

Minutes of the Meeting of Fillongley Parish Council

Held at Fillongley Village Hall on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A R Pargetter, Cllr A B White, Cllr S Onions, Cllr J Hooke, Cllr P Sullivan and Cllr N Thomas. Clerk: Mrs H Badham. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

14327 AGENDA ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were Apologies received from Cllr D Wardley and also NWBC Cllrs Simpson and Wright.

14328 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.

14329 AGENDA ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 18th December 2025, having been previously circulated and read, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Hooke, and Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.

14330 AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Meeting Closed. There was public discussion regarding the following;

- The connection arrangement for the solar farm

Meeting re-opened.

14331 AGENDA ITEM 5 PROGRESS REPORTS for information

- a. **Co-option of Cllr Naomi Thomas.** Cllr Thomas accepted the co-option and has signed the relevant forms and taken her seat.
- b. **Change of speed limit in Wood End Lane.** WCC have told WCC Cllr Cameron that they will now look into the possibility of changing the speed limit.
- c. **Road marking on Coventry Road.** This has not been completed. It was also part of a list of requests to investigate for WCC Highways *“item #3 – at very least provide road narrows signs and line markings to divert traffic away from property structure. A warning sign stating “overhanging building” with white line hatching on carriageway around the obstruction (akin to low/arched bridges – where high side vehicles move into centre of carriageway) would likely be more appropriate and could be achieved for considerably less money. Budget estimate £5000”*. Cllr Cameron agreed to progress this with his delegated budget.
- d. **Trip rail/bund proposal.** This has not been completed. It was also part of a list of requests to investigate for WCC Highways *“Coventry Road by Eastland Road – verge parking – consider birds-mouth fence moving to back of footpath to prevent. May also need DYL (double yellow lines) to provide enforcement of displaced footway parking. Assuming the verge and existing birds-mouth fence is all part of the Public Highway we could consider the below;*
 - *Replacement birds-mouth fencing at back of footpath to prevent verge parking. Approx. 50m @ £55/m + removal of existing = £4000.*
 - *Provision of DYL adjacent as required to prevent footway parking – if undertaken through Civil Parking Enforcement program = FOC = £0.”* Councillor Cameron agreed to progress with his delegated budget.
- e. **Football changing rooms update.** Finished plans were presented for approval. Cllr White proposed accepting the plans and moving it forward, seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

- f. **Speed surveys on Nuneaton Road and Meriden Road Church Lane.** Surveys on Meriden Road and Nuneaton Road were done by WCC for other purposes but have not been shared. Church Lane has not been completed.
- g. **Japanese Knotweed reported.** No progress due to season.
- h. **FNP Inspection.** Clerk has spoken to NWBC Solicitor as to what is happening, but no further information is currently available.
- i. **Fillongley crossroads/highways improvements.** No consultation has been received regarding the proposed traffic lights. An email has been received regarding other requested improvements (such as Agenda items 14331 c,d and f), and also with regard to speed cushions and give and takes on all main roads, with estimates of costs.
- j. **Repairs to footpath sleepers on Corley Moor**
- k. **Newhall Green potholes.** Due to be repaired on Saturday 17th January. Notices have been posted for diversion/road closure.
- l. **Little Oaks court case.** Papers have been filed.
- m. **Banking changes.** The secondary authorisation had not been completed as intended so the Clerk has redone the form and this was duly signed by 3 Councillors. Cllr Onions proposed that Cllr Thomas should be a full signatory on the accounts. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour. The Clerk suggested completing the existing changes before adding Cllr Thomas and this was agreed by all.
- n. **Loose dogs on Hardingwood Lane.** Police have not yet confirmed that they have spoken to the owners.
- o. **Consultation on removal of garages in Eastlang Road.** No progress.
- p. **Annual inspection issues at the Recreation Ground.** The Clerk will order the wood for repairs. It was also highlighted that there is a small hole in the top area of the skateboard ramp. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to investigate removal options.
- q. **Light missing in Eastlang Road for several years.** The column has been replaced but the lamp is not yet working.
- r. **Councillor training (£40 each).** Cllr Sullivan is booked for 2 training sessions that he is available for and Cllr Thomas is booked for 3 sessions. All are through WALC
- s. **FOI/SAR update.** Following expert advice, the Clerk will respond to these with the deadlines of 05/02/26 and 17/03/26. Cllr White noted that he had also received an email requiring information. The response was agreed by all and the Clerk was asked to send it on 16/01/26.
- t. **Request for road marking on Coventry Road** – no further progress.

14332 AGENDA ITEM 6 MATTERS FOR DECISION

- a. **Policies**
 - i. Pension and Retirement Policy. Clerk presented policy with changes as agreed at the last meeting. Some further changes were suggested. Cllr Sullivan proposed accepting the document by initialling changes, Seconded by Cllr White. All in favour.
 - ii. Cemetery Burial Policy. Following discussion, Cllr Sullivan proposed adopting the Policy, Seconded by Cllr Onions. All in favour
 - iii. SAR Policy. The Clerk reported that she had asked the expert, currently dealing with the SAR, for advice regarding the Policy and was advised that it should be scrapped and each request should be dealt with according to the law. Cllr White proposed that the policy be withdrawn with immediate effect. Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

- b. **End of tariff for changing room electricity.** Clerk had got 3 quotes. Cllr White proposed accepting a 3 year contract with no standing charges from British Gas Lite.
- c. **Cemetery topsoil.** Mr R Twigger has requested some topsoil for topping up the graves. Clerk has got a nett price from County Building supplies of £75 plus delivery of £12.50. Cllr White proposed acceptance of the quote and purchase of the topsoil, Seconded by Cllr Hooke. All in favour.

14333 AGENDA ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. WCC Road closures (*All noted*)
 - Blackhall Lane completely closed from Blackhall Farm to The Coach House from 19/1/26 – 06/4/26 (unless works are complete faster) to enable safe replacement of the roof.
 - Shawbury Lane 14-16/1 from the jctn with Blackhall Lane - jctn with Newtown Lane
 - Newhall Green Lane 17/1 from 8-4pm from Meriden Road - jct of Gorse Green Lane
- b. Pageant Masters Office – Lamp Light of Peace 11/11/26. All Councillors are keen on the idea. Cllr Hooke to discuss with Rev Medley.
- c. Policing Budget – Online Consultation for Town and Parish Councils 15/1/26 2-3pm. *Noted.*
- d. NWBC Mayors Christmas Card. *Noted.*
- e. NWBC consultation for TEAMS meeting 16/1. *Noted.*
- f. NWBC consultation on NPPF proposed reforms. *Noted.*
- g. MP Surgery dates. *Noted.*
- h. WCC Warwickshire Matters – December. *Noted.*
- i. Severn Trent Councillor newsletter. *Noted.*
- j. NALC newsletter from new Chairman. *Noted.*
- k. Email re "Froggy Law". *Noted.*

Planning Applications to consider;

PAP/2025/0584 Manor House Farm, Green End Road. Proposal: Permission in Principle for conversion of barns into between four and seven dwellings.

Determinations of Planning Applications;

PAP/2025/0510 Meadow View Farm, Kinwalsey Lane. Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for existing log cabin, used as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling, located within the curtilage of the property. *Certificate of Lawfulness Issued.*

PAP/2025/0496 Bournebrook C Of E School, Coventry Road. Proposal: Works To Trees in a Conservation Area: Crown Lift T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12 Prune/Tip: T8, T13. *No Objection to Works*

PAP/2025/0538 Cottage Inn, Black Hall Lane. Proposal: Repairs to roof, removal of chimney, and replacement of main roof tiles, with Plain Blue Clay tiles. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0440 7 Bourne Brook Close. Proposal: Erection Of Kitchen Extension And Demolition Of Existing Fencing. *Granted*

PAP/2025/0385 Mill Field Farm, Mill Lane. Self-build two storey, 3 no bedroom rural workers dwelling. *Granted.*

PAP/2025/0538 Cottage Inn, Black Hall Lane. Proposal: Repairs to roof, removal of chimney, and replacement of main roof tiles, with Plain Blue Clay tiles

Ongoing Planning Infringement issues;

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

14334 AGENDA ITEM 8 FINANCE for approval

- Checking and signing of bank statements & reconciliations (including for the Village Hall account). All outstanding reconciliations and statements were duly checked and signed by Councillors.
- Payments for approval;

Payee	Reason	Nett	Reclaimable VAT	Gross	Method	Trans No
H Badham	SCP 30 January				BACS	554
J Barthram	January				BACS	556
HMRC	Tax				BACS	555
WCC Pension Sch	January				BACS	557
H Badham	Broadband January	10.00		10.00	BACS	553
MB Systems	Phone	7.35	1.47	8.82	DD	552
Scottish Power	Changing rooms	21.00		21.00	DD	549
Water Plus	ChgRmDec1181136 Jan	23.34 TBC	2.14	25.48	DD	544 565
Water Plus	Cem Dec 11196708 Jan	10.72 TBC	2.14	12.86	DDCEM	545 564
T White Waste	IAC 195496	38.01	7.60	45.61	BACS	548
Unity Trust	Monthly charges	6.00		6.00	DD	551
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Fillongley JCC	Magazine donation	500.00		500.00		560
Fill Ed Founda	Woodyard rent	1.89		1.89	BACS	559
FVH	Donation	1000.00		1000.00	BACS	561
FVH	Room hire	192.50		192.50	BACS	547
H Badham	Court cost	70.00		70.00	BACS	558
J Hooke	Cemetery gift	15.00		15.00	BACSCEM	563
T White Waste	Admin	60.00	12.00	72.00	BACSCEM	562

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

14335 AGENDA ITEM 9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS and items for future agenda

- Great British Litter Pick to be supported on 21st and 22nd March 2026
- Cllrs noted that Jamie Barthram has been in post for a year and is overdue his annual review. Clerk to circulate possible dates to HR committee.
- Clerk suggested a change to the future Agenda, so that all Highways matters, which are often interconnected, are dealt with as a separate Agenda item. This was unanimously accepted.

14324 AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next regular meeting to be 19th February 2026. Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

14325 AGENDA ITEM 11 VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS

- **Lease.** No further progress.
- **Asbestos Survey.** No quote yet received.
- **Village Hall bin.** Concern was expressed that again the bin has been used by local people not VH users and additional costs have been incurred as the prices are charged by weight. Clerk to ask the VH Committee for suggested solutions.

Payee	Reason	Gross	Method	Trans no
J Moore	December		BACS	1414
HMRC	January		BACS	1415
United Trust of Wm Avery & Others	Rent	19.98		1416
EE	January	16.00	DD	1409
Domestic & General	Contract January	53.01	DD	1410
Water Plus	INV11362968	85.44	DD	1413
Tom White Waste	IAC195499	100.43	BACS	1417
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	6.00	DD	1408
Scottish Power	Inv 614005226904	171.80	DD	1412

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