

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council
Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A Robert Pargetter, Cllrs S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr S Taylor, Cllr C W Antrobus, Cllr D Wardley and Clerk: Mrs H Badham.

There was 23 members of the public in attendance.

13955 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr A White.

13956 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. None were declared.

13957 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2023, having been previously circulated and read, were then approved on the proposition of Cllr Antrobus and Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.

13958 AGENDA ITEM 4 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to the Premises.** No further update received.
- b. **VAS Signage.** Contractors have replaced the VAS on Meriden Road. WCC have also determined that one sign on Coventry Road will be replaced and these works have progressed. The second sign on Coventry Road will not be replaced by WCC but they would be happy for FPC to pay for this to be replaced if it fulfils the criteria. The VAS on Nuneaton Road has not been amended despite the order being given to the Contractor in December 2022.
- c. **Playground Repairs/Renovations.** Application in progress. No further report.
- d. **Corley Moor; Responsibility of tracks.** NALC solicitor has advised that as prescriptive Rights of Way, the residents are responsible for the upkeep of the tracks.
- e. **Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023.** NWBC have said tht the amendments will need to be well evidenced and also subject to a Public Consultation before changes can be made.
- f. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** Cllr Humphreys has been having discussions within WCC. The Officer is refusing to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. The speed surveys have not been completed.
- g. **Housing Needs Survey.** Surveys have been distributed and around 50 have been completed, both online and manually. Clerk to produce analysis just before next meeting and then decisions can be made regarding bungalow proposals etc.
- h. **Silver Saturday 2023.** Clerk has contacted 2 residents who may both be able to provide a professional disco for the evening and is awaiting responses.
- i. **Cemetery Water supply.** Severn Trent will connect the water supply on 5th July after road closures etc have been arranged.
- j. **School buses.** Clerk now has the contact number for Godiva Travel and will contact them to discuss the situation. Punch Pubs have emailed the Clerk to state that they have never given permission for the buses to use the car park.
- k. **Fillongley Solar Farm.** The Chairman suggested that as well as correspondence, the meeting should be closed for the members of the public to have their say and then Councillors should make a decision on the application. Meeting closed. **There was discussion regarding;**
 - Fillongley Flood Group (FFG) do not accept the flood risk report from Environmena
 - FFG are to have a joint meeting with WCC/WWT/Environmena

- Deferring the decision until the next meeting however the deadline for consultation is before the next PC meeting.
- WCC as the lead Flood Authority have objected to the proposals.
- The plant would generate business rates but these are collected and paid to central government and do not go directly to local services
- Objections to the description of a “farm” when it is not a farm but a business park

Meeting re-opened.

Councillors discussed that whilst they may determine the applicataion based on information available, should new information come to light a new decision could be reached. Objection to the application was proposed

- l. Dropped kerb on Wood End Lane.** Cllr Humphreys has agreed to pay for this, date of installation by Contractors not yet known.
- m. Road marking on Coventry Road (pinch point).** This has been agreed but date of installation not yet known.
- n. Cemetery ditch.** WCC have confirmed that this is the responsibility of FPC. Clerk will source at least 2 prices to clear ditch ready for next meeting.
- o. Mill Lane gully.** WCC have confirmed that further to two pedestrian accidents (slipping in the mud/ scree left by the water flow) the investigation and remedial works have been prioritised. Date for works not yet known. Cllr Humphreys offered to contact the Highways team.
- p. NWBC Coronation funding application.** Thanks to NWBC, FPC have been given a grant of £500.
- q. Trip rail proposal.** Site meeting is required to price this but this hasn't yet happened.
- r. Spring Clean participation.** Thanks to the members of the public who helped with this.

13959 AGENDA ITEM 6 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There were no other issues brought forward by the members of the public.
Meeting Re-opened.

13960 AGENDA ITEM 5 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. Coronation Big Lunch.** Councillors have already agreed to host a picnic in the park on Church Lane on Sunday 7th May from midday onwards.
 - Fillongley Scouts to erect their marquees and provide tables and chairs, with their toilets to be available.
 - Grant to be spent on providing tea/coffee/squash for guests, also coronation cupcakes and ice creams for the children. It was envisaged that around 100 cakes and 100 ice creams to be purchased.
 - Fillongley Guides to be asked to serve teas etc. Any left over money from the provisions to be paid to the Guides and Scouts.
 - Fillongley Social Club providing bar.
 - Giant Jenga, Croquet, Skittles, Badminton and Boules to be available for people to play.
 - Clerk to put out bunting.
 - Eddie Jones to provide background music.
- b. Coronation Mugs.** Mugs have arrived. Forms have been distributed to Bournebrook School and also in the Parish Magazine. Spare mugs to be sold after childrens mugs are allocated, at a cost of £6 each. Cllrs Taylor and Hooke to distribute mugs to school on 5th May at their Coronation Celebration
- c. Scattering of Ashes Application for the Late Anthony and Eileen Hancox.** Cllr Wardley proposed acceptance of this request, Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.
- d. Fillongley Fete.** Fete organisers are asking if FPC wish to have a stand at the Fillongley Fete on June 10th 2023. Councillors decided that they would do a wine and water lucky dip stall.
- e. Clerks Laptop.** The Clerks laptop is in need of replacing. Clerk had a couple of options costed at around £400 - £500. Cllr Onions proposed that the Clerk buy a decent one of no specific financial limit. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

13961 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Local Elections.** All Parish Councillors have been re-elected uncontested. Chairman thanked Councillors for standing and the public for their support of them.
- b. **Cruse Bereavement support service.** Information regarding specific support offered to men and Bereavement breakfasts, also asking for volunteers.
- c. **Warwickshire Police Empower Change Programme.** Noted, Clerk to circulate on email.
- d. **Complaint about footpath between Nuneaton Road and Church Lane.** WCC cannot repair the path as it is not on the legal line – it in fact goes through a nearby garden. Clerk to contact the complainant to see what can be resolved.
- e. **Bournebrook school zig zag lines enforcement.** The lines will be repainted in the next school year and enforcement of parking done as well.
- f. **Rocks at the Recreation Ground. Clerk has received a request to move the rocks at the recreation ground slightly**
- g. Request to close the layby on Green End Road
- h. Brook alarm contract renewal
- i. NWAC of PCs meeting 7.30pm, 14/6 at the Council House
- j. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire regarding the Coronation celebrations

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2023/0071 Land 800 Metres South Of Park House Farm, Meriden Road. Construction of a temporary Solar Farm providing 47.7 MW output, to include the installation of ground-mounted solar panels together with associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure. *Objections.*

PAP/2023/0093 Fir Tree Farm, Breach Oak Lane. A disabled-friendly farmworker's dwelling to support an existing agricultural enterprise. *No Objections.*

PAP/2023/0102 Park House Farm, Meriden Road. Listed Building consent for repairs to wall. *No Objections.*

PAP/2023/0053 The Cornmill, Tamworth Road. Extension of existing steel framed as stables. Erection of a new steel framed agricultural building to store hay, shavings, and farming equipment, and livestock. *No Objections however the Council would request an on site visit for the location of the storage barn. There is a footpath through the field which is fenced for people to walk – NOT on the legal line so the Council are concerned that the footpath will be blocked. Perhaps consultation with WCC Footpaths Officer would be appropriate (together with the information that the legal line is not the walked line).*

PAP/2022/0627 Sunnyside Cottage Newhall Green Lane. Replacement garage with a 2 bed annex. *(Reconsultation; is in fact now replacement of garage with 1 bed annex). No Objections.*

PAP/2023/0110 Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Stationing of a twin unit mobile home for occupation as a temporary rural worker's dwelling. *No Objections.*

To receive the following **Determinations of Planning Applications;**

PAP/2022/0444 Hardingwood Lodge, Hardingwood Lane. Stable Block and Manège, With Driveway Extension, with Change of Use of Land From Agricultural to Private Equestrian. *Granted*

PAP/2022/0176 Springfield Meadow Tower Lane. Certificate Of Lawfulness for Existing Use of Building as Dwelling. *Certificate of Lawfulness Issued*

PAP/2023/0027 Corley Ash Cottage, Coventry Road. Proposed Extension to Drop Kerb. *Granted*

PAP/2022/0556 The Cleeve, Meriden Road. Change Of Use of Agricultural Land Into A Dog Walking Field To Include A Weather Shelter, Small Refuse Bin And Small Signage. *Granted.*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Land behind sewage works, Tamworth Road
- Packsaddle, Fillongley Road
- The Cleeve, Meriden Road
- Cassidys Coventry Road **CMP/2020/00183**

- Meadow View Farm
- Heart of England Camping issues
- Bella Vista, Coventry Rd **CMP/2020/00273**

All issues were briefly updated by the new enforcement officers at NWBC.

13962 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 23 March				BACS
L Judge-Porter	Manpower March				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
H Badham	Broadband April	10.00		10.00	BACS
MB Systems	Inv	7.35		8.82	BACS
HMRC	EMPLOYERS NICS	115.83		115.83	BACS
WCC	Surplus grant repayment	301.12		301.12	BACS
Tom White Waste	Cemetery	22.88	4.48	27.46	BACS

Cllr Hooke proposed payment of all invoices listed above. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.

13963 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Cllr Wardley reported that the Didgley Lane pipe had been breached again with too much water and remedial works are need to reinstate the path.
- Cllr Wardley reported that the footpath gate opposite the stables on Mill Lane is damaged and very difficult to open.
- Cllr Wardley queried if anything was being done to reinstate the footpath from Meadow Cottage to Mill Lane
- Some time ago it was discussed as to whether to purchase a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Book for the Council. The Clerk has researched this in time for the Election and found the book to be £189. It was agreed not to purchase this.
- Lengthsmans Review will be next month.

13964 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting to be 18th May 2023. Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

13965 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **New lease.** Response has been received by the Charity Commisson but was not constructive.
- **Path/car park.** Work will commence in the week commencing 7th May.
- **Caravan Clubs.** These have significantly reduced in number and frequency.
- **Quote for rolling, and cutting Butts Field.** Cllr Wardley proposed acceptance of the quote from Mr Kelsey. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

Payee	Reason	Nett	VAT	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkg/Manpower March				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
Tom White Waste	Invoice	TBC		TBC	BACS
EE Phone	Monthly			8.75	DD
Domestic & Gen	Boiler care plan	24.54		24.54	DD

British Gas Lite	Electricity		3.31	69.46	DD
British Gas Lite	Gas		5.45	114.41	DD
Water Plus				62.09	BACS
Eddie Jones	Fete TENS licence	21.00		21.00	BACS
John Astley & Son	Invoice IN175198	69.62	13.92	83.54	BACS

Cllr Taylor proposed payment of all invoices listed above. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.