

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council
Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 17th September 2026
at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr D Wardley, Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr A B White, Cllr P Sullivan and Cllr N Thomas. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

14411 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr A R Pargetter,

14412 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.

14413 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Hooke, and Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.

14414 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting closed.

There was brief discussion regarding;

- Uncut hedges, particularly in Tippers Hill Lane and Tamworth Road outside Daw Mill site
- Local Government Review which has been paused. NWBC are calculating the cost to themselves and writing to the Government for compensation. NWBC elections will, probably, now be taking place in 2027.
- NWBC Local Plan. Rachel Taylor MP has been asked to support NWBC to keep the Green belt but has responded that she supports building on brown field and grey belt land. The new local plan will be ready for adoption by Christmas.
- **2026/0677/FUL** Post Office Cottage, Coventry Road **Proposal:** Conversion of dwelling house (Use Class C3) into Children's home (Use Class C2)

Meeting re-opened

14415 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.** Drawings have been received but no work done or date given.
- d. **Speed surveys on Church Lane.** These have been completed.
- e. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** This is still flourishing on Coventry Rd and Wood End Lane.
- f. **Fillongley crossroads/highways improvements.** WCC have produced a plan that does not have traffic lights. They were planning to have a consultation event in September however no information has been received as to what the plans are or when the consultation is likely to be.
- g. **Request for road marking on Coventry Road (roundels etc).** Not completed.
- h. **Request for Concealed entrance sign on Wood End Lane near Grange Farm.**
Works not yet done.
- i. **Grass verge on Blackhall Lane not cut this year.** No reason yet given.

- j. **Football changing rooms update.** Clerk has begun grant applications during the summer break but needs to get more detailed quotes. The planning application plans were previously agreed to include building drawings to enable quotes but these are not yet done. Clerk had a meeting scheduled with funder that had to be postponed due to illness. Clerk will continue to progress.
- k. **FNP Inspection.** No further information.
- l. **Inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** No further information received on conflicting reports.
- m. **Pump track.** NWBC have given Fillongley the funding for this. Clerk has met to agree location and suggested the place where the “rough” bike track was put in in 2012 which has now overgrown. Clerk suggested that FPC could pay for the area to be cleared in preparation for the works so will get some quotes. NWBC will deal with selecting contractor and works etc and work will likely be completed in the Spring.
- n. **Recreation Ground car park potholes.** Three quotes still not received. Clerk to chase up.
- o. **Corley Moor hay/topping.** Hay has been taken but topping not yet done.
- p. **Policies.** Two updated policies have been circulated by the Clerk however due to the size of the Agenda tonight the Clerk suggested deferring discussion. All in agreement.

14416 AGENDA ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Road Closures;
 - i Blackhall Lane 21/09- 25/09 (cabling). *Noted.*
 - ii Astley Lane/Breach Oak Lane/Square Lane 17/11/26 (telecoms). *Noted.*
- b. Dogs on Hardingwood Lane. Only days after the last meeting the dogs were reported marauding in the lane again. They already had been served a Community Protection Warning. *Noted.*
- c. Email regarding dust from ST pipeline works. *Noted. Clerk asked NWBC Cllr D Wright to find out if this was resolved as there was no response from the Parishioner.*
- d. Petition from Cllr Cameron re Off road bikes. *Noted.*
- e. Notice from Avery Trust regarding inviting applications. *Noted.*
- f. Email re speeding on ousterne Lane. *Noted.*
- g. NWACof PC’s meeting 1st October 2026 at NWBC 7pm. *Cllrs White and Pargetter to attend*
- h. Email re road works and visibility of Wood End Lane. *Noted.*
- i. Email re progress of car parking at Eastlang Road. *No information available.*
- j. Report of damage to chestnut tree near Eastlang Road. *This was reported to the Clerk in the summer break. Clerk reported to WCC who removed damaged limb and completed remedial works within days of the report.*
- k. WCC Cost of Living Workshop information. *Noted.*
- l. Email re broken street light Coventry Road. *Noted and reported by Clerk.*
- m. Email re electric bikes. *Noted. There were several reports of e-bikes being driven at speed by young teenagers on the main roads in the village. It appears to be the same Fillongley youths involved. There was wide concern for the safety of the children and other road users. Incidents have been reported to the Police.*
- n. Email re hedge cutting in Church Lane. *Request to cut hedge opposite Little London. Clerk has contacted landowner who has agreed to sort it out forthwith.*

Planning Applications decided by delegated powers

2026/0478/DIV The Cottage Church Lane. Public Right of Way Diversion Application Section 257, Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Development Description: Diversion Order application to implement diversion to Public Footpath M357, granted under planning permission PAP/2024/0353 dated 29/04/2026. *No objections however a condition for no gate (as currently) for free access for parents with pushchairs to get to the park.*

2026/0527/FUL Crossways Farm Nuneaton Road. Proposal: Extension of agricultural building. *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.*

Planning Applications to consider

2026/0610/HH Brookwood Tamworth Road. Development Description: Replacement gates and wall to front. *No objections.*

2026/0631/AVC Walkers Farm Nuneaton Road. Development Description: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of permission PAP/2018/0042 (The enlargement and relocation of farmhouse, enlargement and relocation of barn 2, relocation of barn 3 and demolition and rebuilding of barn 1 approved under permission PAP/2016/0336). *No objections.*

2026/0677/FUL Post Office Cottage, Coventry Road. Proposal: Conversion of dwelling house (Use Class C3) into Children's home (Use Class C2). *Objections*

2026/0623/DOC Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Landscaping) for permission PAP/2026/0081 (Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission PAP/2025/0385 dated 07/01/2026 relating to Self build two storey, 3no bedroom, rural workers dwelling). *No objections.*

2026/0388/FUL Woodcorner Farm House Green End Road. Description: Erection of replacement garage; alterations to the existing access, boundary walls and installation of entrance gates; tarmacking of the parking area; and retention of balcony, fencing and outbuilding (part retrospective). *Despite NWBC officer stating differences there are no amendments visible online therefore FPC will agree a response by delegated powers.*

Planning Determinations received;

2026/0385/NMA 8 Bayern Haus, Coventry Road. Proposal: Application for a Non-Material Amendment of permission PAP/2025/0436 (Removal of existing storage/garage to side replaced with two storey side extension with front dormer. New pitched roof to existing rear extension. New pitched roof to front porch) for retention of existing storage/garage structure as opposed to removal. Alteration to two storey side extension with front dormer. New pitched roof to existing rear extension. New pitched roof to front porch. *Granted Subject to Conditions.*

2026/0178/PN01 Kinwalsey House, Kinwalsey Lane. Proposal: Prior notification application for erection of Steel Portal Frame Agricultural Building (30m wide x 7.6m high x 14.9m deep). *Granted.*

2026/0214/FUL Pound House, Tamworth Road. Proposal; Formation of new access off Tamworth Road, including dropped kerb. *Granted Subject to Conditions*

2026/0259/HH Pound House Tamworth Road Proposal: Enlargement of existing property including two storey rear extension, two storey side extension, and revisions to roof with the addition of dormer windows. *Granted Subject to Conditions*

2026/0268/FUL Pound House, Tamworth Road. Proposal: Demolition of existing property and erection of a larger replacement self build home with an increased footprint, and revised roof with dormer windows. *Granted Subject to Conditions*

PAP/2026/0043 Village Farm Coventry Road. Proposal: 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. *Granted.*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues

- Millfield Farm CMP/2023/00020

14417 AGENDA ITEM 7 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. Request for cremation plot.** Following discussion, Cllr White proposed that this should be agreed under the usual terms for purchasing a plot in advance, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. 3 in favour, therefore the motion was passed.
- b. Silver Sunday.** Clerk noted thanks to Cllr Hooke and Cllr Wardley for great assistance with delivering invitations.
 - i Food.** Menu as usual. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Sullivan proposed maximum spend of £500 on food, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
 - ii Help.** All Councillors are available.
 - iii Artiste.** Clerk confirmed that she has agreed that in the event of FPC cancelling the event the cost of the hotel (IRO £50) will be paid as a cancellation fee.
- c. Fillongley History website.** FPC were approached some time ago with regard to the cost and future running of the Fillongley History website should Mrs Moore be unable to continue. Sadly Mrs Moore has now passed away. Cllr Thomas proposed FPC should pay for the hosting of the site as previously agreed. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Cllr White proposed that Cllr Hooke should be the webmaster for the site, Seconded by Cllr Thomas, all in favour. Cllr Hooke gratefully accepted the role. Cllr Thomas proposed FPC should pay for the hosting of the site as previously agreed. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- d. Football team payment terms/additional team.** Cllr Thomas proposed that RS Sports be permitted to pay the pitch hire cost in two parts – one immediate and one before Christmas. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour. Clerk reported a late request to use the pitches from another team which would be at the same cost as RS Sports.
- e. Linemarking.** Unfortunately Mr Geoff Ward who has marked the pitches for FFC (and all other clubs) for years is not well enough to continue. Clerk has arranged a company to do this as an emergency at a cost of £140. The Lengthsman will then continue to overmark the lines to reduce the cost. Clerk to arrange someone to teach him how to use the linemarking machine. Cllr White proposed a gift for Mr Ward to the value of £50 as a thank you for his community work. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- f. Pump track preparation.** Already considered in item 14415 m.
- g. CPRE Oak tree(s).** Following discussion Cllr Hooke proposed 1 to be sited at the park where a cherry tree has just been removed and a further 6 – 8 to go into the hedges (as

per Ancient Arden Landscape) at the Cemetery. Seconded by Cllr Thomas. All in favour. Clerk to discuss with CPRE.

h. WALC Payscales. Noted.

i. Hedge cutting at the park. Clerk has not yet ascertained prices for hedgecutting however it needs to be done soon. Cllr White proposed an expenditure to a maximum of £250 to complete hedgecutting at the recreation ground. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.

14418 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval

a. Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations. These were duly checked and signed by Councillors (Main account and Cemetery Account).

b. For formal approval;

August	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Total	Method	Trans No
H Badham	SCP 31 August				BACS	444
J Barthram	August				BACS	445
HMRC	Tax August				BACS	447
WCCPensionSch	August				BACS	446
H Badham	Broadband June(share)	5.00		5.00	BACS	448
MB Systems	Phone inv 173257	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	454
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	452
Water Plus	ChgRm 12999408 chg rm 13254329			14.21	DD	443
				29.38	DD	449
Water Plus	Cem 13012819 CEM 13260560			6.82	DDCEM	441
				10.44		442
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	7.00		7.00	DD	450
Unity Trust	Monthly chgs-CEM	7.00		7.00	DDCEM	451
G H Pearman	Weedkiller/suit			144.56	BACS	440
Druces	Inv 158732			1502.40	BACS	438
Druces	On account	1500.00	300.00	1800.00	BACS	439
September						
H Badham	SCP 31 September					464
J Barthram	September					463
HMRC	Tax September Correction of aug					460
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WCCPensionSch	September					465
H Badham	B/and June-share	5.00		5.00		461
MB Systems	Phone inv	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	462
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	453
Water Plus	ChgRm 13254329	27.11	2.27	29.38	DD	449
Water Plus	Cemetery	8.70	1.74	10.44	DD cem	442
Tom White Waste	IAC 228789 - Aug	26.98	5.40	32.38	DD CEM	455
	IAC 232110 - Sept	26.98	5.40	32.38	DD CEM	456

Unity Trust	Monthly charges	7.00		7.00	DD	467
Unity Trust	Monthly chgs-CEM	7.00		7.00	DD CEM	466
Druces	Inv 159092	1051.00	210.20	1261.20	BACS	458
Microsoft 365-HB	licence	70.82	14.17	84.99	BACS	457

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

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

14419 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Loud party at Fillongley House, Tamworth Road.** Concerns expressed that this was not the first occurrence. Clerk to report to EHO at NWBC.
- Potholes on Meriden Road.** Clerk to request that the temporary fixes be repaired properly before winter as they will cause problems again.
- Abuse of Clerk.** Clerk reported unpleasant incident at the park where she was abused by a Parishioner whilst going about her duties. Has been reported to the Police. Noted.

14420 AGENDA ITEM 10 LITTLE OAKS COURT CASE

Cllr White proposed that Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press are excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act. Seconded by Cllr Thomas. All in favour.

14421 AGENDA ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be Thursday 15th October 2026.

14422 AGENDA ITEM 12 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Lease.** No further progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** Quotes provided. Cllr Sullivan proposed accepting the quote from Supernova at a cost of £360. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.
- **Insurance.** Clerk has confirmed that the allotments are covered on FPC insurance and notified UToWA&O Trustees.
- **Village Hall Bin.** Following further incidents of local people using the VH bin which results in excess charges to the VH Charity, the bin will be kept locked with a key available to hirers only. Clerk to email TWW to request that the bin is put back by the kitchen as already previously agreed and also to inform them that it will be locked.
- **WIFI.** The Management Committee have asked for the installation of WIFI. Trustees do not consider it essential to the building and therefore will not fund this however if the Management Committee wish to go ahead with it and fund it themselves the Trustees have no objection.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no
August				
J Moore	June		BACS	1487
HMRC	June		BACS	1488
EE	June	18.50	DD	1481
Domestic & General	Contract June	53.01	DD	1483

Water Plus	Inv 13173978	18.73	DD	1495
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	7.00	DD	1485
Scottish Power		91.41	DD	1493
Scottish Power	Inv 608005766630	27.09	DD	1494
September				
J Moore	August wages			1496
HMRC				1497
EE		18.50		1482
Domestic & General		53.01		1484
Water Plus	INV13415699	77.86		1491
Tom White Waste	IAC 231618 - Aug	63.47	BACS	1489
	IAC 227895 - July	81.74		1490
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	7.00	DD	1486
Scottish Power	6510000126444	61.71	DD	1498

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