

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council
Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7.40pm

Present: Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr A White, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr S Taylor and (later) Cllr A Robert Pargetter. Clerk: Mrs H Badham.

There was 2 members of the public in attendance.

FPC had not received notification that Cllr Pargetter would be late and so after 10 minutes waiting, Cllr Onions too the Chair.

13742 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr C W Antrobus.

13743 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.

13744 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

13745 AGENDA ITEM 4 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Grit Bin on Ousterne Lane.** No further response has been received from WCC. However the Clerk informed Councillors that the grit bin has been found and WCC have asked where it should be put. There are 2 grit bins on Green End Road which are broken and require replacement so Councillors resolved that this one should be put on the triangle at the end of Green End Road.
- b. **Community Safety Partnership suggestion/fence at crossroads.** Cllr Onions, Cllr White, Cllr Wardley and the Clerk met for an actual site visit with WCC. There was much discussion and the FPC clearly demonstrated where the line of site was from the Nuneaton Road approach and that a visible barrier was likely to prevent some of the overshoot accidents. The result is that WCC are costing a “fence” of yellow chevreflex. The Clerk has also asked for directional signage to be mounted on the chevreflex. Costing is not yet received. Cllr Wardley proposed that when the costing is received the Clerk should make an application to the Community Safety Partnership to fund this. Secondly there was a proposal for a “give and take” similar to that in Meriden” to slow traffic on the Nuneaton Road approach. This would require the 30mph limit to be extended to Church Lane and WCC did not believe that the Police would be in support of that despite the Clerk assuring them that the Police have previously said that they would support anything that made the junction safer. Clerk has contacted the Police for a response. This will be followed up when the response is received.
- c. **Fibre to the Premises.** Cllr Wardley had previously circulated a report that she had done with regard to the numbers of properties in the village already able to receive fibre broadband;
There are 753 properties within the parish:
191 (25.37%) were upgraded in Contract 1 of the CSW Broadband Project
240 (31.88%) were upgraded in Contract 2 of the CSW Broadband Project
52 (6.90%) have been upgraded in Contract 3 of the CSW Broadband Project

11 (1.46%) are still to be upgraded in Contract 3

7 (0.93%) have been de-scoped from Contract 3 due to cost

187 (24.83%) have been upgraded by Openreach (not CSW) as part of their own commercial deployment programme

65 (8.63%) are 'Awaiting Further Funding'

FTTC v FTTP: 198 (26.29%) appear to have FTTP (Fibre to the Premise) already or will have after the completion of Contract 3 upgrades. This is well above the average for North Warwickshire, which Think Broadband estimates is 19.96% and also above the UK average of 24% (June 2021).

Fillongley exchange is also being upgraded (along with 16 others) 'with the majority of homes and businesses set to benefit' from this upgrade over the next five years though we are as yet unaware when our upgrade will be and what will be the actual benefits for residents. Cllr Wardley will be updated as soon as this is decided by Openreach. It was decided to wait until this information is available before progressing any further.

- d. **VAS Signage.** No date yet given for review.
- e. **Section 106 Funding.** Funding received by NWBC is for "the provision of affordable housing in the Fillongley Ward of North Warwickshire, with any balance remaining thereafter to be used in the adjoining North Warwickshire Wards". It is given to their Housing Officers to determine how it might best be spent to assist with affordable housing. It is not available to be spent on other community needs.
- f. **Silver Saturday and Silver Saturday.** The next meeting is not until September so the Clerk asked for a few decisions to be made to enable her to progress this.
Silver Saturday will be from 7 – 11pm on Saturday 2nd October 2021. A light finger buffet will be provided and guests invited to bring their own drinks. Silver Sunday will be from 3.30 – 6pm on Sunday 3rd October and a ploughmans supper will be provided as usual. Cllr Wardley proposed a maximum spend of £100 on printing the invitations. Seconded by Cllr White. The Clerk noted that there had been a number of people moving in and out of the village since the last Silver Sunday in 2019 and Cllr Wardley suggested knocking on doors of those that we don't know, introducing ourselves and asking (if appropriate) if they would like to come along.
- g. **Playground repairs.** Further to emailed discussion, the Clerk has sourced and ordered a pole to repair the zip wire though it is on 14 weeks delivery. The Clerk also noted that the Lenghtsman needs to repair the swings though this is a 2 man job. Lance suggested asking Paul Thompson to help him. And Cllr Taylor proposed that he should be asked to assist on £10 per hour. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour. The other point to discuss was that to accommodate the new football clubs the pitches have to be marked out differently (junior sides) and FFC would like to have removed 2 of the goals. There were no objections. These will be stored in the container.
- h. **Fillongley Road Meriden Bridge repairs.** No further details received and despite the date passing when the bridge is supposed to be closed, there are no signs and the bridge is not closed.
- i. **Crossing Patrol/Speed Surveys.** No further information has been received.
- j. **Community Speedwatch.** No more volunteers have come forward and no-one to co-ordinate the programme.
- k. **Verges.** No response so far received. Clerk to chase up.
- l. **Fillongley Show.** No response received from NWBC Environmental Health despite chasing.
- m. **Hedges – Hardingwood Lane.** No response received. Clerk to chase up.
- n. **Beacon for HM the Queen Platinum Jubilee.** Clerk informed Councillors that the national celebrations are to be over an extended weekend Thursday 2nd -Sunday 4th June 2022. As FPC already

had funds awarded for a community celebration which were to have been spent on VE75 (which didn't happen due to Covid-19) this money could be used then.

- o. **Habitat Biodiversity Audit.** This has been completed and will be available shortly. WCC hope to do other areas of the Moor in the summer. The Clerk had also walked the Moor with members of WWT and discussed their recommendations for habitat improvement. This has been sent on to the HBA auditor for a second opinion as to whether this would be good for the Moor. The topping of the Moor was also discussed as it will be mid-September by the next meeting and the Moor begins to get wet. It was agreed that advice should be taken from Cllr Antrobus as to whether the Moor should be topped or the hay cut and baled. There is also a possibility that WWT may top the Moor. This information will be circulated by email and the Moor arranged to be cut.
- p. **Petrol strimmer for cemetery.** Clerk circulated costs by email which were agreed at £233 (including VAT). The strimmer was purchased and is in use.

13746 AGENDA ITEM 5 IN ABEYANCE until social lockdown is lifted

- a. **Community Award.** We are still unable to host the celebration due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- b. **Distribution of funds from Meriden Rotary Club.** This will be determined when the pandemic is over.

13747 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Football changing room boiler service.** FFC requested that the boiler for the showers is serviced at a cost of £80 plus VAT. Cllr Wardley proposed acceptance of this, Seconded by Cllr White. Clerk to arrange.

13748 AGENDA ITEM 7 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting closed. There was public discussion regarding;

- Overgrown trees at High House Hardingwood Lane
- Overgrown hedges in Hardingwood Lane
- Overgrown tree on Mill Lane adjacent to Willow Lane sewerage treatment plant
- Kerbs installed on Mill Lane and associated spoil fly tipped further down the lane
- Query as to whether FPC will donate to the crowdfunding for the Save Coventry Greenbelt fund

Meeting re-opened. Clerk will report the first 4 issues, some of which have already been reported, and chase them up. Councillors discussed the last query and resolved that individuals should donate if they wish.

During public discussion Cllr Pargetter arrived, apologised for his time keeping and thanked Cllr Onions for chairing the meeting. Cllr Pargetter took the Chair at the end of Public Discussion.

13749 AGENDA ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. New Govt proposals on removal of unauthorised encampments. *Link emailed to Councillors*
- b. M42 Junction 6 update. *Link emailed to Councillors*
- c. WALC;
 - Annual Conference 22 & 23 October 2021. *Noted.*
 - Queens birthday honours nominations close 10/9. *Noted.*
- d. Warwickshire Matters. *Noted.*
- e. North Warks West & South Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter. *Noted.*
- f. Healthwatch Warwickshire diabetes survey. *Noted.*
- g. Complaint of noise re HoE. *Noted.*

To consider the following **Planning Applications**;

There were no planning applications to be considered.

To receive the following **Planning Determinations**;

PAP/2021/0052 Brookwood Tamworth Road. Conversion Of Existing Disused Barn To 1 Dwelling. *Granted.*

PAP/2021/0067 Bournebrook C Of E School Coventry Road. Replacement Windows. *Granted.*

PAP/2021/0218 Calluna House 4 Malkins Way. Single Storey Side Extension Delegated *Granted.*

PAP/2021/0174 Green Lane Farm Green End Road. Erection Of Two Storey Side Extension. *Granted.*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Land behind sewage works, Tamworth Road
- 15 Shawbury Lane
- Packsaddle, Fillongley Road
- The Cleeve, Meriden Road
- Wilsden, Sandy Lane
- Blabers Hall **CMP/2020/00136**
- Land on Tamworth Rd opp Jcn Blackhall La
- Rosne, Sandy Lane (application just received)
- Cassidys Coventry Road **CMP/2020/00183**
- Meadow View Farm
- Heart of England Camping issues
- Willow Tree House **CMP/2020/00282**
- Bella Vista, Coventry Rd **CMP/2020/00273**
- 1 Bournebrook Close **CMP/2021/00003**

- Stone Cottage, Blackhall Lane
- Parking space 111 Coventry Road

(WCC dealing with as Highways)

13750 AGENDA ITEM 9 FINANCE

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 21 June				Direct Payment
L Judge-Porter	Manpower June				Direct Payment
HMRC	Tax				Direct Payment
H Badham	Broadband	10.00		10.00	Direct Payment
MB Systems	VOiPE	7.35	1.47	8.82	Direct Payment
Anglia Sign Casting	Plaque	68.43	13.69	82.12	CEMETERY Direct Payment
NW Computers	Website maintenance	120.00		120.00	Direct Payment
H Badham	Post for recreation grd	133.85	26.77	160.62	Direct Payment
H Badham	Strimmer		38.83	233.00	CEMETERY Direct Payment
H Badham	Stamps & Toner	31.40		31.40	Direct Payment
L Judge-Porter	Broom	27.73	5.55	33.28	Direct Payment

Invoices presented for payment. Cllr Wardley proposed payment. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

13751 AGENDA ITEM 10 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- The Clerk had previously sent an email to Councillors regarding an error with the sizing of the two most recent plaques at the cemetery. Cllr Hooke proposed replacing these, seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.
- Cllr Pargetter was concerned about residents using the Recreation Ground to regularly park in and the creation of a right of use. Clerk suggested that the gate is locked annually as the Village Hall is to prevent such a claim.
- The Clerk noted that last summer a number of other football clubs had used the recreation ground and pitches to train/play and suggested that a sign on the road side of the changing rooms stating "Home of FFC etc" may deter other teams from attending. Cllrs suggested that it should also give information of how to contact the Clerk if you wish to use the pitches. Clerk to investigate cost.

13752 AGENDA ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 16th September 2021. There being no other Parish Council business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

13753 AGENDA ITEM 12 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Allotment Mirror request.** No response from WCC Highways. Clerk to chase.

Paye	Reason	Nett	VAT	Gross	Method
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J Moore	Village Hall bookings/Manpower				D P
H Butler	Village Hall Cleaning				D P
British Gas Lite	Gas Inv	42.22	2.11	44.33	
British Gas Lite	Electricity Inv	56.76	2.84	59.60	
Water Plus	Water	133.88		133.88	DD

Invoices presented; Cllr White proposed approval and payment, seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.