

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 18th December 2025 at 7.30pm

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

14315 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr P Sullivan.

14316 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.

14317 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2025 and the Minutes of the HR committee meeting on Tuesday 16th December, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Onions, and Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

14318 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was public discussion regarding the following;

- The disappointing result of the Planning Appeal into the solar farm

Meeting re-opened.

14319 AGENDA ITEM 5 CO-OPTION OF A 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 Clerk and members of the public left the meeting whilst the co-option was discussed. Upon returning to the room, Cllr Pargetter announced that Mrs Naomi Thomas was agreed as the new Councillor to be co-opted. Unfortunately, Mrs Thomas could not attend the meeting, so will complete the declaration of acceptance of office before the next meeting.

14320 AGENDA ITEM 6 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** No progress to report.
- Road marking on Coventry Road.** No progress to report.
- Trip rail/bund proposal.** No progress to report.
- Football changing rooms update (architect/planapp).** No progress.
- Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road, Meriden Road and Church Lane.** Speed surveys have been completed on Nuneaton Road, Coventry Road, Tamworth Road and Meriden Road. Sadly the ones on Church Lane were not completed. This will not give a true picture of the issues that are currently facing the residents of Church Lane which will be exacerbated with the traffic light proposal. Clerk to write and request WCC to redo the surveys and include Ousterne Lane which will give an idea of

compliance of “No entry” sign and what could be expected if that were to be repeated in Church Lane.

- f. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** No progress as it is the wrong time of year.
- g. **FNP inspection.** No further progress. NWBC Cllr Simpson to find out what is happening.
- h. **Fillongley Crossroads.** WCC Cllr Jennifer Warren has today responded to the Clerks last two emails confirming the news of last month and stating that there will be a public consultation in January and that she “would expect them to try to mitigate any concerns raised”.
- i. **Repairs to footpath sleepers on Corley Moor.** No progress.
- j. **Newhall Green potholes.** No progress.
- k. **Damaged height restriction barrier at the park.** Completed.
- l. **Little Oaks court case.** Councillor Wardley proposed carrying on with the case forthwith. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- m. **Banking changes.** These have been completed.
- n. **Loose dogs on Hardingwood Lane.** Police have apparently attended 3 times without resolution.
- o. **Consultation on removal of Garages in Eastlang Road.** No explanation received as yet as to why these have not been included in the current round of consultation.
- p. **Annual Inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** Clerk has not yet ordered work as could not be completed by the Christmas break. Will order in the new year.
- q. **Light missing in Eastlang Road for several years.** Lampost has been installed but will not be connected until the new year.
- r. **Councillor training.** Clerk has booked Cllr Sullivan on the planning training, as per the last meeting, but noted that there are two other training courses available for new Councillors. Cllr White proposed that both Cllr Sullivan and Cllr Thomas be enrolled on all 3 courses at a cost of £240. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14321 AGENDA ITEM 7 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Policies (Cemetery Burial Policy, Pension & Retirement Policy).** Clerk presented policies (previously circulated) with changes as agreed at the last meeting. Some further changes were suggested so the Clerk will redo these and present them at the next meeting.
- b. **To accept the recommendations of the HR committee as per the Minutes (previously circulated).** Proposed by Cllr Onions, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- c. **Parish magazine donation.** Cllr Wardley proposed increasing the donation to the magazine to £500. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.
- d. **NWBC Small Lottery Registration.** It was agreed that this was not required this year.
- e. **End of tariff for changing room electricity.** The tariff ceases at the end of January 2026. Clerk to present new tariffs at the next meeting.

14322 AGENDA ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NALC bulletin (04/12) *(circulated to Cllrs by email)*. *Noted.*
- b. WALC roundup (147) *(circulated to Cllrs by email)*. *Noted.*
- c. NWBC Local Plan Review. *Dates for consultation provided. Cllr Pargetter and Cllr Wardley to attend.*
- d. NWAC info on local government devolution/changes *(circulated to Cllrs by email)*. *Noted.*

- e. Warwickshire College Group email (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- f. Wellbeing for Warwickshire – Mental health support email (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- g. CPRE “Christmas” get together 21/01/26 7.30pm(*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- h. War Memorials Trust – bulletin. **Noted.**
- i. Open Space Society ezine (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- j. Unity Trust Bank email re charges (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- k. Atherstone & Coleshill SNT Police Newsletter (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- l. WCC Warwickshire Matters – November (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- m. Freedom of information request/HR matter (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). *Expert advice was sought which found the FOI request to be invalid although it has been responded to.* **Noted.**
- n. Power for People email (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.**
- o. Email request for road marking (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). **Noted.** *WCC Cllr Cameron to follow up*
- p. Email regarding flooding/second trash screen (*circulated to Cllrs by email*). *Clerk to forward to Cllr Cameron and the flood group.*
- q. Open Space Society funds appeal. **Noted.**

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0541 Home Close, Fir Tree Farm, Breach Oak Lane. Proposal; Erection of single storey rear garden room and porch extension. No objections.

Determinations of Planning Applications;

Appeal Ref: APP/R3705/W/24/3349391. Land 800 Metres South of Park House Farm, Meriden Road, Fillongley. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the construction of a temporary solar farm to include the installation of ground mounted solar panels together with associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure at Land 800 Metres South of Park House Farm, Meriden Road, Fillongley in the Borough of North Warwickshire in accordance with the terms of the application.

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

- Meadow View Farm CMP/2022/0110
- Millfield Farm CMP/2023/00020
- Breach Brook Market Garden, Square Lane CMP/2025/00061

14323 AGENDA ITEM 9 FINANCE for approval;

a Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations. These will be done next month.

b Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method	Trans No
H Badham	SCP 30 December				BACS	538
J Barthram	December				BACS	540
HMRC	Tax				BACS	537
WCC Pension Sch	December				BACS	536

H Badham	Broadband Dec	10.00		10.00	BACS	525
MB Systems	Phone	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	526
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	541
Water Plus	ChgRm10903817 Dec TBC	23.98 TBC	2.20	26.18 TBC	DD	531 544
Water Plus	Cem 10907604 Dec TBC	10.99 TBC	2.20	13.19	DDCEM	532 545
Tom White Waste	IAC 193959	25.34	5.07	30.41	BACS	529
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD	543
Unity Trust	Monthly chges- CEM	6.00		6.00	DDCEM	542
Heritage Contracting	Repair to Overhead barrier	525.00	105.00	630.00	BACS	530
Wicksteed	Parts	173.60	34.72	208.32	BACS	535
NWBC	Grounds maintenance	4469.65	893.93	5363.58	BACS	528
H Badham	Cemetery Gift	100.88		100.88	BACS	539

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

14324 AGENDA ITEM 10 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Cllr White reported from the NWAC/NWBC annual meeting. Cllr David Wright and Mr Steve Maxey presented on
 - Changes to Atherstone Leisure Centre
 - Changes to food waste collections due to change in the law
 - That the green bin permits can be purchased now for next financial year at today's rates.
- Cllr Hooke reminded Councillors that no financial amount had been agreed for the Cemetery gifts, and also could some flowers for Ms McLelland be included as she maintains the rose garden? Cllr Pargetter proposed a total of £120, Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour.
- Cllr Pargetter reported on the WALC Chairmans meeting;
 - A significant reason for the Clerks WALC meeting is to assist with the Clerks mental well being
 - 5 year budget planning is to be encouraged
 - Grants available from the Norton Foundation
 - The need to switch to a .gov email and fully accessible website

14325 AGENDA ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 18th December 2025. Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

14326 AGENDA ITEM 12 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Lease.** The lease is with the Avery Trust solicitors for approval. Cllr Pargetter suggested solicitors who have experience in this field to act for the Trustees could be Hammon & Co
- **Asbestos Survey.** No quote yet received.
- **Hirer** – non-payment of charges. Full payment has now been received.

- **WRCC are going into voluntary liquidation.** Noted.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no
J Moore	November		BACS	1396
HMRC	December		BACS	1398
EE	December	16.00	DD	1399
Domestic & General	Contract December	53.01	DD	1394
Water Plus	INV11097941	88.68	DD	1395
Tom White Waste	IAC192682	76.75	BACS	1391
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	6.00	DD	1400
Scottish Power	Inv 613005155020	118.80	DD	1393
Scottish Power	Inv 605005231383 elec	75.26	DD	1390
	Inv 611005227147	99.72		1397

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