

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7.30pm

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

14154 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr Antrobus. Apologies also received from NWBC Cllrs Mark Simpson and David Wright and WCC Cllr Dave Humphreys.

14155 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.

14156 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th September 2024, having been previously circulated and read, were then approved on the proposition of Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14157 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was discussion with regard to trees planted on Chapel Green area of Corley Moor. Meeting re-opened. Cllrs requested Clerk to contact WCC with regard to the water run off from Meriden Road to Chapel Green.

As one of the members of the public wished to speak regarding the solar farm appeal but had to leave the meeting early, the Chairman brought forward Agenda Item 6f.

14158 AGENDA ITEM 6f SOLAR FARM APPEAL

There was lengthy discussion of the Appeal, the benefits, drawbacks and costs of legal representation for FPC. The Clerk had researched a number of options which were presented to, and debated by, the Councillors. FPC Planning Consultant had formulated a strategy and recommended a number of expert consultants are employed to assist with the case. The Fillongley Flood Group offered £600 towards the costs of further hydrology reports. There was discussion as to where the money was to be found and having secured the answers, Cllr White proposed engaging the following specialists; hydrologist, heritage, visualisation, agricultural and Mr Jack Smyth, as well as the existing planning consultant; details of individual costs to be agreed by email but to spend up to £25,000 maximum. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.

14159 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. Fibre to the Premises.** No further information.
- b. Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** No further information from WCC or Cllr Humphries.
- c. Dropped kerb on Wood End Lane.** No further information.
- d. Road marking on Coventry Road (pinch point).** No further information available.
- e. Trip rail proposal/parking on Eastlang Road.** No further information available.
- f. Football Changing Rooms update.** Architect is slightly altering the plans to have less windows and will provide NWBC answers to the questions regarding external finishes so that the application can be processed. No further progress on funding.
- g. Traffic in Church Lane.** The temporary traffic lights on Coventry Road are removed so the traffic survey can be completed.

- h. E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** No update.
- i. Playground update.** No further updates.
- j. New Speedwatch camera.** No progress.
- k. Tree limb shed on Tamworth Road.** Tree has been removed by WCC.
- l. NWBC Dog Waste bins/signage.** The bins offered are not additional ones but replacements. Clerk has requested a replacement for bin in Sandy Lane which has a broken lid, and one in the park which is in need of replacement.
- m. Silver Saturday/Sunday.** These went well but were less well attended than usual, probably due to the invitations being delivered later than usual. Clerk suggested entertainment for 2025 to be the disco on Saturday and Bedworth Brass Band on Sunday and that the invitations should be printed now in readiness. Councillors were all in agreement.
- n. Little Oaks.** Report received from NJC. Result was clarified with a follow up email; that the Surveyor believes that the results clearly indicate that the property owners have enclosed Common Land. Further to discussion, Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to the Parishioners “Without Prejudice Save to Costs” to remove fence forthwith.
- o. VE Day 80 (tickets).** Details have been confirmed with all the providers for the event. Clerk suggested that “earlybird” tickets be available in advance at a cheaper price than on the gate and a ticketing company be utilised to provide these. Cllr White proposed £5 per ticket bought in advance, £7 on the gate, under 5s free, single ticket price for entrants. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour
- p. Complaint re The Grove, Coventry Road.** Clerk reported that the issues have been resolved.
- q. Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & Takes.** Clerk to have a site visit with WCC
- r. Replacement bridge at Castle fields.** Further to investigation, it is apparent that the footpath was re-routed in the early 1980’s; not to the walked line, but the other side of the fence line which was where it had been previously indicated to the Clerk and relayed to Councillors. WCC will not replace the bridge as it is not on the legal line of the path. Cllr Pargetter suggested asking the Guides to ensure that the legal line is usable. Clerk informed the Council that the correct legal line does not go through the castle fields and therefore all the guided walking routes would be incorrect. There appears to be an impasse as WCC won’t/can’t authorise works on the legal line and the Guides are happy for the path to remain where it is but also want the previous bridge repaired Clerk to write to both parties to encourage them to work together for the benefit of the Parish.
- s. Walk of the Moor/Walnut Cottage.** Clerk wrote to Parishioner as instructed. Parishioner spoke during Agenda Item 4, and agreed that they had not sought permission to plant the trees but stated that they had planted them in an effort to reduce the wet areas of the Moor outside their property that was exacerbated by run-off from Meriden Road. Clerk was instructed to contact WCC Highways with regard to changing the upstand of the kerb to prevent runoff. Cllrs agreed that the trees could remain in position for the time being whilst a resolution from Highways is sought. It was agreed to Minute that the Clerk is working under instruction from the Council and not because of any other alleged motivation.
- t. Eastlang Road – Double yellow lines request.** This requires a site visit which will be at the same time as the “Give & Take” discussion.

14160 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. Replacement trees at the War Memorial.** Further to discussion, Councillors felt that it is not the best location for a tree, as it is so close to the adjacent property, and requested that the Clerk ask NWBC if either it would be possible not to replace the tree or to plant a tree in another location instead.
- b. Removal of apple tree at War Memorial.** Clerk to request Mr Wardley remove tree as discussed (before Remembrance Sunday) and list wood for sale to interested parties (wood turners etc). Money to be paid to FPC.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan Review.** Cllrs agreed that previously circulated alterations were an improvement on existing wording, however the Clerk has done further research after the last meeting and the Dordon

NP (which is adopted) also has some good wording for some policies that would follow the FNP original intentions but with stronger wording. Clerk to redraft the rewording and circulate before the next meeting.

- d. **Street closure for Remembrance Sunday.** Cllr Wardley proposed FPC pay for the road closure as quoted of £275.00 plus VAT so that the Community can join in the act of remembrance. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour
- e. **RBL Wreath.** Cllr Onions proposed a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14161 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NWAC email re development of Biodiversity Workshop in North Warks. *Noted.*
- b. Email re Lithium-Ion Batteries Campaign. *Noted.*
- c. Email re Amendment for GB Energy Bill. *Noted.*
- d. National Highways Consultation; Midlands Regional Stakeholder Survey. *Noted.*
- e. NWBC Consultation Draft Licensing Policy. *Noted.*
- f. WALC Email 116. *Noted.*
- g. WCC How to report drain cleaning etc. *Noted. Clerk to reply*
- h. Complaint re sewage waste on Broad Lane. *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2024/0441 Village Farm Lodge, Meriden Road. Proposal; Prior approval for erection of general purpose agricultural building (12.192m x 36.576m) *No Objections, however concern regarding access to footpath no M359.*

PAP/2024/0442 Village Farm Lodge, Meriden Road. Proposal; Prior approval for erection of general purpose agricultural building (12.192m x 12.192m). *No Objections, however concern regarding access to footpath no M359.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2024/0377 St Mary And All Saints Church, Coventry Road. Proposal: Works to tree(s) protected by a TPO, and within a conservation Area. *No Objection to Works.*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Heart of England Camping issues
- The Cleeve, Meriden Road **CMP/2020/00101**
- Mill Field Farm **CMP/2023/00020**
- Land to the North of Aston Farm, Newtown Lane **CMP/2024/00024**

14162 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 24 August				
HMRC	Tax				BACS
H Badham	Broadband October	10.00		10.00	
MB System Networks	Invoice	7.35		8.82	DD
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	86.10		86.10	DD
Water Plus	Chg Rm inv06897827			22.48	DD
Water Plus	Cemetery inv06912005	9.92	1.98	11.90	DD

Tom White Waste	Cemetery IAC137365	24.02	4.80	28.82	BACS
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	5.40		5.40	DD
Unity Trust	Monthly charges- CEM	5.40		5.40	DD
H Badham	Paper	7.92	1.58	9.50	
E Smallwood	Silver Sunday talk	75.00		75.00	BACS
R Badham	Silver Saturday disco	50.00		50.00	BACS
H Badham	Various receipts Silver weekend	445.17	17.89	463.06	
Kaspersky	Antivirus protection	36.66	7.33	43.99	BACS
Microsoft 365	Annual licence	59.99		59.99	

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

14163 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Rachel Taylor MP will be hosting an MP surgery in the Parish on 19/10/24, 9 – 11am. *Noted.*

14164 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting to be 21st November 2024. Meeting closed at 10.00pm

14165 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **New lease.** Nothing further to report.
- **Asbestos Survey.** Not yet completed.
- **Roof repair.** During recent rain the roof did not keep out the water. Whilst the roof didn't fail, an inherent problem with the design of the roof means that sudden torrential showers result in the downpipe being unable to manage and therefore the water comes through the ceiling. The VH Cttee have a quote to alter this of £2211.16. Trustees offered alternatives to get another quote but agreed not to delay matters and to go with the Committee quote if the work can be done before the end of the month. Proposed by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkgs/Manpower September		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	September	10.01	DD
Domestic & General	Contract - October	43.00	DD
British Gas – gas	Inv 8936312	53.29	DD
British Gas - electricity	Inv 8939554	93.28	DD
Water Plus	Inv 07087746	72.81	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC 135727	72.77	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charges	5.40	DD

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