

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council**  
**Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

**14040** AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies received from Parish Councillors. Apologies were received from NWBC Cllr D Wright.

**14041** 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 made.

**14042** AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023, having been previously circulated and read, were then approved on the proposition of Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

**14043** AGENDA ITEM 4 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to the Premises.** No progress.
- b. **VAS Signage.** No response from WCC regarding VAS on Tamworth Road & Coventry Road.
- c. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** Speed surveys not yet in place. No response from Highways.
- d. **Dropped kerb on Wood End Lane.** This will be completed by the end of the financial year. No further update.
- e. **Road marking on Coventry Road (pinch point).** This was not completed at half-term. No response received from Highways.
- f. **Trip rail proposal.** Costings still not yet available, (member of staff is off sick).
- g. **Bournebrook School Zig-Zag lines/Crossing Patrol Road Safety Audit.** No response from Highways.
- h. **Football Changing Rooms update.** The architect has produced 3 drawings; the first is a basic extension of the existing building but doesn't comply with current League guidelines. The second is an extension of the existing building which complies with guidelines. The third option is a new building that also complies with the guidelines. All are eyewateringly expensive, but Councillors feel that prices could be a lot more competitive. Cllr Pargetter proposed that the best option would be the third one and this was seconded by Cllr Hooke. Clerk to source estimate from local builder before the next meeting.
- i. **Hedge on Coventry Road.** No update from Highways. Hedge has not been cut.
- j. **D Day 80;**
  - Guides will be providing BBQ.
  - Cricket Club will be providing the bar.
  - Clerk contacted firework company regarding quiet fireworks. Whilst they provide many quiet displays they are concerned that the public who have attended many similar events over recent years would be disappointed to not have the usual display. He did offer to provide videos of quiet displays for Councillors to view. Further to discussion, where some Councillors discussed "quiet" displays that they have previously attended, Councillors resolved to continue as before.
  - Clerk mentioned the usual competition for children to design a poster/ticket
  - Clerk requested that a banner be produced to advertise the event rather than door to door sales as before.

- k. Registering Community Assets.** Village Hall has been removed from process whilst Weavers Arms, the Cottage and the Social Club have all been applied for. Letter has been received from NWBC to
- l. NP response re Baldwingsgate.** Letter received from Craig Tracey MP which was written by the Minister for Local Govt, Simon Hoare MP stating that all cases are decided on their individual merits and therefore a precedent has not been set on this occasion.
- m. Traffic in Church Lane.** Cllr Humphreys was at the meeting and agreed to pay for Church Lane in the same 3 locations as previously surveyed 3 and 6 years ago.
- n. BT Exchange on Ousterne Lane.** The request for more maintenance has been logged as has a request for bollards to prevent people parking on the verge.
- o. E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** This is in Solihull rather than Warwickshire. Clerk has received initial response from SMBC but they confirm that they are not sure about the designation and are conducting further investigation.
- p. Community Award 26/11.** Due to family tragedy this was cancelled the day before. The Clerk gave the sandwiches to a homeless charity and managed to dispose of all the other frozen/fresh food that was purchased. Cllr Antrobus apologised for the sudden cancellation which was understood by all the Council. William Antrobus' name is already inscribed on the roll of honour but no unveiling took place. Cllr Antrobus said that he didn't feel that he would like to hold a celebratory party given the circumstances of the cancellation. The Clerk suggested that the Council may wish to make a donation to a charity/local event or similar in lieu of the celebration costs. This will be discussed in the future.
- q. Neighbourhood Plan Review.** Clerk has informed NWBC of the decisions from the public referendum and subsequent decisions by the Council and asked for advice as to wording of such. No response yet received.
- r. NWAC/NWBC Annual Meeting.** Cllr White and Cllr Pargetter had attended the meetings. They reported that the annual meeting between NWBC and Parish/Town Councils was poorly attended by parishes although there was a very informative presentation from NWBC Cllr David Wright, Steve Maxey and David Riley regarding perennial problems of fly tipping, travellers and planning enforcement. It was reported as an interesting meeting with good interaction. Immediately following that was the AGM for the North Warwickshire Area Committee of Parish Councils. Officers will stay the same and the next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Playground update.** Clerk has obtained prices from 3 different playground suppliers but the items are all slightly different. Clerk will ask each supplier for new quotes to push forward with applications. Clerk has also found that the original source of funding has changed the amount available so will seek alternative sources of funds.

- s. Football pitch update.** The application is in and validated and now waiting for the offer letter which will come in the New Year. Clerk reiterated that the offer will be to pay the full cost of maintenance /improvements to pitches for the first two years, 2/3 of the cost in the third and fourth years and then 1/3 in the fifth and sixth year. It will need 2 signatures to confirm acceptance. Cllr White proposed that it be signed as soon as possible. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus.
- t. Walk of the Moor.** Councillors reported that they had conducted a walk of the Moor and it appears to be in very good order. Councillors were impressed by the recent work of WWT who have obviously done a lot of work on the main area of the Moor but nothing at Chapel Green or Windmill Lane. Clerk was asked to write and thank them for their work and ask when the other areas will be started.

#### **14044 AGENDA ITEM 5 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Meeting Closed. There was discussion with regard to:

- The new waste recycling facility processes recycling from all local Borough Councils yet they all advise different things to go into the recycling bins. Cllr Simpson said that he would investigate. Cllr Simpson and Cllr Humphreys left the meeting.
- Amendments to the proposed Solar Farm application together with the possibility of a small donation to a community project from Enviromena.

Meeting re-opened.

#### **14045 AGENDA ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Request for new speedwatch camera. *The existing camera is heavy to operate n and needs calibrating annually. Clerk has been advised by CSW PC Stain that we could sell the existing camera for in the region of £400- £500. The cost of a new camera is in the region of £240 plus the cost of a box It does not need annual calibration. Cllr Wardley proposed buying a new one and selling the old one. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.*
- b. Email re Electric Vehicle charging points in Fillongley. *Clerk to invite the correspondent to present to the January PC meeting.*
- c. Cricket Club feature as seen in ECB Sustainability Plan for Cricket. *Noted.*
- d. WCC Tree funding available. *Noted.*
- e. WCC Warwickshire Matters email. *Noted.*
- f. Protect UK Winter Vigilance Campaign from West Midlands Police. *Noted.*
- g. Email regarding additional details for PAP/2023/0071. *Noted.*
- h. Severn Trent pipeline update. *Noted.*
- i. WCC Notification of Appeal for Daw Mill. *Noted.*
- j. Request for grit bin in layby off Tamworth Road. *Noted at this time, will wait to ascertain if it fulfils WCC criteria before a decision is made.*
- k. Ash tree with limb shed on Tamworth Road. *This was reported to the Clerk who asked the farmer to make the tree safe. Meanwhile a member of the public spoke to WCC who seem to think that the tree is not quite in the hedgeline and therefore their responsibility. WCC will confirm responsibility and then decide on works.*
- l. NWBC explanation re Election costs *Noted.*

#### **Planning Applications to consider;**

**PAP/2023/0484** Meadow View Farm, Kinwalsey Lane. Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm the existing use of land and buildings as falling in residential use including the extent of garden land. *No objections however Councillors wish NWBC to note that a building is currently blocking a footpath.*

**PAP/2023/0125** Slowley Hall, Tamworth Road. Proposal: Conversion and extension of garages into 2 holiday lets. *Outside the Parish. No comment.*

#### **Planning applications decided by Delegated Powers.**

**PAP/2023/0220** Fairview, Windmill Lane, Corley. *No objections*

#### **Determinations of Planning Applications;**

**PAP/2023/0260** Greenways Farm, Shawbury Lane. Conversion of dutch barn to holiday accommodation. *Granted.*

**PAP/2023/0441** Little Orchard, Berryfields. Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. Certificate of Lawfulness Issued.

**PAP/2023/0270** Land South Of The Shawburries, Shawbury Lane. Proposed conversion of building to residential. *Granted.*

**PAP/2023/0220** Fairview, Windmill Lane, Corley. *Granted.*

#### **Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;**

- Land behind sewage works, Tamworth Road **CMP/2020/00139**
- Packsaddle, Fillongley Road
- The Cleeve, Meriden Road **CMP/2020/00101**
- Cassidys Coventry Road **CMP/2020/00183**
- Meadow View Farm **CMP/2022/00110**
- Heart of England Camping issues
- Mill Field Farm **CMP/2023/00020**

#### **14046 AGENDA ITEM 7 FINANCE**

For approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 24 Nov				BACS
L Judge-Porter	Manpower Oct				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
H Badham	Broadband Dec & Jun	20.00		20.00	BACS
MB System Networks	november	7.35	1.47	8.82	BACS
Tom White Waste	Inv IAC 102044	22.88	4.58	27.46	BACS Cemet
Water Plus	Inv 04095955	13.11	2.62	15.73	DD Cemetery
	Inv 03785768	13.36	2.67	16.03	DD Cemetery
H Badham	Comm. Award food	61.97		61.97	BACS
Water Plus (changing rooms)	Inv 03812791	19.51	1.51	21.02	DD
Nuneaton Trophies	Engraving	15.00		15.00	BACS
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	86.10		86.10	DD
H Badham	Paper & Stamps	6.65		6.65	BACS
North Warwickshire Computers	Website maintenance	150.00		150.00	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	CHARGES	18.00		18.00	DD Cemetery
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NWBC	Grounds maintenance Inv 6076446	3896.73	779.35	4,676.08	BACS

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

**14047** AGENDA ITEM 8 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Cllr Pargetter reported that recently a Parishioner had had a heart attack and the ambulance was going to take 3 hours so a relative took the patient into hospital. It has been suggested that the Council could co-ordinate a list of people who would be available to take others to hospital in case of emergency. Following discussion regarding implications of insurance/liability it was decided to advise Parishioners to make their own emergency plans with friends/family/neighbours.

**14048** AGENDA ITEM 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting to be 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**14039** AGENDA ITEM 10 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **New lease.** No progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** No progress.
- **EPC.** No progress.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkg/Manpower November		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	November	10.01	DD
British Gas – elec	Inv 6276960	76.64	DD
S J Kelsey	Grounds Maintenance	486.00	BACS
Domestic & General	Contract	34.62	DD

Water Plus	Inv 04120179	68.10	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC101341	69.31	BACS
H Badham	Auditors Gift	32.28	BACS
Edge IT	Invoice 37410 band upgrade	110.40	BACS
Fillongley Renovations	Inv 714 Burco boiler	230.40	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	10.00	DD

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