

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr D Wardley, Cllr C W Antrobus, Cllr A B White, Cllr S Onions, and Cllr S Taylor. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 17 members of the public in attendance.

14269 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr J Hooke, and NWBC Cllr David Wright.

14270 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.

14271 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Onions and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

14272 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was public discussion regarding the following;

- Fillongley Football Club and the need for improved changing facilities to enable girls and youth football. The investment required for this, and the possibility of a lease for the Club. Longer term, further investment in levelling the pitch, having new goals and dugouts.
- Village Hall Committee would like permission to fence in a larger outdoor space for the pre-school with a picket fence.
- PAP/2025/0303 planning application at Woodcorner Farm which came through after the Agenda was published so not being discussed by PC but residents have a number of concerns.
- Heart of England planning applications which are to be discussed in the meeting.
- Car racing on Meriden Road and Wall Hill Road after the fortnightly car meets at the Heart of England Conference Centre.

Meeting re-opened.

14273 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to premises.** No further progress to report.
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** WCC officers are adamant that they will not reduce the speed. WCC Cllr Cameron has escalated to the Councillor who has the traffic and transport portfolio.
- c. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** No progress.
- d. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** No progress.
- e. **Football changing rooms funding update.** No progress.
- f. **Traffic survey in Church Lane** Response from WCC last month "I have spoken to our Traffic Team asking for the Speed surveys, waiting on a response". No further progress

- g. **E Road Meriden Road – Kinwalsey.** No response from SMBC however maps reveal that the road was closed some decades ago and therefore presumably the sign was left incorrectly. The sign has now gone.
- h. **Speedwatch camera.** Listed for sale on Ebay. Clerk requested that if it doesn't sell, to have permission to list with a starting price of 99p. This was proposed by Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Taylor.
- i. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & Take/ WCC Highways CAF.** It appears that the decision regarding the junction is not quick and also the speed of approach and exit of the junction would not be altered by traffic lights so the Clerk has put in the initial application for HCAF funding.
- j. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road** Response from WCC last month "These surveys were put on hold due to possible changes planned for the Nuneaton Road/Meriden Road Junction." No progress.
- k. **Complaint of footpath on Tamworth Road.** Response from WCC last month "Additional funding needed". No progress
- l. **Footpath bridge at the Castle.** Not yet received. Clerk to chase up.
- m. **Playground update.** Snagging and pole not completed. Councillors agreed that the invoices should not be paid until all the work is completed but agreement was that this may be before the next meeting in September.
- n. **WCC Highways CAF (as Agenda item 5i)**
- o. **Silver Sunday/WCC Councillors Grant fund.** Clerk has submitted application to WCC for Silver Sunday funding. Clerk has also designed SS invitation which has been proof read by Councillors. Cllr Pargetter kindly offered to print the invitations at no cost to the Council.
- p. **Lease from the Avery Trust for the Village Hall.** Awaiting proposed new lease.
- q. **Councillor Vacancy.** Advertised on notice boards, Facebook and will be in next magazine.

14274 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Corley Moor National Grid Permission**
- b. **Corley Moor grass cutting.** 2 sealed prices were presented to Councillors, to cut the grass at the 3 smaller parcels of Corley Moor at Wall Hill Road, Windmill Lane and Meriden Road. Cllr Wardley proposed accepting the quote from Mr S Kelsey at £96. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.
- c. **Bank Payment Arrangements.** The Clerk has checked, and 2 stage authorisation online is straightforward. Cllr Wardley proposed doing the payments as usual tomorrow and then setting up the new process for the September meeting. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- d. **New Policies.** As circulated by email, there are a number of gaps in the FPC policies. Councillor Wardley had suggested reviewing them gradually to ensure that time could be given to careful consideration. The Clerk suggested that Councillors could review an "Anti Harassment and Bullying Policy" and "IT Policy". The IT "model" policy was reviewed and minor alterations were agreed in item 13. Cllr Wardley proposed adopting the Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy without any amendments, and the IT policy with minor amendments as discussed. Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour. Cllr Wadley noted that FPC need to agree the Terms of Reference for the HR

Committee (a draft had been sent by email to all Councillors). This was discussed and several amendments made. Cllr Wardley proposed accepting the document with amendments as indicated. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

- e. **Walk of the Moor date.** Following discussion it was agreed to walk Corley Moor on Sunday 31st August meeting at 10.15 near Moor Farm Stables.

- f. **Funeral requests;**

- i Family plot – Cllr White proposed agreement to the request for Mr and Ms Snelleksz for a plot in advance next to their parents. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour
 - ii Dagnan – whilst Councillors sympathise with the request, there is limited space and this request is refused unanimously.

- g. **Sprayer.** Further to the PA1 and PA6, the Lengthsman reported a need for a better sprayer than he has and requested that FPC provide this. Cllr Onions proposed spending a maximum of £200 on the sprayer and appropriate PPE as indicated by the Lengthsman following his training. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

14275 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Message from the Mayor of North Warwickshire. *Noted.*
- b. Temporary Speed Limit Reduction 05-13/08/2025 30 mph on Meriden Road from Newhall Green Lane to Wall Hill Road. *Noted.*
- c. Road Closure; Fillongley Road, Maxstoke between the junctions of New End Road and Kingshill Lane. 24 July 2025 0800-1600hrs. *Noted.*
- d. Open Space Society Ezine – June. *Noted.*
- e. Complaints of racing on Meriden Road/Wall Hill Road. *Police have been notified.*
- f. NALC update. *Noted.*
- g. WALC update -petition re Neighbourhood Plan funding. *Cllr Taylor proposed signing the petition. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.*
- h. WALC /WCC online meeting re devolution and Local Government reorganisation. *Cllr White attended, and reported back to FPC. The decision as to where NWBC will be reallocated; whether to WCC as preferred by WCC, or to a new Unitary Authority of East Warwickshire comprising of NWBC, NNBC and RDC will be determined by Central Government at the end of the year.*
- i. Request to paint changing rooms. *FFC would like to paint the home changing rooms in the FFC colours with the club badge on one wall. Cllr Wardley proposed agreeing to this, Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0251 Heart Of England, Meriden Road. Proposal; Erection of extension to existing restaurant (on the site of the existing external decking) and creation of replacement decking. *Additional information requested regarding traffic movements, noise and light pollution restriction proposals.*

PAP/2025/0274 Heart Of England, Meriden Road. Proposal; Erection of extension to existing building beside Birchley Hays Wood (with mixed permitted use for agriculture, forestry, storage and 'Assembly and Leisure' purposes) to provide additional storage space. *Objections.*

PAP/2025/0270 Heart Of England, Meriden Road. Proposal; Removal of existing wedding marquee and associated structures to the south of the conference centre, proposed Indoor wedding venue with external timber decking and link block to existing conference centre,

together with open-air 'amphitheatre' (tiered natural seating area) and pagoda for outdoor wedding ceremonies. *Objections.*

PAP/2025/0275 Dandys Farm, Newtown Lane. Proposal; Renovation of existing annexe, ancillary to the main house; internal alterations to form 2 bedrooms, change of the external finish material and glazing, solar panels and log burner flue. *No Objections.*

PAP/2025/0305 Brookwood, Tamworth Road. Proposal; Single storey first floor extension to the Main House and a conversion of the existing dog kennels into ancillary accommodation for family use. *No Objections.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2025/0113 32 Holbeche Crescent. Proposal; Works To Oak Tree (T1) Covered By Tree Preservation Order. Deadwood Removal; Epicormic Removal Up To 5M From Ground Level; And A Lateral Reduction/Tip Back Of The Crown From The Apex Of The Roof Of 37 Eastlang Road By Up To 1.5M To Provide Additional Clearance. *Tree Preservation Order Consent Granted*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Heart of England Camping Issues
- Meadow View Farm CMP/2022/0110
- Millfield Farm
- Millfield Farm CMP/2023/00020

14276 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;

- a Signing of bank statements and reconciliations. Cllr Taylor checked and signed these.
- b Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method
H Badham	SCP 30 July				BACS
J Barthram	June				BACS
HMRC	Tax				BACS
WCC Pension Sch	July				
H Badham	Broadband July	10.00		10.00	BACS
MB Systems	Invoice	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD
Scottish Power	Changing Rooms	42.14		42.14	DD
Water Plus	Cemetery TBC				DD CEM
Water Plus	Chg Rms TBC				DD
Tom White Waste	Cemetery IAC 172968	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACS
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD
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Sutcliffe Play	equipment	14761.26		17713.51	BACS
Sutcliffe Play	Climbing frame	18884.94		22661.93	BACS
Sutcliffe Play	installation	24352.50		29223.00	BACS
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August payments;					
H Badham					BACS
J Barthram					BACS

HMRC					BACS
WCC Pension Sch					BACS
H Badham	August Broadband	10.00		10.00	BACS
MB Systems		7.35	1.47	8.82	DD
Scottish Power		42.14		42.14	DD
Water Plus		Tbc			DD
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Cllr White proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.

14276 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

a. Japanese Knot weed previously reported has not been treated.

14277 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 18th September 2025. Meeting closed at 10.00pm

14278 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- Lease - waiting for proposed Lease to be drafted as above.
- Asbestos Survey - not progressed due to lack of funds.
- Hirer – non-payment of charges – not progressed due to lack of funds.
- Fence – as brought up in public discussion – Cllr Antrobus proposed new picket fence as per VH Committee request. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method
J Moore	VH bkgs/Manpower July		BACS
HMRC	Tax		BACS
EE	May	10.79	DD
Domestic & General	Contract -July	43.00	DD
Water Plus	INV09718213	19.28	DD
Tom White Waste	lac172972	76.75	
Unity Trust Bank		6.00	DD
Scottish Power	Gas inv 608004771308	39.20	DD
Scottish Power	DD	68.94	DD
Scottish Power	Dd electricity	78.28	DD
August			
J Moore		tbc	
HMRC		tbc	
EE		10.79	
Domestic & General	Contract August	43.00	
Water Plus	tbc		
Tom White Waste	tbc		
Unity Trust Bank		6.00	

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