

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council **Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr S Onions, Cllr A White, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr Antrobus and Cllr S Taylor. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 16 members of the public in attendance.

14178 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr D Wardley. Apologies also from NWBC Cllr David Wright.

14179 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. Cllrs Pargetter and Antrobus declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6h.

14180 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2024, having been previously circulated and read, were then approved on the proposition of Cllr Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.

14181 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There were no issues brought forward. Meeting re-opened.

14181 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to the Premises.** No further information.
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** Cllr Humphreys reported that WCC currently have no plans to reduce the speed limit; they are stating that they have to adhere to the guidelines, however Cllr Humphreys thinks that it would make sense to have the road at one speed and emerging into other roads of the same speed so will persevere.
- c. **Dropped kerb on Wood End Lane.** This is to be completed. The Chairman recorded thanks to Cllr Humphreys for his assistance.
- d. **Road marking on Coventry Road (pinch point).** Despite being assured that this will be completed by Christmas, to date it is not done.
- e. **Trip rail proposal.** Clerk asked what was required to progress this. Cllr Humphreys suggested asking WCC Highways Tony Burrows to attend a site visit.
- f. **Football Changing Rooms update.** The Government have confirmed that they have withdrawn the funding pot that FPC had applied to during the previous Government. The application to the Social Fabric Fund was unsuccessful.
- g. **Traffic in Church Lane.** Traffic survey not yet completed. WCC have confirmed that they do not do traffic surveys in December.
- h. **E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** No update.
- i. **Playground update.** No further progress.
- j. **New Speedwatch camera.** No progress.
- k. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & Takes.** No further information following the query regarding traffic lights at the crossroads.
- l. **Eastlang Road – Double yellow lines request.** No further information.
- m. **Complaint re sewage waste on Broad Lane.** The resident is required to repair the septic tank before 17th January.

- n. **Charity Trustees.** Following the request to advertise the role of Trustee in conjunction with the Clerk to the charities and United Trust of William Avery and Others. PC Clerk has liaised with Charity Clerk and composed an advertisement for the Parish Magazine.
- o. **NWAC & NWBC Annual Meeting.** The Chairman reported on a busy meeting with a presentation from Cllr David Wright the Leader of the Council regarding planning and the desire to maintain the rural nature of the Borough. Cllr Wright also noted that recycling bins were not being correctly filled leading to increased costs and waste. The existing NWAC Committee was re-elected and there was discussion with regard to the WALC AGAM.
- p. **Raffle for D-Day 80 Beacon Lighting.** Clerk confirmed that FPC would have to apply for permission to hold a raffle and that this would cost £40. Further to discussion, Cllr Taylor proposed that there should be a raffle with the prize to be the opportunity to light the be Day80 Beacon. Tickets to be £5 each and all profits to go to the Royal British Legion. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Cllr Antrobus noted that multiple purchases were to be encouraged – it is not to be restricted to one ticket per person. Each ticket must be for a specific person over the age of 18. The draw to take place at the April Parish Council meeting.
- q. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road.** WCC have confirmed that they do not do traffic surveys in December.
- r. **Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan.** The Clerk has been working on the updated plan and with Forward Planning Team at NWBC to ensure that the FNP is progressed as quickly as possible. Dates co-depend on FPC meeting dates and NWBC Planning Board meeting dates so it is important to follow the timetable if at all possible.

14182 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Little Oaks.** Clerk has been in touch with Mr Dumbleton and is waiting for him to respond. Clerk has informed Parishioner that the Solicitor will be in touch. Decision as to which Solicitor to engage deferred until after a response from Mr Dumbleton.
- b. **Walnut Cottage.** Clerk has written to Parishioner to remove trees.
- c. **Neighbourhood Plan Review.** Clerk has drafted a new Housing Needs Assessment which, if completed will provide answers to evidence the proposed alterations to the Policy. The draft HNA had been previously circulated to Councillors. Minor alterations were suggested. Cllr White proposed to circulate the HNA including the minor alterations, as soon as possible with a response deadline of 10th January. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour. The Clerk also noted that the HNA should be available online. Mr D Davies has quoted £120 to do the survey online, add it into the website and assist with the analysis (he will not be able to identify the respondents). Cllr White proposed accepting the cost, Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.
- d. **Reaching Communities Grant Spend.** Clerk has written to the funder to check if we have to spend the £6k within a financial year or whether it can be saved for use as match funding for another application. Response not yet received. Leadtime for the manufacturer would mean that if it has to be spent, a decision needs to be taken before the next meeting. Clerk has got a cost for one piece of equipment should the money need to be spent but it is not ideal as the equipment is aimed at younger people and FPC were aiming to provide some equipment for older children. Cllr Onions proposed that a decision be agreed by email when the response is received and the other price sourced. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour
- e. **Tree Survey Works.** Despite the Clerks best efforts to secure 3 quotes, only two have been received. Cllr Antrobus proposed accepting the cheaper quote from Xtreme Treecare at £2130 plus VAT. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour. Cllr Antrobus noted that the Contractor would check the power lines with Western Power and would not be able to do some of the works until the Clerk has completed a

planning application for works to trees in the Conservation Area. Clerk to inform Common residents of the planned works.

- f. **Lengthsman appointment.** Further to the interviews, one applicant withdrew. Cllr Pargetter proposed the appointment of Mr Jamie Barthram, Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour. Clerk with liaison with WCC to arrange induction training. Clerk will need to get PPE. Chairman suggested asking WCC for precise list of PPE required, however noted that safety boots, gloves, high-vis jacket and safety glasses are a minimum. As this will need to be purchased before the next meeting, Cllr White proposed a spend not to exceed £500. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- g. **Solar Farm Appeal.** Councillors are aware of most information in this fast changing scenario, however for the public record the Clerk noted;
- The Appeal has been changed from a Hearing to an Inquiry.
 - As such it did not take place when originally planned.
 - There is now the opportunity for full Rule 6 participation. Cllr Hook proposed that FPC should apply for this. Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.
 - To prepare for participation, all professionals representing FPC need to have a meeting. Clerk has provisionally arranged for 11.30 tomorrow (Friday 20th December) but there is a cost for the barrister to attend of £500. Cllr White proposed accepting the cost and going ahead with the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.
 - The Barrister, planning consultant and heritage consultant presented their new fees for the reformatted Inquiry. These are higher than previously expected as instead of a 1-2 day Hearing it is a 4 day Inquiry. There is a Case Management Conference to be held before the Inquiry; at this, the Barrister can request that all Heritage things are dealt with on one or two days and therefore keeping costs to a minimum. The Clerk presented a table of costs to date together with expected costs for the Inquiry. Cllr White proposed acceptance of all the quotes from the 3 professionals. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.
- h. **Alterations to governing document of the United Trust of William Avery & Others.** Cllrs Pargetter and Antrobus left the room. Cllr Onions took the Chair. The document had been previously circulated by email. Cllr Talyor proposed supporting the amendments to the Charity. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.
- i. **City Fibre Wayleaves.** City Fibre wish to have 3 wayleaves on the Common to put in gigabit-capable full fibre broadband to the area. Cllr Taylor proposed agreement, Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

14183 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Email re fallen tree on Sandy Lane. *Cllr Taylor proposed replacing the tree. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.*
- b. Road Closure – Shawbury Lane 17/02/2025 - 19/02/2025. *Noted.*
- c. Road Closure – Green End Road 9/12/24-20/12/24 from 8am – 5pm. *Noted.*
- d. PCC Online consultation. *Noted, Councillors to respond individually.*
- e. Open Consultation on “Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings”. *Noted, Councillors to respond individually.*
- f. Street naming – Stable View, Tippers Hill Lane. *Noted.*
- g. Email re Solar Farm Appeal. *Thanks from resident for the work of the PC and its professionals.*
- h. Cottage Inn – notice of intention to dispose of Community Asset. *Noted.*

- i. Open Space Society monthly newsletter circulated by email. *Noted.*
- j. Healthwatch Warwickshire consultation on accessing health and social care services. *Noted and circulated to the Scouting and Guiding groups.*
- k. Complaint of footpath on Tamworth Road
- l. Email re crossroads. *Noted.*
- m. Email from Shustoke PC re solar farm. *Noted.*
- n. Email re Community Energy Bill (circulated by email). *Noted.*
- o. NWBC Christmas card. *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2024/0543 The Orchards, Coventry Road. Erection of front single storey extension & front & rear dormers. *No objections.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2024/0466 Margos Barn, Shawbury School Lane, proposal; Erection of Forest Garden Kimbrey Log Cabin (5.2 x 4.2 m) = 21.84sqm measurements include roof overhang. Ground footprint is W 4.8 x D 3.5m = 16.8sqm. In rear garden of Application site. *Granted*

PAP/2024/0476 The Cliffs Farm, Tippers Hill Lane. Proposal Prior approval for a proposed -Formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use. *The submission of details are not required & the development can proceed*

PAP/2024/0474 The Cliffs Farm, Tippers Hill Lane. Prior approval for agricultural building and associated hard standing. *The submission of details are not required & the development can proceed*

PAP/2024/0458 4, Castle Close. Proposal; Works to tree(s) in Conservation Area. *No objection to tree works.*

PAP/2024/0441 Village Farm Lodge, Meriden Road. Proposal: Prior Approval For Erection Of General Purpose Agricultural Building (12.192M X 36.576M). *The submission of details are not required & the development can proceed*

PAP/2024/0442 Village Farm Lodge, Meriden Road. Proposal: Prior Approval For Erection Of General Purpose Agricultural Building (12.192M X 12.192M) *The submission of details are not required & the development can proceed*

PAP/2024/0537 Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Prior approval application for gen. purpose agricultural building *Granted.*

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

14184 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 24 November				
HMRC	Tax				BACS
H Badham	Broadband December	10.00		10.00	
MB System Networks	Invoice 156478	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	86.10		86.10	DD
Water Plus	Cemetery inv 07497491	9.92	1.98	11.90	DD

Tom White Waste	Cemetery IAC143227	24.02	4.80	28.82	BACS
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD
Unity Trust	Monthly charges- CEM	6.00		6.00	DD
NWBC	grass cutting, bins etc	4469.66	893.93	5363.59	BACS
CPRE	Membership	36.00		36.00	BACS
No 5 Chambers	Meeting	500.00		500.00	BACS
H Badham	Cemetery Gift	106.00		106.00	BACS

Cllr Hooke proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Antrobus. All in favour.

14185 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

None

14186 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting to be 16th January 2025. Meeting closed at 10.00.pm

14187 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **New lease.** No further progress
- **Asbestos Survey .** No further progress
- **Roof repair.** Completed
- **Hirer-** Non payment of charges. Cllr White proposed taking the man to the small Claims Court. Seconded by Cllr Pargetter. All in favour
- **Damaged Overhead Barrier.** This has been drien in to but the Committee have repaired it and the person responsible will make a donation to the VH funds.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkg/Manpower November		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	October	10.79	DD
Domestic & General	Contract -November	43.00	DD
British Gas – gas	Inv 9514868	184.94	DD
British Gas - electricity	Inv 9517010	111.38	DD
Water Plus	Inv 07388477	77.03	DD
Tom White Waste	IAC 139327	90.96	BACS
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charges	5.40	DD
S J Kelsey	Field maintenance	652.20	BACS

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