

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm, 17th October 2024 Finham Park School

Present:

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)
Councillor Angela Fryer
Councillor Rambir Khatkar
Councillor Ben Gough
Councillor James Morshead

Councillor Kate Taylor
Councillor Siddhanth Sharma
Councillor Sanjay Behal
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Tim Sawdon

Residents: 2

Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

513. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Mrs Bush and CCC Councillors Blundell and Heaven.

514. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders

515. Proposed new nursery in Green Lane

The owners of a property in Green Lane attended the meeting to update Councillors on their plans to turn their residential property in Green Lane into a children's nursery.

Planning Permission would be submitted soon, and the Business was keen to provide details of the venture ahead of this.

The Parish Council thanked them for attending and would review the planning permission application once received from CCC.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders

516. Chairman's Update

Welcome to the October meeting of the Finham Parish Council.

I must remind everyone that this meeting is being recorded due to events earlier this year, which most of you are aware.

Additionally, a more usual and formal meeting process will be followed, mirroring most other Parish Councils in the country. Again, this is due to recent events which the council would like to avoid in the future.

I reiterate that these changes to a standard more formal approach is not intended to stifle parishioner participation but to improve the quality of our meetings.

All constructive comments, suggestions and/or questions are welcome.

517. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2024 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2024 be approved.

518. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

Nothing to report.

519. Planning

The lists have been circulated. Nothing to report.

519.1 Giga factory

Coventry Gigafactory – Baginton Airport – Presentation Whitley Community Centre – 2/10/24

The Chairman updated that earlier this month he had attended a meeting at the Whitley Community Centre, organised by the residents association, for a presentation on the proposed gigafactory.

This presentation was given by Andy Williams, Director for Regeneration, for and on behalf of Coventry City Council.

The land is owned by Coventry City Council but as we all know, the airport is in Warwickshire and therefore comes under the authority of Warwick District Council.

The site has outline planning permission only at this stage but as plans become more definite, a submission will be made for full permission and therefore there is no confirmed timing plan yet.

Perhaps the best way that I can relay all the information Andy Williams imparted is to list the items in no particular order:-

- a) Sanctioning of this factory will be the end of the airport as this huge building will occupy the whole of the runway.
- b) It is anticipated that it will provide employment for 6,000 people.
- c) It will be 5.7 million sq ft and is expected to attract £2bn of investment.
- d) The factory will be powered by 100% green energy.
- e) It will be able to recycle used batteries as well as build new ones for cars.
- f) Only Baginton residents have been consulted so far about volumes of traffic.
- g) Road changes around the proposed area will start in the next 12 months.
- h) The air ambulance is expected to move to Wellesbourne.

During the Q&A session I asked Andy Williams if he intended to consult the residents of Finham who already witness vehicles driving along Brentwood Ave and Green Lane travelling to and from the Baginton direction, using it as a rat run. What traffic calming measures would be necessary when 6,000 people become employed at the gigafactory?

He said he would look into it.

Initialed

This will not be a regular report but the gigafactory needs to be monitored so that the needs of Finham are taken into account.

ACTION: Invite Mr Williams to a future meeting to address Councillor questions.

520. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

521. Finance

521.1 to approve payments

2024-25

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
11.09.24	E46	J Chatterton	Poppy wreath	£19.99*
11.09.24	E47	Topsorce	Payroll Inv 003485	£20.72*
11.09.24	E48	J Chatterton	Expenses September	£51.80
12.09.24	E49	SLCC	Inv BK217716-1 Civility & Respect Personal Resilience and Self-Protection	£36.00*
12.09.24	E50	SLCC	Inv BK217717-1 Civility & Respect Building Resilience in the Face of Challenges and Abuse	£36.00*
12.09.24	E51	SLCC	Inv BK217721-1 Managing Comments on Social Media	£36.00*
27.09.24	E52	Moore	External Audit 2023-2024	£510.00*
27.09.24	E52a	NEST	Clerk Pension	DPA
04.10.24	E53	SLCC	Inv BK218066-1 Civility & Respect Understanding Psychopathic and Narcissistic Behaviour	£36.00*
07.10.24	E54	J Chatterton	Camcorder	£279.00*
07.10.24	E55	J Chatterton	Memory cards	£33.98*
07.10.24	E56	J Chatterton	Battery Camcorder	£23.27*
07.10.24	E57	J Chatterton	Camcorder bag	£18.99*
07.10.24	E58	Topsorce	Payroll Inv 004246	£20.72*

*inc VAT

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

521.2 Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2024

The Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2024 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 30 th September 2024:	£	£
	£71,509.33	
		£71,509.33
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 30 th September 2024	£0.00	
	£0.00	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 th September 204	£0.00	
		£71,509.33
Net balances as at 30 th September 2024		£71,509.33

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

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2024 (Prior year Box 8)	£61,171.18
Add Receipts up to 30 th September 2024	£24,501.88
Less: Payments up to 30 th September 2024	(£14,163.73)
	£71,509.33
Closing balance per cash book as at 30 th September 2024	

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2024 be approved.

521.3 Quarterly Report 30th September 2024

The Quarterly Report 30th September 2024 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 30th September 2024 be approved.

522. Defibrillator

The Chairman updated that unfortunately, we have hit an obstacle with the proposed fitment of the unit on the shop wall between Posh hairstylists and Finham Market on Brentwood Avenue.

Our electrician cannot meet the demands of Michelle who manages Posh who very reasonably does not want any sign of wiring or conduit inside her shop.

I believe the Brentwood Avenue area is the best site for our second defibrillator and therefore I will now move on to Plan D and attempt another solution.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to investigate running training sessions.
- (ii) Clerk to investigate purchasing an EpiPen.
- (iii) Councillor Mrs Fryer would talk to a resident in Stoneleigh who had organised a training session recently.
- (iv) Clerk to investigate whether a solar powered cabinet could be used.

523. Brentwood Avenue/Hadleigh Road traffic calming

It was noted that nothing had happened since September’s meeting. The Safety scheme had been decided by CCC and would include VAS and speed signs. It is anticipated that work would take place in October.

Councillor Gough added that following concerns raised at September’s meeting he had investigated parking on the corner on Hadleigh Road. This was not apparent on-site visits. Photographs of the area were shared.

524. Finham Festival

Councillor Khatkar updated that he had researched the dates of other events that were happening in the summer, which the FPC would need to avoid. It was proposed that a Saturday in June would be a good date. Various sites were discussed but holding the Festival on Finham Green was felt the best. This would involve road closures.

Councillor Khatkar had liaised with the Ward Councillors for advice on obtaining a road closure.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillors Dalton and Khatkar to visit the Library on 2nd November to speak with the Trustees informing them of the proposed event and inviting them to be part of the working party.
- (ii) Request for FLAG to allow access to the building for power and water.
- (iii) Councillor Khatkar to contact the organiser of the Earlsdon Festival to enable other stall holders to be approached.
- (iv) The Event to be a Charity Fundraiser – Charity Sponsor to be decided.
- (v) Liaison with Earlsdon Festival for ideas and advice.
- (vi) Logistics to be investigated including:
 - Licensing
 - Waste disposal
 - Road closures and traffic management
 - First aid requirements
 - Welfare requirements (toilets, refreshments)

525. Meeting Dates 2025

The meeting dates for 2025 were discussed.

January	16 th	Thursday
February	20 th	Thursday
March	20 th	Thursday
April	17 th	Thursday
May & APMC & APCM	15 th	Thursday
June	19 th	Thursday
July	10 th	Thursday
August	No meeting	
September	18 th	Thursday
October	9 th	Thursday
November	20 th	Thursday
December	No meeting	Thursday

All dates to follow the usual pattern of the third Thursday of the month with the exception of July and October 2025 which would be held on the 9th of October due to unavailability of the meeting venue.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to book the Venue for the agreed dates.
- (ii) Clerk to upload dates to the website and display on the FPC noticeboard.

526. Task groups & Working Parties

• **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Councillor Morshead had provided an update report.

Bollards outside the BP garage - are now fixed.

Councillor Morshead had emailed David Keaney with a list of outstanding items.

Initialled

BP roundabout signals – tried to clarify what the issue is, have spoken to David Keaney and the Dept of Transport, have responded but not addressed the question. Need to look at the sequence of turning off the lights.

Path across Finham Green – No drop kerb. Outstanding.

Howes Lane flooding - flooding under the bridge – ongoing

Road sign broken – ongoing

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

As I mentioned in last month's update, the South Warwickshire Local Plan timing plan states that Public Consultations are to start November 2024 – January 2025.

Since Warwick District Council have made no announcement about the arrangements for these consultations and in order to make sure FPC stays informed, a letter has been sent to Adam James of the WDC Planning Department asking about the status of these consultations.

To date, there has been no response.

Also mentioned in last month's report, the government has been seeking responses from town and city councils as well as a number of organisations to its proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Changes made with the intent of making 1.5 million new homes in the next 4 to 5 years a reality.

Interestingly, one of the submissions has come from the Town and Country Planning Association which has provided a detailed report with a few interesting points.

It states - *Local authorities should actively seek to encourage community led projects where they can demonstrate genuine public benefit.*

The T&CPA go on to state - *Promoting public trust through active community participation.*

Effective participation cannot happen without a good understanding of the makeup, needs and interests of all different groups affected.

Good advice which I hope will be followed.

There has been no reference made to Kings Hill on the Warwick District Council's Planning Committee Agenda for 7th October 2024 and there are no agendas published yet for two listed meetings on 5th and 6th November 2024.

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

Councillor Mrs Fryer reported that due to a glitch in the system it seems unlikely that there will be crime figures to download before November.

Tony Swann has vehicle crime figures for our area since August and these are:

2 vehicles stolen (including 1 car-key burglary)

There was an attempted theft of tools from a van. They drilled the door but failed to gain entry.

A reminder that anyone wishing to join the CCTV group can do so by visiting www.comwatch.uk

The success of this group, due to the hard work of Tony Swann, has resulted in the Police creating their own CCTV register.

It will take a while to set up but anyone interested in joining should check the website above for details as you will need to register separately to satisfy GDPR.

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

Publicity Officer – list of sites for where to advertise Parish Council events including the Finham Festival.

Councillors Gough and Khatkar to lead.

ACTION: Agenda item for November

Fly tipping behind Anchor Way Road

ACTION: Clerk to report.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders

528. Coventry City Councillors

Councillor Sawdon updated:

Howes Lane cul de sac –

As reported previously a car was turning up at unsociable hours and the occupants were displaying unsociable behaviour. This had been reported to the Police who had not acted upon the complaints.

The matter had been raised in Council this week. It was noted that antisocial behaviour is not a 999 issue but does intimidate elderly people and should be attended to by the police.

Brentwood Avenue – should be 30 and not 20. Recorded incorrectly in the minutes

Kerb Stones – the matter would be heard at a meeting in October. Residents advised to attend.

Flooding in Howes Lane – gully cleansing would take place next week

Green Lane flooding – family flooded due to Severn Trent issues. Trying to get compensation from Severn Trent.

Gigga factory – the Cabinet Member (Cllr Jim Boyle) had been speaking to West Midlands Mayor to progress.

BP roundabout traffic lights – it was suggested that the FPC organises a petition so this can be discussed by the relevant Cabinet Member.

529. Public participation: To adjourn to allow public participation.
Nothing further to discuss.

530. Date for the next meeting

It was confirmed that the date for the next meeting is **Thursday 21st November 2024** Finham Park School.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Councillor Paul Davies

21st November 2024