

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council**

### **Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr A B White, Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke and Cllr P Sullivan.  
Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

#### **14292 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

There were Apologies received from Cllr D Wardley.

#### **14293 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 declared.

#### **14294 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, and the Minutes of the HR Committee Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

#### **14295 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Meeting Closed. There was public discussion regarding the following;

- Local Government Reorganisation and the recent vote by WCC Councillors for a single unitary authority.
- The Cottage Inn renovation is moving forwards with an application for scaffolding coming forward soon which may possibly require traffic lights.

Meeting re-opened.

#### **14296 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information**

- a. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** WCC have responded that the existing speed limit signs will be replaced however WCC Cllr Cameron is still trying to elicit a response from the WCC Councillor who has the traffic and transport portfolio as to whether the speed limit can be reduced.
- b. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** The job has been raised but no further information is available.
- c. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** It has been decided that a feasibility study is not required, however we have been given no further information.
- d. **Football changing rooms update (architect/planapp).** Clerk has had meeting with architect to progress details for planning application now that funding is available. Clerk has requested confirmation that the original price, agreed over a year ago for all building drawings etc, is still valid. Waiting for response.
- e. **Traffic on Coventry Road/Give & take (WCC Highways CAF).** Funding application has been refused.
- f. **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. At the recent public meeting, Mr Neil Lissimore (WCC) said that he would delay these surveys as he was also planning ones for Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road and he didn't want them duplicated.
- g. **Footpath on Tamworth Road.** The gully is still blocked.

- h. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** It appears that this hasn't been treated, but it is now the wrong time of year.
- i. **FNP inspection.** NWBC have been challenged as to the legality of the Regulation 16 Consultation. FPC have received no response as to whether or not this will be re-run as yet.
- j. **Avery Trust Representative.** Clerk has spoken to Mr Charles Antrobus and asked if he would be the Parish Council representative on the board of the United Trust of William Avery & Others. Mr Antrobus has accepted the role with thanks.
- k. **Silver Saturday and Sunday.** Cllr Pargetter said that he had received numerous positive comments, and gave thanks to all involved. Clerk noted that numbers were lower than usual this year. Funding has not all been spent so therefore as money is still available, Cllr White proposed that a financial gift should be given to the Guides in thanks for their assistance. Cllr White proposed £125, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Cllr White proposed a payment of £75 to Rory Badham for disco services, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- l. **Fillongley Crossroads/road safety meeting.** MP R Taylor had written to some residents stating that she has persuaded WCC to use HS2 money to install traffic lights (signalisation) at the crossroads. Clerk had received numerous calls and emails against the signalisation and lack of public consultation. No correspondence has been received in favour of it. R Taylor MP sent a second letter inviting the same people to a public meeting at The Manor House pub. This was arranged by the Landlady who has a petition for speed reduction measures and a pedestrian crossing in the village. Neither contacted FPC for information before or after the meeting. Two members of WCC Traffic & Safety were present at the meeting, who said that they would appreciate a single point of connection with the village, which should be the FPC Clerk. They asked for the Clerk to supply a location that the village would like a crossing point and then they will look at it. As the obvious point opposite the school has narrow footpaths, the Clerk has emailed to ask the parameters for crossings so that from that FPC can suggest the most likely crossing point to be agreed.

The Clerk has also had a separate meeting with Cllr Scott Cameron and Mr Richard Fenwick, WCC Director of Highways. This was a very constructive site visit encompassing;

- Nuneaton Road speeds/speeding on approach to crossroads
- Locations suitable for give and takes in the village
- Crossroads overshoot issues
- Narrowness of paths on Coventry Road
- Narrowness of road by Ayliffe Cottage
- Incorrect road marking by Ayliffe Cottage
- Speeds of traffic on Coventry Road and Nuneaton Road (in particular)
- Rat running/narrowness of Church Lane
- Reflective barrier on Meriden Road
- Road surfacing
- Gully cleaning

- Signalisation and the significant opposition to it/the continuation of WCC feasibility for this and costs thereof

Mr Fenwick said that he would endeavour to work with FPC to provide solutions to the myriad of issues within the village, particularly given the apparent availability of funds. He is committed to attending the November FPC meeting.

- m. **Repairs to footpath sleepers on Corley Moor.** Clerk has reported these to WCC on the paths website with a request for assistance. No reply yet received.
- n. **Town & Council Devolution Survey.** This was completed to reflect FPC preference for a two unitary authority decision.
- o. **Newhall Green potholes.** The road surface has low depth large potholes and edge of carriageway failure. No remedial actions agreed with WCC Highways.

#### **14297 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

- a. **To approve the recommendations of the HR Committee.** Cllr White wished to clarify that, due to the exceptional circumstances of the last year, the Councillors are happy for the Clerk to carry over unused holiday into the current year. Cllr White proposed acceptance of all the recommendations of the HR Committee (which have been previously circulated). Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.
- b. **Annual inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** Some repairs have been completed, and the required specific items have been purchased from Wicksteed Leisure. Clerk noted that a number more low risk issues were identified on the report. Councillors asked for the Clerk to cost all the required remaining works so that the Councillors can determine whether to keep or scrap the other identified items.
- c. **Little Oaks Court case.** Cllr White proposed agreement in proceeding with the court case with initial cost of £70. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- d. **Damaged height restriction barrier at the park.** So far only one quote has been received to repair the tractor and height barrier. Another price is expected. Cllr White proposed a maximum spend of £840 in line with the quote received, but should the second quote come in cheaper to use that. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.
- e. **Banking changes.** Dual authorisation had been previously agreed by Councillors but was delayed due to the untimely death of Cllr C W Antrobus. Cllr Onions proposed that the Clerk should make changes after the November payments; Add Cllr Sullivan, remove Sue Taylor and William Antrobus, amend to dual authorisation of any Councillors. Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.
- f. **Football changing rooms planning applications** have already been agreed at a cost of £3k. Cllr White proposed that this should be completed, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan.
- g. **Closure of road for Remembrance Sunday.** The previous company have provided a quote of £275 plus VAT. Cllr Hooke proposed accepting the quote, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.
- h. **Policies (asset register update and Pension & Retirement Policy).** The asset register was discussed and amended ready for the EOY financial statement. WALC have not yet provided a model for the Pension & Retirement Policy so this could not be progressed.

#### **14298 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Open Space Society Ezine –September (circulated by email). *Noted.*
- b. Email re regulations regarding the safety of lithium-ion batteries/grant funding. *Noted.*

- c. autumn issue of *Open Space* magazine. (circulated by email). *Noted*.
- d. Warwickshire Matters (circulated by email). *Noted*.
- e. Loose dogs on Hardingwood Lane. Police have attended twice but not yet been able to speak to the residents. Councillors expressed dismay at this and asked the Clerk to contact the Police.
- f. Road closures;
  - i Wood End Lane, Fillongley will be closed on 22/10/2025 (09:30-15:30)
  - ii Meriden Rd, from jctn with Green End Rd - jctn with Newhall Green closed 28/10/25 (09:30-15:30)
  - iii Wall Hill Road, Corley will be closed on 19/11/2025
  - iv Ousterne Lane, Fillongley will be closed on 01/02/2026 (no further details)*All noted.*
- g. Advice regarding Cemetery Burial Policy. *Following discussion Clerk was asked to create a simple policy outlining existing practices.*
- h. NWBC Mayor Civic Christmas Dinner Dance; 12/12/25. *Noted*.
- i. Webinar on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025; 21/10/25. *Noted*.
- j. NALC newsletter; Assertion 10 implications. *Noted*.
- k. Warwickshire Matters (circulated by email). *Noted*.
- l. Email re progress of Lithium battery safety bill/funding. *Noted*.
- m. Two emails of thanks re Silver Sunday. *Noted*.

#### **Planning Applications to consider;**

**PAP/2025/0411** Poultry Farm, Green End Road. Proposal; Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed agricultural buildings under part 6 of GDPO. *No comments.*

**PAP/2025/0440** 7, Bourne Brook Close. Proposal; Erection of kitchen extension and new boundary fencing. *No Objections.*

**PAP/2024/0353** The Cottage, Church Lane. Proposal; Demolition of the existing 2-bedroom house and redevelopment of the site for 2no dwellings with associated landscaping and parking. *Objections.*

**PAP/2025/0436** 8, Coventry Road. Proposal; Removal of existing storage/garage to side replaced with two storey side extension with front dormer. New pitched roof to existing rear extension. New pitched roof to front porch. *No Objections.*

#### **Determinations of Planning Applications;**

**PAP/2025/0269** Mountside, Green End Road. Proposal: 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*

#### **Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;**

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

#### **14299 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval;**

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

**b Payments for approval:**

| Payee             | Reason                      | Nett           | Reclaimable VAT | Gross          | Method | Trans No   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| H Badham          | SCP 30 October              |                |                 |                | BACS   | 506        |
| J Barthram        | October                     |                |                 |                | BACS   | 505        |
| HMRC              | Tax                         |                |                 |                | BACS   | 507        |
| WCC Pension Sch   | October                     |                |                 |                | BACS   | 508        |
| H Badham          | Broadband Oct               | 10.00          |                 | 10.00          | BACS   | 495        |
| MB Systems        | Phone                       | 7.35           | 1.47            | 8.82           | DD     | 496        |
| Scottish Power    | Changing rooms              | 21.00          |                 | 21.00          | DD     | 494        |
| Water Plus        | Chg Rm 10362462<br>10616435 | 23.98<br>23.34 | 2.20<br>2.14    | 26.18<br>25.48 | DD     | 487<br>510 |
| Water Plus        | Cem10372411<br>10626369     | 10.99<br>10.72 | 2.20<br>2.14    | 13.19<br>12.86 | DDCEM  | 488<br>509 |
| Tom White Waste   | IAC 186783                  | 25.34          | 5.07            | 30.41          | BACS   | 502        |
| Unity Trust       | Monthly charges             | 6.00           |                 | 6.00           | DD     | 492        |
| Unity Trust       | Monthly chges-CEM           | 6.00           |                 | 6.00           | DDCEM  | 493        |
| Booker Food       | Silver weekend              | 69.24          | 5.50            | 74.74          | BACS   | 489        |
| H Badham          | Silver weekend s/mkt        | 63.40          |                 | 63.40          | BACS   | 490        |
| R Tuckey          | Silver weekend              | 112.55         |                 | 112.55         | BACS   | 491        |
| Wickes            | Rec Ground maint            | 45.75          | 9.15            | 54.90          | BACS   | 497        |
| J Barthram        | Wood                        | 35.00          | 0               | 35.00          | BACS   | 498        |
| Wicksteed         | Parts                       | 88.43          | 17.69           | 106.12         | BACS   | 503        |
| J Hooke           | Silver weekend food         | 126.48         | 0               | 126.48         | BACS   | 504        |
| R Badham          | Silver Saturday             | 75.00          | 0               | 75.00          | BACS   | 499        |
| Fillongley Guides | Silver Sunday               | 125.00         | 0               | 125.00         | BACS   | 511        |
| C J's Events      | Remembrance Road Closure    | 275.00         | 0               | 330.00         | BACS   | 501        |

Cllr Onions proposed approval of payments, Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. All in favour.

**14300 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda**

- a Cllr Pargetter noted that FPC had been instructed by NWBC, after the last PC meeting, to advertise Cllr Antrobus' vacancy, and therefore the statutory notices have been posted.
- b Councillors reported blocked gullies in Wall Hill Road.
- c Cllr Sullivan asked if the Lengthsman can pick litter whilst completing other jobs.
- d Late correspondence received inviting Councillors to a seminar on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation on 4<sup>th</sup> November. *Noted.*
- e NWAC meeting on 19/11. Cllr Pargetter and Cllr White to attend.

#### **14301 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next regular meeting to be 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Meeting closed at 9.30pm

#### **14302 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS**

- **Lease.** No further progress however Councillors may wish to consider which legal practice they will use to represent them. To go forward for discussion at the next meeting.
- **Asbestos Survey. Contact made but no quote received.**
- **Hirer** – non-payment of charges. Pre-letter not yet finalised.
- **Audit/Financial Examination.** Clerk has been advised that there is no legal requirement for an audit as the income is below the legally required threshold. Following discussion, Cllr White proposed that they would internally audit the accounts, taking it in turns. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. Cllr Sullivan to examine 2024 accounts.

| <b>Payee</b>       | <b>Reason</b>         | <b>Gross</b> | <b>Method</b> | <b>Trans no.</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| J Moore            | September             |              | BACS          | 1378             |
| HMRC               | October               |              | BACS          | 1377             |
| EE                 | October               | 11.47        | DD            | 1372             |
| Domestic & General | Contract October      | 43.00        | DD            | 1371             |
| Water Plus         | Inv 10527326          | 84.46        | DD            | 1370             |
| Tom White Waste    | IAC184780             | 104.10       | BACS          | 1376             |
| Unity Trust Bank   |                       | 6.00         | DD            | 1373             |
| Scottish Power     | Gas602005222939       | 38.47        | DD            | 1375             |
| Scottish Power     | Elec Inv6120050213485 | 90.49        | DD            | 1374             |
| Scottish Power     | Elec inv612005013486  | 2.47         | DD            | 1374             |

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#### **14303 Further Public Discussion**

At the end of the meeting two members of the public stated that they wished to speak and complained that hadn't heard the Chairman inviting discussion earlier. There was discussion regarding;

- When WCC relined the culvert recently, the lining has reduced capacity by 29.3 cubic metres.
- Severn Trent have revealed that on 14<sup>th</sup> September raw sewage was discharged upstream of the brook for 1 hour 18 minutes.

Meeting closed.