

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr A B White, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr P Sullivan and Cllr N Thomas. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 31 members of the public in attendance.

14338 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr S Onions and also NWBC Cllrs Simpson and Wright.

14339 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.

14340 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr White, and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. The Minutes of the HR Committee Meeting on 4th February 2026, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14341 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAFFIC LIGHT PROPOSALS

Meeting Closed. The Chairman invited Mr Richard Fenwick, Director of WCC Highways to speak to the meeting. Numerous questions were asked and objections noted. Mr Fenwick was handed some photographic evidence that two large vehicles (lorry/tractor) cannot pass each other adjacent to one of the proposed traffic light locations. Mr Fenwick stated that there had been so many objections received to the proposals, he would recommend that the scheme couldn't go ahead in its current format without further consultation/amendment, however parishioners are still welcome to air their views via the online consultation process. The Chairman thanked Mr Fenwick for coming to the meeting.
Meeting re-opened.

14342 AGENDA ITEM 5 PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Other matters)

Meeting closed. There was brief discussion regarding the current planned Oldbury-Meriden water pipeline.

Meeting re-opened.

14343 AGENDA ITEM 6 PROGRESS REPORTS – HIGHWAYS

- a. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** Further to Mr Fenwick's speech to the room, he agreed to look at this with other WCC officers.
- b. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** This is currently in triage stage. It is unlikely that the works will be completed at this time of year due to the weather
- c. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** This is referred to the Area Surveyor and thereby waiting approval.
- d. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road Church Lane.** Main roads were done as part of the traffic light proposals but Church Lane not completed.
- e. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** Noted.

- f. **Fillongley crossroads/highways improvements.** Discussed at length during public discussion.
- g. **Newhall Green potholes.** Sadly the potholes were not filled as expected. A small area of the lane was resurfaced, but it was not done as per the markings as the contractors stated on the day to residents that they didn't have enough tarmac. Mr Fenwick will investigate why this was not completed and why the potholes were not filled.
- h. **Light missing in Eastlang Road.** The replacement lamp column was fitted before Christmas but the lamp itself has not yet been installed. It is hoped it will be done on 20th February.
- i. **Request for road marking on Coventry Road (roundels etc).** Again, this is not the right time of year for road marking and it should be completed in drier weather along with "Keep Clear" for the Village Farm entrance etc.

14344 AGENDA ITEM 7 PROGRESS REPORTS - OTHER - for information

- a. **Football changing rooms update.** All information is with NWBC awaiting a planning decision. No progress on funding application.
- b. **FNP Inspection.** No further information.
- c. **Repairs to footpath sleepers on Corley Moor.** WCC and volunteers will replace these in better weather conditions.
- d. **Banking changes.** Most Councillors now have authorising rights for payments. Councillors were asked to sign the form to include Cllr Thomas as already agreed. Forms were duly signed.
- e. **Loose dogs on Hardingwood Lane.** No progress.
- f. **Consultation on removal of Garages in Eastlang Road.** No progress.
- g. **Annual Inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** Wooden trail replacements have not been done due to the weather conditions, however the latest report is at odds with the previous one, so the Clerk has asked NWBC for reasoning behind this.
- h. **FOI/SAR update.** FOI completed, SAR will be completed before 17th March following another meeting with the expert advisor.
- i. **Village Litter pick (Great British Spring Clean) 21/22 March 2026.** This has been publicised in the Parish Magazine and also arranged for litter collection with NWBC.
- j. **Lengthsman recreation ground training; 29.04.26.** Jamie is available for the training so this has been booked. He will decide on the day whether to do the optional exam.

14345 AGENDA ITEM 8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **New compliant website/emails.** Parish Online provided further information. It is possible to complete the work "behind the scenes" and then go live and invoice in the new financial year. Cllr White proposed to accept the quote and go ahead, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.
- b. **Internal audit 2026 and future years.** Further to Corley and Shustoke parishes not continuing with previous internal audit arrangements, it was discussed if other adjoining Parishes would be interested in joining the audit group. Clerk to check if there are any locally. Cllr Wardley proposed to maintain the status quo, ie that internal audit be completed with remaining group members this year as an internal auditor would be a cost of £250 that is not budgeted for this year, and to review arrangements next year. Seconded by Cllr Hooke.

- c. **HR committee members.** Cllr White noted that he will not be able to attend meetings for a period and proposed co-opting Cllr Sullivan onto the HR Committee as the Vice-Chairman in his absence to deal with any issues that may arise. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- d. **Policy updates.** Following advice, the Complaints Procedure has been updated, amended and previously circulated. Cllr Sullivan proposed adoption of the new policy (procedure) with immediate effect. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. Following advice from WALC the Clerk had circulated a new Unreasonably Persistent and Unreasonable Behaviour Policy. Cllr Wardley proposed adoption of this policy with immediate effect. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.

14346 AGENDA ITEM 9 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Invitation to attend NWBC Civic Service - 08/03/26 at 11am in Kingsbury. *Noted, Chairman will endeavour to attend.*
- b. Email re excess water on Chapel Green. *Noted. Unfortunately the weather has been so wet everyone is suffering with excess water. Clerk to write.*
- c. WCC Road closures;
 - i. Sandy Lane, Fillongley will be closed between 24/03/26- 25/03/26 re Severn Trent. *Noted.*
 - ii. Sandy Lane, Fillongley will be closed between 09/04/2026 - 23/04/2026 re Severn Trent. *Noted.*
- d. Email re judicial review of solar farm application. *Noted. There is no scope for review.*
- e. Solihull MBC Local Plan consultation -30.01.26 -16.03.26. *Noted.*
- f. NWAC of PCs meeting 4th March 2026. *Noted. Cllr Pargetter proposed that the WALC Zoom AGM and the ticket system be raised as issues by NWAC at the AGM. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.*
- g. NWBC email regarding Local Government Reorganisation Consultation. *Noted. Councillors to send individual responses. Cllr Wardley proposed that the FPC response should be for 2 authorities not 1, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.*
- h. WALC roundup 150. *Noted.*
- i. Launch of Report Fraud (replacing Action Fraud). *Noted.*
- j. Email (x 4) of objection to traffic light scheme. *Noted.*
- k. Email re Severn Trent pipeline and its affects on public rights of way. *Noted.*
- l. Open Space Society E-zine. *Noted.*
- m. WCC invitation to join Flood Warden Scheme. *Noted. Unfortunately part of the scheme relies on dry storage for a ton bag of sand, sand bags and volunteers, none of which are available to the PC. Clerk to write in the Parish Magazine to appeal for storage etc.*
- n. WCC Warwickshire Matters (January). *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0305 Brookwood, Tamworth Road. Proposal; Single storey first floor extension to the Main House and a conversion of the existing dog kennels, with first floor extension, into ancillary accommodation for family use. *No Objections.*

PAP/2026/0051 Land 45 Metres North Of The Stables, Coventry Road. Installation of 2 temporary construction access point. *No Objections.*

PAP/2026/0050 Land 60 Metres South West of 1 Lawrence Court, Coventry Road. Installation of 1 temporary construction access point. *No Objections.*

PAP/2026/0043 Village Farm, Coventry Road. Approval of reserved matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale) for PAP/2024/0145 dated 30/10/2024 relating to Outline Application (all matters reserved) for the demolition of all modern farm buildings, conversion of traditional building into 2 dwellings, and erection of 5 new dwellings, garage block, parking areas and other associated works. *No Objections.*

Planning Determinations received;

PAP/2025/0538 Cottage Inn, Black Hall Lane. Proposal: Repairs to roof, removal of chimney, and replacement of main roof tiles, with Plain Blue Clay tiles. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0541 Homeclose - Fir Tree Farm, Breach Oak Lane. Proposal: Erection Of Single Storey Rear Garden Room And Porch Extension. *Granted*

PAP/2025/0303 Woodcorner Farm, Green End Road. Proposal: proposed re-cladding of building (including parapets above existing roof slopes), tension above offices at south-west corner of building, creation of storage compounds, formalisation of car parking areas, new water storage area, replanting of western hedgerow, erection of new soundproof fencing, addition of retail sales (class e(a)) and outdoor display/sales area, alterations to existing accesses. *Refused*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Millfield Farm CMP/2023/00020
- Breach Brook Market Garden, Square Lane CMP/2025/00061

14347 AGENDA ITEM 10 FINANCE for approval

- Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations (including for the Village Hall account). All outstanding reconciliations and statements were duly checked and signed by Councillors.
- Bank Mandate for British Gas Lite (changing rooms). Signing was proposed by Cllr Pargetter and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Form was duly signed.
- Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method	Trans No
H Badham	SCP 30 February				BACS	578
J Barthram	February				BACS	579
HMRC	Tax				BACS	580
WCC Pension Sch	February				BACS	581
H Badham	Broadband February	10.00		10.00	BACS	573
MB Systems	Phone	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	574
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	549
Water Plus	ChgRmJan11444108 Feb 11727012	23.98 TBC	2.20	26.18 26.18	DD DD	565 576
Water Plus	Cem Jan 11457647	0.08 TBC		0.08 13.19	DDCEM DDCEM	564 575

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Tom White Waste	IAC 204897	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACSCEM	568
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD	551
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County Blding Supplies	Top soil – cemetery	97.50	17.50	105.00	BACSCEM	566
FVH	Room hire	70.00		70.00	BACS	570
WALC	Training One x 2 per	80.00	16.00	96.00	BACS	567
D Davis Contracting	Website maintenance	180.00	36.00	216.0	BACS	571
WALC	Training Two x 2 per	80.00	16.00	96.00	BACS	572
J Barthram	Stuart Plumbing cem tap	55.00	11.00	66.00	BACS	569
H Badham	Cemetery gift	26.50		26.50	BACSCEM	577

Cllr Sullivan proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Thomas. All in favour.

14348 AGENDA ITEM 11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- HR Committee meeting 03/02/26.** Minutes already approved, Cllr White proposed accepting the recommendations in the Minutes, Seconded by Cllr Wardley.
- Knit and natter lunch.** 4 Councillors attended following the invitation and were astonished by the vivacity of the group. Clerk to write and thank the group for the invitation.
- Trip to Sherbourne recycling.** Cllr Wardley has arranged a trip to Sherbourne recycling for Councillors on 12/5/26 at 10.30am. Cllr Wardley will advertise the spare places on Facebook for any residents wishing to go along.

14349 AGENDA ITEM 12 LITTLE OAKS COURT CASE

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest, that the public be temporarily excluded.

14350 AGENDA ITEM 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 19th March 2026. Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

14351 AGENDA ITEM 14 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Lease.** No further progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** No quote yet received.
- **Village Hall bin location/additional weight charges.** Tom White Waste have emptied the bin but then left it at the front of the hall. Clerk to email TWW.
- **Phone contract.** Due to the intermittent nature of signal receipt in the village it was decided that if the signal works not to change the account.
- **Bank account.** Councillor signatories need to be changed with S Taylor and C W Antrobus to be removed, Cllrs Sullivan and Thomas added. Furthermore, the Clerk

requested that Mrs Jayne Moore be able to view the account so that she can see when payments are received for bookings. These changes were proposed by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

- **PAT Testing.** This can be done by a competent person; Cllr White has the equipment and knowledge and offered to do this for the Village Hall. Cllr Hooke proposed that his kind offer was accepted, Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no
J Moore	January		BACS	1426
HMRC	January		BACS	1427
EE	February	16.00	DD	1420
Domestic & General	Contract February	53.01	DD	1421
Water Plus	INV11634451	85.44	DD	1422
Tom White Waste	IAC201855	79.61	BACS	1418
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	7.00	DD	1423
Scottish Power	601006238052 elec	106.38	DD	1424
Scottish Power	603005545206 gas	124.83	DD	1425

Cllr Wardley proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour