

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 16th November 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 9 other members of the public in attendance.

14029 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies received from Parish Councillors. Apologies were received from WCC Cllr D Humphreys and NWBC Cllr M Simpson.

14030 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. Cllr Antrobus declared an interest in PAP/2023/ .

14031 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2023, having been previously circulated and read, were then approved on the proposition of Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14032 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.
- 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, Clerk to chase.
- f. **Mill Lane water leak.** No further update and no leak now apparent.
- g. **Trip rail proposal.** Costings still not yet available, (member of staff is off sick).
- h. **Bournebrook School Zig-Zag lines/Crossing Patrol Road Safety Audit.** Cllr Humphreys is off sick and has not passed on any responses.
- i. **Football Changing Rooms update.** FPC have been successful with NWBC funding application from Councillors grant and money has been received to pay for architect. Architect has been instructed as previously agreed.
- j. **Hedge on Coventry Road.** No update from Highways. Hedge has not been cut.
- k. **D Day 80.**
 - Scouts will not be providing BBQ but Guides are delighted to have the opportunity for fundraising.
 - No further response from the Cricket Club regarding the bar.
 - Toilets are booked
 - Fireworks are booked. Email received to request the Council to consider quiet fireworks. Following discussion, Clerk will find out further details from the firework provider.
- l. **Registering Community Assets.** NWBC are following process and contacting both landowners and tenants. At this point Cllrs Pargetter and Antrobus declared an Interest as Trustees for the United Trust of William Avery & Others who own the Village Hall. They (as Trustees) explained that the UToWA& O have received legal advice that the current lease negotiations would have to cease if the process of registration of a community asset continued, as the lease renegotiation is classed as disposal of the asset from a legal perspective which could trigger another purchase offer. Further to discussion, Cllr Wardley

proposed withdrawing the Village Hall from the Community Asset Registration process. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour (Cllrs Pargetter and Antrobus abstained).

- m. Walk of the Moor/update WWT.** Councillors received a report from WWT on emerging species on the Moor following the recent works. Early indications are very positive. WWT have requested that some oak saplings that will be removed as part of the planned works. Cllrs Pargetter, White, Taylor and Hooke will meet on 19th November at 10.30am for the Walk of the Moor. Following discussion, 11am on 19th November was agreed.
- n. NP response re Baldwinsgate.** No further update from Craig Tracey MP.
- o. Traffic in Church Lane.** Cllr Humphreys is still off work however Councillors have received an email and photo of queuing traffic on Church Lane demonstrating traffic levels. Clerk to email Cllr Humphreys as previously agreed.
- p. Remembrance Sunday 12/1/23.** Thanks to Councillor Antrobus for laying the wreath on behalf of the Council. Councillors recorded thanks to Rev Steve Medley for the new Service, outside at the War Memorial at 11am for the 2 minutes silence. This was greatly assisted by Mr Eddie Jones providing the PA system to enable the village to hear the names of the fallen remembered and participate in the 2 minutes silence. Councillors asked Clerk to write and thank Mr Jones. Cllr Onions proposed a gift of £50 to the Royal British Legion for the wreath, Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
- q. Flood group funding application.** The group have found another route and progressed their own application.
- r. BT Exchange on Ousterne Lane.** No response received.
- s. Traffic on Ousterne Lane.** Police have been informed.
- t. E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** This is in Solihull rather than Warwickshire. Clerk has emailed but not yet received a response.

14032 AGENDA ITEM 5 MATTERS FOR DECISION

u. Playground Renovations.

- Costs for the replacement parts for the zip wire and basket swing are in the region of £350 plus labour costs for fitting and possibly a requirement for machinery. Cllr Wardley proposed that this should be done as quickly as possible. Seconded by Cllr Taylor.
- Playground consultation has been circulated to residents, school, scouting and guiding and junior football clubs. Closing date 10th November.

The consultation has been printed and distributed. Closing date 10th November 2023 so results will be reported in the next meeting.

- a. Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023.** The number in favour and against each question were discussed together with the additional responses given. The following decisions were made;
 - *Q1. Would you be in favour of a policy limiting the extension of bungalows into dormer bungalows/houses in order to maintain a stock of bungalows in the Parish for those needing single storey accommodation and those wishing to downsize?* The response was 77.5% in favour. Other comments made were discussed. Cllr Onions proposed that the change in FNP01 should be adopted for new builds only. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.
 - *Q2. The setting of the Church is protected FNP01. Which other specific settings should be protected? There were a number of locations proposed but these were generally protected already. Cllr Hooke proposed that the suggestions of The Cottage Pub, The Weavers Arms and the Fillongley Social Club be protected by adding them to the Community Asset Register and it should be investigated if the Church Tree at Kinwalsey can be added to the Heritage Asset Register.* Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
 - *Q3. Would you be in favour of a policy minimising external lighting to ensure dark skies and minimal light pollution?* The response was 77.3% in favour. Cllr Onions proposed adopting the changes in the Neighbourhood Plan. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

- *Q4. With these responses in mind, FPC wish to introduce an amendment to the policy to restrict industrialisation where it affects the openness of the Parish and the loss of agricultural land. Would you be in favour of this proposal? 92.7% were in favour. Cllr White proposed accepting the change to the policy. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.*
- *Q5. FPC propose to include the grassed area on the junction of Eastlang Road and Coventry Road. Would you be in favour of this being included? The response was 88.1% in favour of the inclusion. Cllr Hooke proposed to amend FNP02. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.*
- *Q6. (Amendment to wording for FNP03 Flooding Policy). Would you be in favour of this? Responses were 97.7% in favour. Cllr Wardley proposed adopting the change, Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.*
- *Q7. Would you be in favour of a policy limiting the extension of bungalows into dormer bungalows/houses in order to maintain a stock of bungalows in the Parish for those needing single storey accommodation and those wishing to downsize? Responses were 73.8% in favour of changing FNP04. As before, Cllr Wardley proposed that this should be applied to new bungalows only. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.*
- *Q8. Would you be in favour of a policy that requires residents to only be able to increase the number of bedrooms in their property if they could also increase the number of car parking spaces? Responses were 75.2% in favour. Cllr Antrobus proposed adopting the changes. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.*
- *Q9. Would you be in favour of a policy that requires new properties to have a matching number of car parking spaces to bedrooms. 74.4% in favour. Cllr Wardley proposed adopting the changes voted for, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.*
- *Q10. (FNP05 Economy). Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 84.6% did not see any need to change the Policy. Cllr Wardley proposed that the Clerk should speak to NWBC to try and strengthen the wording. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.*
- *Q11. (FNP06 Heritage). Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 92.6% did not see any need to change the policy. Cllr Onions proposed that existing sandstone walls should also be included as suggested. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.*
- *Q12. (FNP07 Traffic & Transport). Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 73.1% did not see any need to change the policy. Cllr Wardley proposed that it should remain the same. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.*

b. Playground renovation.

- c. Community Award 26/11.** Approximately 75 guests are expected to attend. It was decided to provide wine/tea (Clerk to borrow glasses).

14033 AGENDA ITEM 6 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was discussion with regard to:

- Village Hall Lease
- New water main going through Fillongley
- Restoration of Daw Mill (request from the Chairman of Over Whitacre Parish council for support)

Meeting re-opened.

Cllr White proposed Clerk send letter in support of WCC regarding Daw Mill restoration as a matter of urgency. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in Favour.

14034 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NWAC/NWBC Annual Meeting 5th December 7.15pm at the Council House in Atherstone. *Cllr White to attend.*

- b. Open Space Society Autumn Appeal. *Noted.*
- c. Police Budget consultation (circulated by email) Tuesday 28/11 7pm, Friday 1/12 10.30am. *Noted.*
- d. WALC Update – AGM, Pay Scale agreement. *Noted.*
- e. NWAC proposal to go on the Board of WALC. *This had been previously circulated by email and was voted on on 15/11/23*
- f. WCC Warwickshire Matters (circulated by email). *Noted.*
- g. NWBC Consultation on PSPO regarding Dog Fouling. *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

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

PAP/2023/0260 Greenways Farm, Shawbury Lane. Conversion of dutch barn to holiday accommodation. *No objections.*

PAP/2023/0441 Little Orchard, Berryfields. Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. *No objections.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2023/0417 2 The Meadows, Newhall Green Lane. Proposal: Erection of single storey side and 1.5 storey porch extensions. *Granted.*

PAP/2023/0424 4 Castle Close. Proposal: Works to trees in Conservation Area. *Granted.*

PAP/2023/0426 6 Castle Close. Proposal: Works to trees in Conservation Area. *Granted.*

PAP/2023/0438 The Old Granary 2 Castle Close. Proposal: Works to trees in conservation area (Coppiced Hazel). *Granted.*

PAP/2023/0440 Hedgerow 250 Metres North East Of Wagster Cottage Newtown Lane. Removal of Hedgerow. *Refused.*

PAP/2023/0378 Stonehouse Farm, Broad Lane. Erection Of Garden Gazebo Building. *Granted*

PAP/2023/0377 Stonehouse Farm, Broad Lane. Listed Building Consent for Erection Of Garden Gazebo Building. *Listed Building Consent Granted*

PAP/2023/0102 Park House Farm, Meriden Road. Listed Building Consent For Repairs To Wall. *Listed Building Consent 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**

14035 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE

For approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 23 Oct				BACS
L Judge-Porter	Manpower Oct				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
H Badham	Broadband Nov	10.00			BACS
MB System Networks	Inv 125458	7.35	1.47	8.82	BACS
Tom White Waste	Inv IAC 97661	34.32	6.86	41.18	BACS Cemetery
Water Plus	Inv 3231416	8.99	1.80	10.79	DD Cemetery

Nuneaton Trophies	Engraving	15.00		15.00	
CPRE	Membership	36.00		36.00	
C Js Events	Road Closure	250.00	50.00	300.00	
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	86.10		86.10	DD
Royal British Legion	Wreath	50.00		50.00	
Open Space Society	Membership	45.00		45.00	

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

14036 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Cllr Onions commented regarding the bleed packs that she suggested: she had intended that a pack be put in the bottom of each defib cabinet at a much lesser cost than the cost of a new cabinet as well.
- Cllr Pargetter said that a resident had asked if the bus service could be re-routed through Arley so that it stops outside Crossways Cottages and then goes to Arley. Cllr Pargetter proposed that the Clerk write to the bus company. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in Favour.

14037 AGENDA ITEM 10 CLERKS ANNUAL REVIEW

Confidential Minute. This was moved to the end of the meeting to minimise disturbance to the Members of the Public.

14038 AGENDA ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting to be 21st December 2023. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

14039 AGENDA ITEM 12 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **New lease.** No progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** No progress.
- **EPC.** No progress.
- **Audit.** This has been completed and filed with the Charity Commission. Thanks due to Mr Mike Giddings for doing this free of charge
- **Auditors Gift.** Cllr Wardley proposed the usual spend in the region of £30 on some wine for Mr Giddings. Seconded by Cllr Hooke

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkg/Manpower September		BACS
HMRC	tax		BACS
EE	September	10.01	DD
British Gas - elec	Inv 5779053	57.63	DD
British Gas – gas	Inv 5776653	18.84	DD
Domestic & General	Contract	34.62	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC95744	69.31	BACS
Astleys	181226	322.74	BACS

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