

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 8.30pm

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr C W Antrobus, Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, and Cllr S Taylor. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

14246 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr A White. Apologies were received from NWBC Cllr David Wright.

14247 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.

14248 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 17th April 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Taylor, and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14249 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was no public discussion. Meeting re-opened.

14250 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to the Premises.** Email received regarding progress in installation. Noted
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** No further progress. WCC Cllr Cameron was present and will be aiming to progress this.
- 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/bund proposal.** No further progress.
- e. **Football Changing Rooms update.** No further progress.
- f. **Traffic in Church Lane.** Traffic survey still not yet completed.
- g. **E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** No update.
- h. **Speedwatch camera.** No progress.
- i. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & Takes.** No progress but this will be the subject of the WCC HCAF application.
- j. **Complaint ref. sewage waste on Broad Lane.** This has been completed.
- k. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road.** These have not yet been completed.
- l. **Walnut Cottage.** No response has been received and the trees are currently still in situ.
- m. **Footpath on Tamworth Road.** No further progress.
- n. **Solar Farm Inquiry – donation from KOGG in Coventry.** FPC were delighted to receive a donation of £1000 from “Keep Our Greenbelt Green” pressure group. Clerk to write and thank them.
- o. **Footpath Bridge at the Castle.** Clerk has received an email thanking FPC for the “bridge” which in fact was some planks that have appeared across the brook. The Clerk explained that the actual replacement bridge is a 5 metre span substantial bridge that will be delivered soon. Clerk requested assistance with the installation thereof as it will be

semi-flatpacked. Several members of the public offered to assist Lengthsman Jamie with installation. Clerk will be in touch with them when the bridge is ready to be delivered and expressed thanks to all volunteers.

- p. **Neighbourhood Plan Update.** The FNP, following alterations agreed at the last meeting has been republished with the appropriate documentation and is now out for Consultation until 17th June. Following that comments will be presented to FPC for any amendments to be made before it is submitted to NWBC for its Regulation 16 Consultation. The threat of Judicial Review by Enviromena appears to have been averted following their emailed response to the re-run of the Regulation 14 Consultation.
- q. **Beacon.** The Chairman had given thanks to Cllr Antrobus and family in the Annual Parish Meeting. This was reiterated. Cllr Antrobus was thankful that the family are able to provide the site which has been used for Beacons since Queen Victoria's time. There were less people than usual and the myriad reasons for this were discussed; perhaps a week night, online tickets rather than selling in person, cold evening, less enthusiasm for celebration, only a year since the last one etc. However thanks were recorded to all those who helped; Fillongley Young Farmers, Mr Eddie Jones, Mr Alan Hewitt, Fillongley Cricket Club, Fillongley Scouts and Guides, the Councillors and Clerk who attended and manned the gate and of course the Antrobus family. Cllr Taylor felt that the fireworks were the best display yet!
- r. **Playground update.** The old swings, basket swing and zip wire were removed as per emailed discussion and installation of new equipment began on Monday. So far the fitness equipment is moved, the new swing frame is in, as are the bases for the seesaw and the sky swing. Installation is expected to take 2 weeks.
- s. **WCC Highways CAF.** Further pre-application advice has been sought.
- t. **FEF Trustee.** Mrs Lucy Skelding has accepted the position of FPC representative Trustee.

14251 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

a. **Cemetery charges.** Following discussion and considering there has been no increase in prices since 2022;

i A charge for EROB for a burial plot of £1500, was proposed by Cllr Onions and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

ii A charge for EROB for a cremation plot of £850 was proposed by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

iii A charge of £250 for initial and subsequent interments was proposed by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

iv A charge of £200 for a memorial was proposed by Cllr Antrobus and seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

v A charge of £100 for additional inscriptions was proposed by Cllr Antrobus and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

Before the price changes in 2022 there was an administration charge. Formerly all burial fees etc went to the ring-fenced Cemetery account and the administration charge was paid to the general account as payment for the Clerks time for the administration.

Cllr Pargetter proposed that as the actual interments and memorials are all administration these fees should be paid to the Council and the costs for the plots should continue to be paid to the Cemetery Account. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in

favour. Cllr Taylor proposed that all price rises should be effective as of 1st June 2025. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.

- b. **Football Club charges 25/26 Season.** Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Antrobus to charge FFC £900 for two teams. This is with FFC line marking all the pitches and providing the white lining paint for the senior teams. Cllr Antrobus proposed charging the junior teams £525 each. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- c. **Insurance Renewal.** Cllr Hooke proposed accepting the renewal quote of £897.47. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.
- d. **Lengthsman Training.** Clerk explained that the Lengthsman would need certificates PA1 and PA6 to spray weedkiller on the public highway and it was needed as he had already done a lot of work getting the grass etc off the paths and it is beginning to grow back through the paths. Central England Training have availability in June at a total cost of £422 plus VAT. Cllr Wardley proposed agreeing this cost, Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- e. **Roundabout bearings/removal of swings/skip (emailed).** It was previously discussed with the price of £519.89 including VAT confirmed on email. Cllr Wardley proposed purchasing the new bearings to that the roundabout is fully functional and “future proofed”. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

14252 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. WCC Warwickshire Matters. *Noted.*
- b. Road Closure; Shawbury Lane. 2-4/6/25 Fillongley closed to vehicular traffic between Newtown Lane and Broad Lane. To enable water network installation works. *Noted.*
- c. WRCC Rural Housing email. *Noted.*
- d. Open Space Society April Updates (circulated by email) *Noted.*
- e. Highways – A46 Walsgrave scheme Notice of Hearing. *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0130 Grove Cottage, Broad Lane. Proposal; Restoration of exterior of grove cottage, associated landscaping and formation of a 3 car garage. *No objections.*

Ref: PAP/2025/0131 Grove Cottage, Broad Lane. Proposal; Listed Building Consent for Restoration of exterior of grove cottage, associated landscaping and formation of a 3 car garage. *No objections.*

PAP/2025/0161 Meadow View Farm, Kinwalsey Lane. Proposal; Temporary retention of existing mobile home, as ancillary accommodation, for 5 years within the residential curtilage of the property. *Objections.*

PAP/2024/0353 The Cottage, Church Lane. Proposal; Demolition of the existing 2-bedroom house and redevelopment of the site for 2 no dwellings with associated landscaping and parking. *Objections.*

PAP/2025/0152 Wild Cherry Cottage, 9, Malkins Way, Shustoke. Proposal Single storey extension to rear of house to form day room area. *No objections.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2025/0048 Packsaddle, Fillongley Rd. Erection of Single Storey Rear Extion. *Granted*
PAP/2025/0018 7 Nuneaton Road. Two Storey And Single Storey Rear Extension. *Granted*
PAP/2025/0095 8 Sandy Lane. Proposal: Demolition Of Existing Conservatory And 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

14253 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;

- a Signing of bank statements & reconciliations. Cllr Wardley and Cllr Hooke checked the statements and reconciliations. Cllr Wardley signed the reconciliations.
- b AGAR 2024/25;
 - i Annual Governance Statement was read and agreed as all in place. Cllr Wardley proposed that it should be accepted and that the Chairman should sign. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.
 - ii Accounting Statement 2024/25 was checked. Cllr Antrobus proposed accepting the statement, Seconded by Cllr Wardley, all in favour. The accounts were duly signed by the Chairman.
- c. Further to discussion regarding the Financial Regulations and general financial safety Cllr Wardley proposed adopting a 2 step authorisation for payments. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. Clerk to investigate how many Councillors can authorise payments (all are signatories). If possible all to have this ability.
- d. Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 24 May				BACS
J Barthram	May				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
WCC PensionSch					BACS
H Badham	Broadband May	10.00	0	10.00	BACS
MB Systems	Invoice	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	42.14	0	42.14	DD
Water Plus	Cemetery (inv not avail)				DDCEM
Water Plus	Chg Rms INV09253123	19.12	1.60	20.72	DD
Tom White Waste	Cemetery IAC 167092	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACS
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00	0	6.00	DD
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Royal Brit. Legion	Beacon Raffle profit	327.50	0	327.50	BACS
Jobec	Toilets	190.00	38.00	228.00	BACS
Jonathans Fireworks	Beacon	2500.00	500.00	3000.00	BACS

Tyler Parkes	Solar inquiry -final invoice	4936.65	987.33	5923.98	BACS
Wickes	Paint for climbing frames	33.00	6.60	39.60	BACS
Zurich Insurance	Annual policy	897.47	0	897.47	BACS

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

14254 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Cllr Taylor reported water on road in Mill Lane. Clerk to report to EHO.
- Cllr Taylor reported complaint of bleating noises coming from farm animals on Mill Lane. Noted.
- Multiple Councillors reported that part of the hedge on Mill Lane has been removed and replaced with Leylandii
- Cllr Antrobus reported that once again the Beacon was a great evening and thanks to all involved. He noted that Rory Badham hadn't been mentioned earlier and he had provided a great service helping the less able to get to and from the site and was most friendly and efficient.
- Cllr Antrobus reported potholes on Shawbury Lane.
- Cllr Pargetter reported Japanese Knot Weed in Wood End Lane and on Coventry Road in the same locations that it has been for several years.
- Clerk reported a late email asking if the PC wish to participate in the Village Fayre on 14th June. Some Councillors are already committed through other groups and some were not available so sadly the PC are unable to participate this year.

14255 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 19th June 2025. Meeting closed at 10.30pm

14256 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- Lease - no progress
- Asbestos Survey - no progress
- Hirer – non-payment of charges – no progress
- Insurance renewal – increase of £30 from last year. Cllr Wardley proposed accepting the quote from Allied Westminster. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- Grass cutting contract for 2025 from S Kelsey. Cllr Wardley proposed accepting the quote, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- Chairman noted that Mrs Moore's review should be next month. Clerk to arrange.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkgs/Manpower April		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	April	10.79	DD
Domestic & General	Contract -April	43.00	DD
British Gas – gas	Inv 10417598	168.89	DD
British Gas - electricity	Inv 10422593	22.92	DD
Water Plus	INV9153071	88.68	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC 157653	95.46	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charges	6.00	DD
Allied Westminster	Insurance	933.85	BACS

