

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council **Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr P Sullivan and Cllr N Thomas. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

14352 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr A B White and also NWBC Cllr Wright.

14353 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.

14354 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2026, including the Confidential Minute, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Sullivan, and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14355 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting closed. There was brief discussion regarding overgrown hedges on Tippers Hill Lane. Meeting re-opened

14356 AGENDA ITEM 6 PROGRESS REPORTS - OTHER

- a. **Football changing rooms update.** All information is with NWBC awaiting a planning decision. Clerk investigated HS2 funding for the changing rooms but we do not qualify. NWBC will have some funding available for application shortly but this will not cover the whole amount. Clerk to search for other funding.
- b. **FNP Inspection.** No further information.
- c. **Banking changes.** Information/forms submitted, now waiting for confirmation from the bank.
- d. **Loose dogs on Hardingwood Lane.** No progress.
- e. **Consultation on removal of Garages in Eastlang Road.** There will be no consultation, garage tenants have been informed, garages are to be demolished and replaced with car parking area.
- f. **Annual Inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** No further information received. Clerk noted that Councillors had previously agreed to spend money on the repairs to the wooden trail but this has not yet been done due to the consistently wet weather however it would be better to order the wood before the end of the financial year and pay that before the EOY. Cllrs agreed to this and will authorise payment when it is raised.
- g. **SAR update.** SAR completed.
- h. **Village Litter pick (Great British Spring Clean) 21/22 March 2026.** This has been advertised and a number of Parishioners have come forward.
- i. **New website/emails.** Website and emails are ready. Councillors need to read and action email that has been forwarded today and also to decide by email a date to change over. Clerk explained that the new company can forward from the old emails/website for a fee of £25 per year. The existing supplier can also facilitate this but has not confirmed a price. Clerk to confirm price and circulate. Cllr Wardley proposed agreeing by email which company to use when both prices are available. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.

- j. **Trip to Sherbourne Recycling.** Cllr Wardley has had a confusing email, cancelling the trip but giving the wrong date. She has not yet had a response to a message that she sent asking for clarification.

14357 AGENDA ITEM 7 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Policy updates.** Cllr Pargetter proposed that further work on updating policies should be left until Cllr White returns as he has some further information. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14358 AGENDA ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. WALC update. *Noted. Third part of training booked for Cllr Sullivan as previously agreed.*
- b. Complaint about bird scarers. *Noted. The farmer has agreed to turn off the bird scarer unless there is further bird damage.*
- c. Warwickshire Pension Fund consultation. *Noted.*
- d. Email from Power for People. *Noted.*
- e. NALC bulletin. *Noted.*
- f. Email re footpath closure during the ST pipeline build. *Following discussion the Clerk was requested to write to WCC and NWBC planning regarding the length of time that the footpaths will be closed for.*
- g. Minutes at WCRO. *Noted.*
- h. WCC Road Closures - *Noted.*
- i. Sandy Lane 09 – 23 April - ST pipeline
- ii. Sandy Lane 24- 25th March – tree felling for pipeline
- iii. Wood End Lane 27th March -9th April – ST Pipeline
- i. Request for Concealed entrance sign on Wood End Lane near Grange Farm
- j. Email regarding complaint against the Council. *Noted.*
- k. Tom White Waste pricing review. *Noted.*
- l. Warwickshire Matters (February). *Noted.*
- m. Warwickshire Police SNT Newsletter (February). *Noted.*
- n. Severn Trent letter re pipeline. *Noted.*
- o. Open Space Society E-zine (2). *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

2026/0164/FUL Meriden Road. Installation of 1no. Temporary Construction Access Point.
No objections.

PAP/2026/0085 Greenways Farm Shawbury Lane. Two storey rear extension to the existing farmhouse. *No objections.*

PAP/2026/0087 Greenways Farm Shawbury Lane. To create a cover over the existing manure, to prevent rainwater mixing with dirty water reducing diffuse pollution risk. Also to concrete existing drive entrance and access. *No objections.*

PAP/2026/0074 Land between Stonehouse Lane and Daffers Wood Spring Hill, Arley. Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) including open space, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, drainage features and associated infrastructure. All matters reserved except for accesses off Spring Hill. *Comment regarding Ancient Woodland, inappropriate size of development in this rural area.*

PAP/2026/0081 Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Application to vary Condition 2 of planning permission PAP/2025/0385. *No objections.*

2026/0202/PN17 Land at Walnut Cottage, Meriden Road. Prior Approval - Telecommunications Development Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A. *No objections.*

2026/0183/LAWP Dumblewood Cottage, Pump Lane, Shustoke. Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed detached garden building within the rear garden curtilage of the existing dwelling house to be used for a swimming pool and leisure incidental to the existing dwelling. *Noted.*

Planning Determinations received;

PAP/2025/0584 Manor House Farm, Green End Road. Permission in principle for conversion of barns into between 4 and 7 dwellings. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0373 The Cornmill Tamworth Road. Proposal: Emergency repairs and proposed widening of vehicular access. *Granted*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

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

14359 AGENDA ITEM 10 FINANCE for approval

- a. Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations for February. Reconciliations and statements were duly checked and signed by Cllr Wardley and Cllr Onions.
- b. Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method	Trans No
H Badham	SCP 30 March				BACS	586
J Barthram	March				BACS	587
HMRC	Tax				BACS	588
WCCPensionSch	March				BACS	589
H Badham	Broadband March	10.00		10.00	BACS	590
MB Systems	Phone	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	591
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	592
Water Plus	ChgRmMar	22.08	2.08	24.12	DD	593
Water Plus	Mar 11733768	10.19	2.04	12.23	DDCEM	594
Tom White Waste	IAC 207728	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACSCEM	585
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	7.00		7.00	DD	584
Unity Trust	Monthly chgs- CEM	7.00		7.00	DDCEM	583
WALC	Cllr Trg 3 x 1	40.00	8.00	48.00	BACS	582

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

14360 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS – HIGHWAYS

- a. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** No further information.
- b. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** Not completed.
- c. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** This is referred to the Area Surveyor and thereby waiting approval. No further progress.

- d. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road Church Lane.** Church Lane not still not completed.
- e. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** This will be shooting now that the weather has improved – Clerk to remind Highways to spray it.
- f. **Fillongley crossroads/highways improvements.** Clerk received an email today notifying that WCC now think that they can get round the fact that the road isn't wide enough and although the Director of Highways as advised that the project is not progressed it is up to the portfolio holder. The Director of Highways has also advised that the funds can only be used for traffic lights (despite earlier information to the contrary) and also that average speed cameras will not be possible. Clerk to ascertain further information. Cllrs requested Clerk to write to the Leader of WCC with regard to the traffic light proposal. Clerk to circulate proposed letter by email for approval before sending.
- g. **Newhall Green potholes.** No further information available.
- h. **Light missing in Eastlang Road.** This has been repaired.
- i. **Request for road marking on Coventry Road (roundels etc).** Not completed.

14361 AGENDA ITEM 11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- a. Clerk informed Councillors that NWBC Community Fund will be open soon that can be used for a changing room application.
- b. AGE UK have informed the Council that they will no longer co-ordinate Silver Sunday although local partners can still deliver events. Clerk emailed Sir Simon Milton Foundation who were not aware of the cancellation of their initiative.

14362 AGENDA ITEM 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 16th April 2026. Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

14363 AGENDA ITEM 13 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Lease.** No further progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** No quote yet received. Cllr Sullivan informed Councillors that FVH should have a working risk assessment for asbestos. Clerk to check.
- **Bank account.** Clerk waiting for documentation from Mrs Moore.
- **PAT Testing.** This has been completed.
- **Village Hall Accounts Audit.** Cllr Thomas will audit the VH accounts this year.
- **Dog waste.** It was noted that there is a lot of dog mess being left on the VH field (and on the paths). Clerk to remind people to pick it up with a notice on Facebook and in the next magazine.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no
J Moore	February		BACS	1435
HMRC	February		BACS	1436
EE	March	16.00	DD	1434
Domestic & General	Contract March	53.01	DD	1433
Water Plus	11917420	78.27	DD	1437
Tom White Waste	IAC207730	76.75	BACS	1429
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	7.00	DD	1428
Scottish Power	631003687822 elec	94.27	DD	1432

Millwood	229790	115.08	BACS	1431
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Cllr Hooke proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour