

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr A White, Cllr J Hooke, and Cllr S Taylor. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

### **14228 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

There were Apologies received from Cllr C W Antrobus and Cllr S Onions. Apologies were received from NWBC Cllr David Wright and NWBC Cllr Mark Simpson.

### **14229 AGENDA ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest in respect of items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

### **14230 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Hooke and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

### **14231 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Meeting Closed. There was discussion with regard to PAP/2025/0133. Meeting re-opened.

### **14232 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information**

- a. **Fibre to the Premises.** City Fibre are now sending regular email updates for those signed up as "interested"
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** Cllr Humphries is in purdah due to the local elections so no further progress.
- c. **Road marking on Coventry Road (pinch point).** Despite being assured that this will be completed by Christmas, to date it is not done.
- d. **Trip rail proposal.** No response to request for site visit.
- e. **Football Changing Rooms update.** No further progress. Clerk will get back to this once the other mre urgent issues are dealt with.
- f. **Traffic in Church Lane.** Traffic survey still not yet completed.
- g. **E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** No update.
- h. **Playground update.** Following discussion Cllr White proposed purchasing new bearings for the existing roundabout so that these can be fitted when the roundabout is re-bedded. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
- i. **Speedwatch camera.** No progress.
- j. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & Takes.** No progress.
- k. **Eastlang Road – Double yellow lines request.** No further information.
- l. **Complaint ref. sewage waste on Broad Lane.** Environmental Health Office from NWBC has visited site but FPC have not received a report back.
- m. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road.** These have not yet been completed.
- n. **Walnut Cottage.** No response has been received and the trees are currently still in situ.
- o. **Footpath on Tamworth Road.** No further progress.
- p. **Solar Farm Inquiry.** This finished today. The Chairman expressed thanks in particular to the Clerk for her tireless work on this and also to all Parishioners who attended and also spoke at

the Inquiry. Cllr White proposed that the Clerk write and thank all those who spoke. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

- q. **Community Litter Pick.** This went ahead as planned. Thanks to all Parishioners who took part.
- r. **Tree in Sandy Lane.** An apple tree was donated by WCC and has been planted by the Lengthsman. Local residents have offered to water it.
- s. **Energy Price Alterations.** Correction of last month, Scottish Power were the cheapest supplier but the contract due for renewal was the Village Hall not the Changing Rooms.

#### **14233 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

- a. **Raffle for VE Day 80 Beacon Lighting.** All tickets were folded by volunteers and the winner was picked at random by a member of the public attending the meeting. The winner was Mrs Aime Mole (Nee Greenaway). Second (and reserve) was Mrs Sheila Onios.
- b. **Confirmation of delegated decision from last meeting for play order from Sutcliffe.** As per emails, Cllr Wardley proposed accepting the quote, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- c. **WCC Highway Community Action Fund opportunity.** The Clerk has received information that it is unlikely that more than one plan for each Parish would be approved and therefore Councillors discussed the merits of outstanding highways issues and likelihood of external funding. Cllr White proposed applying for funding for Give & Takes on Nuneaton Road, slowing approach to the crossroads. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.
- d. **PC Trustee for FEF to replace Mrs Ethna Peacock.** FEF Trustees had discussed the various applications and put forward Mrs Lucy Skelding to FPC to possibly be the FPC representative (alongside Mr A R Pargetter). Cllr White proposed asking Mrs Skelding to accept the role, Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
- e. **Adoption of PC Trustees for the Untied Trust of William Avery & Others (5 year term).** At the Annual Trust meeting, UTWA&O Trustees agreed to amend the particular status of their Trustees such that Mr CW Antrobus and Mr AR Pargetter became FPC representative Trustees rather than Co-optative Trustees. Cllr Taylor proposed that FPC adopt this recommendation. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. (Cllr Pargetter and Cllr Antrobus abstained from voting).
- f. **Neighbourhood Plan review for Reg 16 consultation/Reg 14 threat of Judicial Review.** Councillors had already received a copy of the solicitors' letter from Enviromenas solicitors alleging incorrect procedure the Regulation 14 Consultation and threatening Judicial Review. Following discussion, Cllr White proposed withdrawing the document from its NWBC Reg 16 Consultation and re-running the Regulation 14 Consultation using the latest document (Version 11), with the removal of the words "where possible" or "wherever possible" from it. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

#### **14234 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. WCC Warwickshire Matters. *Noted.*
- b. Road Closures;
  - Shawbury Lane, Fillongley will be closed between 25-27/06/25 (Severn Trent)
  - Shawbury Lane, Fillongley will be closed 10-12/06/25 (water network installation works)
  - Sandy Lane, Fillongley will be closed 22-29/05/25 (duct laying works)
  - Berryfields, Fillongley will be closed 04-11/06/25 (Callan Connect)
  - Wood End Lane, Fillongley will be closed 04/06/25 (Sunbelt Rentals)

- c. WALC roundup. *Noted.*
- d. Heritage Funding Opportunity. *Noted.*
- e. Fillongley Cricket Club "Playing for our future". *Noted.*
- f. Email "Well being for Warwickshire". *Noted.*
- g. Open Space Society update by email. *Noted.*
- h. Atherstone and Coleshill SNT March Newsletter. *Noted.*
- i. Email of prosecution of flytippers. *Noted*

**Planning Applications to consider;**

**PAP/2025/0133 Arden Livery & Menage, Tippers Hill Lane.** Proposal; Retrospective application for the demolition of former western stable block and hay stores and construction of single storey dwelling house, provision of associated hard standing and improved access/turning areas in line with previous approvals PAP/2023/0076 and MIA/2024/0014. *Objections.*

**PAP/2025/0095** 8 Sandy Lane. Proposal; Demolition of existing Conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. *No Objections.*

**PAP/2025/0113** 32 Holbeche Crescent. Proposal; works to Oak Tree (T1) covered by Tree Preservation Order. All dead wood to be removed. Removal of epicormic growth up to 5 metres from ground level 15% crown thin. 20% reduction to reduce end weight of limbs. To reduce risk of splitting out due to lightning scar down the centre main stem and achieve clearance of roof of 37 Eastlang Road. *No Objections.*

**Determinations of Planning Applications;**

**PAP/2025/0044** St Mary And All Saints Church Coventry Road. Proposal: Work To Trees In A Conservation Area: Number 8 Holly. Reduce Branches Over Our Property. Number 4 (Next To ) Western Red Cedar. Remove 2 Stems On Se Where It Encroaches Over Our Property. Number 4 Ash. Advisory; This Large Ash Tree Has Dieback Disease And Will Pose A Risk To Property And People In The Church Yard. We Are Not Proposing Works Ourselves But Advise The Council (Responsible For The Churchyard And This Tree) Of The Risk So This Can Be Dealt With. Number 2 Holly. Size Out Of Proportion And Encroaching, Excessive Shading, Reduce Crown By 12 Feet. Number 1 Weeping Birch. Encroaching Over Property Reduce By 6-8 Feet. *Objection to Works - TPO required.*

**PAP/2025/0046** The Strettons, Church Lane. Proposal: Work To Trees in a Conservation Area: Number 10 Ash To Be Cut To The Ground. Number 9 Oak. Thin Crown By 25% And Remove Dead Wood Over 25Mm Diameter. *No Objection to Works.*

**PAP/2025/0018** 7 Nuneaton Road. Proposal: Two Storey And Single Storey Rear Extension. *Granted*

**PAP/2024/0569** 7 Bourne Brook Close. Proposal: Erection Of Kitchen Extension and New Boundary Fencing. *Granted*

**PAP/2025/0048** Packsaddle, Fillongley Road. Proposal: Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension. *Granted*

**Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;**

- Heart of England Camping Issues
- Millfield Farm CMP/2025/00047
- Meadow View Farm CMP/2022/0110
- Millfield Farm CMP/2023/00020

**14235 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE** for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 24 April				BACS
J Barthram	April				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
WCC Pension Scheme	LGPS				BACS
H Badham	Broadband April	10.00		10.00	BACS
MB System Networks	Invoice 160842	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	42.14		42.14	DD
Water Plus	Cemetery inv 08979735			12.44	DD CEM
Water Plus	Chging Rms inv 08972457			22.08	DD
Tom White Waste	Cemetery	24.02	4.80	28.82	BACS
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD
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WALC	Annual subscription inv 1225	605.00	97.40	702.40	BACS
J Barthram	Wood for tractor seat			12.40	BACS
Keystone Heritage	Attendance at Inquiry			TBC	BACS
Tyler Parkes	Inv 17132a	1375.00	275.00	1650.00	BACS
Edge IT	Annual IT PC charges inv 38329	319.40	63.88	383.28	BACS
	Cemetery	96.00	19.2	115.20	BACS CEM
Heritage Contracting	Hedge cutting – roadside only	112.50	22.50	135.00	BACS

Cllr Hooke proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour. Signing of Bank statements and reconciliations. The Clerk had forgotten the documents so Cllr Wardley and Cllr Hooke agreed to meet the clerk in the coming week to review and sign the documents if they tally.

**14236 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda**

- Clerk realised that the Beacon is before the next meeting. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite. Cllrs Wardley and Cllr White are not able to attend. All other arrangements to continue as usual. Gates open at 7pm.

**14237 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next regular meeting to be 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**14238 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS**

- Lease - no progress
- Asbestos Survey - no progress
- Hirer – non-payment of charges – no progress

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Method</b>
J Moore	VH bkggs/Manpower March		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	March	10.79	DD
Domestic & General	Contract – April	43.00	DD
British Gas – gas	<i>Final invoice TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	DD
British Gas - electricity	<i>Final invoice TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	DD
Water Plus	INV08875992	79.06	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC161411	72.77	BACS
Edge IT	Inv 38329	79.00	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charges	6.00	DD

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