reported that crime remains low in our area.

The number of officers that he has available on any shift remains very low.

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

Nothing to add.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

437. Coventry City Councillors

Councillor Sawdon

Police meeting

Councillor Sawdon had attended the police liaison meeting and echoed the concern about the strength of manpower in the area.

Defibrillator

Councillor Sawdon suggested that the Parish Council advertise the location of the defibrillator.

The Chairman confirmed that this was in hand, once installation had occurred.

Traffic warden

During school times it was confirmed that the traffic warden had been in the area last week. They had booked someone for parking across a driveway, but unfortunately the person booked was the resident of the address and were parked over their own drive!

Flooding in the Parish

It was confirmed that this had been raised again.

Councillor Blundell

Turning off of streetlights

The Parish Council raised their concerns with CCC's proposal to turn off the streetlights.

ACTION: Ward Councillors to investigate further.

Brown bin charges

Charges for emptying the brown bins would come in in June. Residents would need to register online and pay.

438. Public participation: To adjourn to allow public participation.

Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Concerns were raised in relation to a Low Traffic Neighbourhood idea for Finham. It was confirmed that this was an idea which was being discussed. The decision would not be for the Parish Council to take and only for CCC. Other LTNs both locally and nationally needed to be reviewed to see what the pros and cons for the idea would be. Before any decision is made full consultation with parishioners would take place.

439. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next formal meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 16th May 2024**. Venue to be confirmed.

This would follow the Annual Parish Council Meeting and include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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