

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council
Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 18th September 2025
at 7.30pm**

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

Cllr Pargetter opened the meeting by announcing that since the last meeting in July, Cllr Antrobus had sadly died. Cllr Pargetter gave a short speech on some of the ways in which Cllr Antrobus had helped the Parish during his time in office, particularly mentioning his helpfulness in all areas, and generosity in providing the beacon for recent celebrations.

All present were invited to stand for a Minutes silence in memory of Cllr C. William Antrobus. This was duly observed.

14279 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from NWBC Cllr Mark Simpson.

14280 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. Cllr Hooke declared an Interest in PAP/2025/0327 and PAP/2025/0326.

14281 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour. Approval of the Minutes of the HR Committee Meeting held on 1st September were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Wardley and Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

14282 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was public discussion regarding the following;

- Hedges on properties fronting Tippers Hill Lane are overgrown. It was noted that these are residential properties rather than farm land. Clerk was asked to report to WCC Highways.

Meeting re-opened.

14283 AGENDA ITEM 5 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

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

The Council discussed their choice and invited all to return to the room. Cllr Pargetter invited Mr Patrick Sullivan to join the Council. Cllr Sullivan was proposed by Cllr White and

Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour. Unfortunately, Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was not available to sign, so Mr Sullivan joined Councillors at the table however did not Propose or Second any motions. Declaration of Acceptance to be signed and witnessed by the Clerk as soon as possible.

14284 AGENDA ITEM 6 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the loss of Cllr Antrobus, the role of Vice-Chairman is vacant. Cllr White proposed Cllr Wardley as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. As before the Declaration of Acceptance is to be signed and witnessed by the Clerk as soon as possible.

14285 AGENDA ITEM 7 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Fibre to premises.** This is fully installed in the village and Parishioners are receiving letters offering the opportunity to be connected.
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** WCC Cllr Cameron has not yet had a response from the Councillor who has the traffic and transport portfolio.
- c. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** No progress.
- d. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** A feasibility study has been commissioned.
- e. **Football changing rooms funding update.** No progress.
- f. **Speedwatch camera.** Has been sold for £50 plus postage.
- g. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & take (WCC Highways CAF).** FPC funding application has been received and a decision will be made at the end of September.
- h. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road, Meriden Road and Church Lane.** These have been commissioned but there is no indication on when it will be done.
- i. **Footpath on Tamworth Road.** This has been further investigated. WCC Highways said that it is not advisable to raise the kerb stones due to the fall of the land on the residents side. Clerk has informed WCC that if the drain was cleared on the opposite side of the road it would not cause the flow onto the property. This is to be investigated by WCC.
- j. **Footpath bridge at the Castle.** Thanks to John Nightingale, WCC Cllr Cameron, Tim Jerrard-Dinn, Heather Badham and Jamie Barthram this is now in situ. Thanks also to Village Farm for allowing machinery over the land and to NWBC for funding. It was found that the bridge is a little high for comfortable access, so Tim Jerrard-Dinn offered to build some steps. These have also now been completed.
- k. **Playground update/Annual inspection issues.** Roundabout bearings and pole completed. Councillors were in agreement to sign the work by Sutcliffe as complete. The Annual Inspection (which had been circulated by email) revealed a myriad of very minor, very low risk, issues. It was agreed that the Lengthsman should complete as many minor issues as possible and the issues to be revisited next month. Cllr Onions proposed available spend of up to £100 for materials, Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
- l. **Damaged height restriction barrier at the park.** The Clerk had asked a local man to look at it but he is currently working away so hasn't had time. Clerk will find another person to quote for repair.
- m. **Japanese knotweed reported.** This does not appear to have been treated but appears to be dying back due to autumn.

- n. **FNP inspection.** NWBC have been challenged as to the legality of the Regulation 16 Consultation. They are seeking legal advice as to whether to re-run the consultation.
- o. **Corley moor grass cutting.** Mr Kelsey has completed this and the invoice was authorised by email for payment in August.
- p. **Walk of the moor.** This was completed on 31st August. No new encroachments were witnessed. It was noted that the footpath M294a that goes towards the motorway bridge has several “sleepers” which are rotten and need replacing. Clerk to contact WCC footpaths team to seek assistance if possible. Clerk noted that she has been working on the Court documents for Little Oaks, and this will be completed in time for the next meeting.

14286 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **To approve the recommendations of the HR Committee.** Cllr Wardley proposed agreement, Seconded by Cllr White.
- b. **New policies.** Clerks contract completed as per HR committee recommendations.
- c. **Avery Trust representative.** Following the loss of Cllr Antrobus, the Parish Council need to appoint a Parish Council representative on the board of the United Trust of William Avery and Others. The Chairman noted that this does not have to be a Parish Councillor but is a representative. Cllr White proposed Mr Charles Antrobus, who with his qualifications and experience would be an asset to the Council and the charity. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- d. **Fillongley FC staged payments.** FFC have paid £400 and are asking to delay final payment until Christmas. All in agreement.
- e. **Silver Sunday arrangements**
 - i **Grant funding.** £1200 received from WCC Cllrs Grant. Thanks given.
 - ii **Budget.** Same offering to be obtained as in previous years although Councillors acknowledged that prices are likely to be slightly higher. Clerk to go ahead with necessary purchasing based on the numbers of invitations accepted.
 - iii **Helpers.** Cllr Wardley is available both days, Cllr Onions, Hooke and White available on Sunday. Clerk has asked the Guides if they are able to assist but no reply yet received.
- f. **Royal British Legion donation.** Cllr White proposed payment of £50 for the wreath, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. Clerk noted that since the death of Mr David Birch, Cllr Hooke had offered to get the wreaths for the parish groups. She has had to pay the cost so the £50 payment agreed needs to be split to £20 for Cllr Hooke and £30 donation to RBL. All in agreement.
- g. **Remembrance Sunday**
 - i **Road closure.** Cllr Wardley proposed that FPC should again pay for the road closure, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Clerk had requested a cost from the usual supplier but has not yet received a reply.
 - ii **Donation.** Already covered.
 - iii **Wreath laying.** Cllr Pargetter was asked by the other Councillors to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council and accepted with thanks.

14287 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Open Space Society Ezine –August– circulated by email. *Noted.*

- b. WCC Warwickshire Matters – circulated by email. *Noted.*
- c. Email; theft of planters from Sandy Lane phone box. *Noted – no information received.*
- d. Confirmation of funding from WCC Cllrs Grant for Silver Sunday. *Noted, thanks given.*
- e. Email re city fibre in Adkins Croft. *Noted.*
- f. Road closures (*no detail/maps received as yet*);
 - i. Wood End Lane, Fillongley will be closed on 22/10/2025 *Noted.*
 - ii. Meriden Road, Fillongley will be closed on 28/10/2025 *Noted.*
 - iii. Wall Hill Road, Corley will be closed on 19/11/2025 *Noted.*
- g. Email re planning and infrastructure bill petition *Noted.*
- h. Parish wide letter from R Taylor re the crossroads and subsequent emails from Parishioners. *Following discussion, it became apparent that the letter was not sent Parish wide but only to some addresses in the centre of the village. The letter was not received by FPC. It stated that R Taylor MP had secured funding for traffic lights at the crossroads and they would be put in before March. This had been met with furore as people don't want traffic lights and don't believe that they will stop the dual issues of overshoot accidents at the crossroads and speeding in the village. The Clerk has been copied in to a number of emails expressing that sentiment to R Taylor MP. Subsequently R Taylor MP is understood to have said that she has merely found funding, that it is up to WCC whether to install the lights, and if Parishioners don't want them they should petition WCC through their County Councillor. Following this, she has sent a second letter to the same addresses regarding a public meeting that she is supporting at the Manor House Pub on 2nd October at 6pm regarding speeding through the village and asking for a pedestrian crossing, speed cameras. R Taylor states that this is in addition to the traffic lights which are already allocated. Cllr Pargetter will endeavour to attend.*
- i. Town and Parish Councils Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Survey. *Clerk to complete survey in favour for County split into 2 system*
- j. WALC update – AGM 21/11 6pm on Zoom. Voting representative. *Cllr Onions proposed that Cllr Pargetter should vote on behalf of FPC. Seconded by Cllr Wardley.*
- k. Police SNT Newsletter. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- l. School Admission Appeal Panel Member Volunteers. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- m. September Preparedness Campaign – #30Days30WaysUK. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- n. Petition re the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- o. CPRE Hedgerows Heroes campaign. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- p. Noise complaint. *This was the annual charity event at the Social Club. One complaint received. Noted.*
- q. WRCC Housing Needs Survey. *Circulated by email. Noted.*
- r. Local Government Services Pay agreement. *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0327 Heart Of England, Meriden Road. Proposal: Change of use of land from a mixed use, comprising conferences, events and outdoor recreational use, agriculture and forestry, to use as a conference, events and outdoor recreational centre (baseline application supporting a suite of specific applications). Objections.

PAP/2025/0326 Heart Of England, Meriden Road. Proposal: Creation of new woodland incorporating an events track and obstacle course (including use by motor vehicles) within an existing grassland area of 5.3 hectares, with lakeside picnic area and conservation/drainage pools; change of use of the land from (default) agricultural to mixed recreational/forestry use, including creation of a construction/maintenance access route shown within the red line on the location plan = 3,700 square metres). *Objections.*

PAP/2025/0385 Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Self build two storey, 4no bedroom, rural workers dwelling. *No Objections.*

PAP/2025/0373 The Cornmill, Tamworth Road. Proposal: Emergency repairs and proposed widening of vehicular access. *No Objections in principle to alterations although it should be wider gates or existing gates need to be set further back as it is still not enabling large vehicle to safely turn without going on to the wrong side of the road.*

Planning Applications determined by Delegated Powers;

PAP/2025/0303 Woodcorner Farm, Green End Road. Proposal; Proposed Re-cladding of Building (including Parapets Above Existing Roof Slopes), Roof Extension Above Offices at South-West Corner of Building, Creation of Storage Compounds, Formalisation of Car Parking Areas, New Water Storage Area, Replanting of Western Hedgerow, Erection of New Soundproof Fencing, Addition of Retail Sales (Class E(a)) and Outdoor Display/Sales Area, Alterations to Existing Accesses. *Objections. There are inconsistencies in the application and FPC would welcome reconsultation when these have been corrected.*

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2025/0190 Manor House Farm, Green End Road. Proposal: Prior Approval Application for the Change of Use of Existing Agricultural Buildings to Create Five Dwellinghouses With Associated Operational Development. *The submission of details are not required & the development can proceed.*

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. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0269 Mountside Green End Road. Application to vary condition 2 (plans) and condition 4 (incidental use) of planning permission PAP/2019/0189 dated 08/05/2019 relating to obtaining consent for part of the development (outbuilding) to be carried out in accordance with an additional drawing FG1012/A dated April 2025. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0161 Meadow View Farm Kinwalsey Lane. Temporary retention of existing mobile home, as ancillary accommodation, for 5 years within the residential curtilage of the property. *Refused.*

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

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

14288 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;

- a Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations.** These were checked and signed by Councillors.

b External Audit report. Minor clerical procedural errors were recorded by Auditor, however the audit was approved.

c Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaim VAT	Gross	Method	Trans No
August payments;						
H Badham	SCP 30 August				BACS	467
J Barthram	August				BACS	466
HMRC	Tax				BACS	468
WCC Pension Sch	August				BACS	465
H Badham	Broadband August	10.00	0	10.00	BACS	436
2MB Systems	Inv 162986	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	433
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	42.14	0	42.14	DD	456
Water Plus	Chg Rm 10097070	23.98	2.20	26.18	DD	481
Water Plus	Cemetery 10117290	10.99	2.20	13.19	DD	482
Tom White Waste	IAC178534 cemetery	39.03	7.81	46.84	BAC CEM	451
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00	0	6.00	DD	444
Unity Trust	Monthly charges-CEM	6.00	0	6.00	DD CEM	445
Metcalf Timber	Bridge	1350.00	270.00	1620.00	BACS	455
Mowshop	Sprayer	84.50	16.90	101.40	BACS	454
H Badham	Stihl nozzle	8.19	0	8.19	BACS	457
S Kelsey	Corley Moor cutting	96.00	19.20	115.20	BACS	460
Tom White Waste	Wasted journey Sutcliffe to reimburse inv AP179022	141.11	28.22	169.33		459
G H Pearman	Weedkiller132476	108.00	21.60	129.60		453
Moore	Audit inv 332457	420.00	84.00	504.00		452
D Davis Contracting	Website inv DGD0683	180.00	36.00	216.00		450
City Blitz FC	Refund of overpayment	25.00	0	25.00	BACS	461
J Barthram	Mileage for training course	48.60	0	48.60		469

Sept Pmts						
H Badham	SCP 30 Sept				BACS	477
J Barthram	September				BACS	478
HMRC	Tax				BACS	476
WCC Pension Sch	September				BACS	479
H Badham	Broadband Sept	10.00	0	10.00	BACS	485
MB Systems	Phone	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	484
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00	0	21.00	DD	480
Water Plus	Chg Rm 10362462	23.98	2.20	26.18	DD	487
Water Plus	Cem 10372411	10.99	2.20	13.19	DD	488
Tom White Waste	IAC 182781	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACS	472
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00	0	6.00	DD	474
Unity Trust	Monthly chges	6.00	0	6.00	DDCEM	473
Sutcliffe Play	OP/I126261	14761.26	2952.25	17713.51	CHQ	440
Sutcliffe Play	OP/I126651	18884.94	3776.99	22661.93	CHQ	441
Sutcliffe Play	OP/I126720	24352.50	4870.50	29223.00	CHQ	442
NWBC	Play inspection	79.40	0	79.40	BACS	475
Kaspersky	IT security	48.99	0	48.99	BACS	470
Royal British Legion	Wreath	50.00	0	50.00	BACS	486
Microsoft 365	Renewal	84.99	0	84.99	BACS	471
Bedworth Brass	Silver Sunday	375.00	0	375.00	BACS	483

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

14289 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- a **NWAC meeting.** Cllrs Pargetter and Wardley reported on NWAC meeting which was addressed by the Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, Mr Phillip Seccombe. Mr Seccombe has a list of priorities including getting more Police & reducing accident fatalities; fatalities had gone down from 35 to 27 and he was endeavouring to obtain funding for more officers. The PCC has obtained 3 more mobile speed cameras for the county. The NWAC Chairman gave a short report on the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee.
- b Cllr Onions reported numerous potholes in Newall Green Road which is a cycleway
- c **Thank you card from Mrs Taylor.** Noted.
- d **Clerk noted that there were still a number of Coronation mugs in the store room and suggested that some could be given to the Church to use.** Cllr Hooke proposed that this should go ahead. Seconded by Cllr Wardley. All in favour.
- e **Fly tipping on Green Lane (off Sandy Lane)** was reported several weeks ago and has not yet been cleared.

14290 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

14291 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 – Cllr Sullivan suggested sending a pre-letter.
- **New consumables supplier.** Clerk has sourced prices from Millwood and asked permission to set up an account with them. More competitive prices can still continue to be sought.
- **Village Hall Rates.** Following an increase in rates, an email has been received from a user who states that they hadn't noticed the increase, despite replying to the notifying email. They wish to have a reduced new rate as they are a long-term user of the hall. They have also requested for the accrued debt to be wiped out. Following discussion, Trustees decided that due to the financial position of the Hall, the charges stand as does the debt, however the complainant would be able to make staged payments to clear the debt over several months if necessary.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no.
August				
J Moore	July		BACS	1356
HMRC	July		BACS	1357
EE	August phone	11.47	DD	1352
Domestic & General	Contract August	43.00	DD	1350
Water Plus	10011743	85.44	DD	1348
Scottish Power	Inv 60700495571	29.76	BACS	1369
Tom White Waste	IAC175977	95.94	DD	1347
Unity Trust Bank	Fees	6.00	DD	1355
September				
J Moore	August		BACS	1364
HMRC	August		BACS	1365
EE	September	11.47	DD	1353
Domestic & General	Contract September	43.00	DD	1351
Water Plus	10274429	85.44	DD	1367
Tom White Waste	IAC181538	78.38	BACS	1363
Unity Trust Bank	Fees	6.00	DD	1362
H Badham	Key safe	9.69	BACS	1369

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