

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:15pm,
15th January 2026 Finham Park School

Present:

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)
Councillor Angela Fryer
Councillor Kate Taylor
Councillor Ben Gough
Councillor Siddhanth Sharma

Councillor Rambir Khatkar
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Sanjay Behal
Councillor Ann Bush
Councillor James Morshead

Coventry City Councillors: Councillor Sawdon and Councillor Blundell

Residents: 2

Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Proper Officer

Councillor Davies was in the Chair

684. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

685. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

686. Chairman's Update (Councillor Davies)

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to our first monthly meeting of 2026.

I hope that this year will be better than the last one.

Can I remind everyone that the public and parishioners are only allowed to speak when Standing Orders are suspended.

During the Public Participation section towards the end of this meeting there is the opportunity for anyone here to make any comments, suggestions or to ask questions.

Each person will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to make representations.

Any representation or question requiring an answer from the parish council may not receive a response on the night of that meeting but at a time in the future.

A more usual and formal meeting process will be followed, mirroring most of the other parish councils around the country.

I am very pleased to announce tonight that during our next meeting in February, a representative of Severn Trent Water Authority will be attending to advise what plans it has for the Finham Sewage Works in the near future, bearing in mind the huge impact Kings Hill housing will have when construction starts.

Additionally, in our March meeting, we will have a representative of Warwick District Council who will update us about the plans and timings for Kings Hill.

I need to add as a word of caution, the timing of the whole project has had to be changed, and it may not be possible that all questions can be answered on the night.

687. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2025 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2025 be approved.

688. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

689. Planning

Planning Enforcement

Large garden and wall construction at No.85 Anchorway Road.

ACTION: Monitor investigation

690. Correspondence

Nothing further to note.

691. Finance

691.1 Payments

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	VAT
30.09.25	E77	Lloyds	Service Charge	£4.25	£0.00
01.10.25	E78	J Chatterton	PC Printer, ink & supplies	£71.24	£11.87
01.10.25	E79	J Chatterton	PC Office & running costs	£78.00	£0.00
01.10.25	E80	J Chatterton	Recorder	£23.99	£4.00
03.10.25	E81	DCK Payroll Solutions	Payroll Invoice 26182	£27.00	£4.50
03.10.25	E82	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary	DPA	£0.00
03.10.25	E83	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA	£0.00
03.10.25	E84	NEST	Clerk Pension Sept	DPA	£219.28
15.10.25	E85	PCC St Martin in the Fields	Grant award Defib supplies	£200.00	£0.00
30.09.25	E85	Lloyds	Service Charge	£4.25	£0.00
04.11.25	E86	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary	DPA	£0.00
07.11.25	E87	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA	£0.00
07.11.25	E88	NEST	Clerk Pension Oct & Nov	DPA	£0.00
07.11.25	E89	DCK Payroll Solutions	Invoice 26328	£18.00	£3.00
07.11.25	E90	J Chatterton	PC Office & running costs	£65.73	£0.00
24.11.25	E91	SLCC	Training Invoice BK223964-1	£55.44	£9.24
30.11.25	E92	Lloyds	Service Charge	£4.25	£0.00
03.12.25	E93	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary	DPA	£0.00
03.12.25	E94	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA	£0.00
03.12.25	E94a	J Chatterton	PC Office & running costs	£50.00	£0.00
03.12.25	E95	NEST	Clerk Pension Dec	DPA	£0.00
22.12.25	E96	Lexis Nexis	Invoice I0905425Z	£180.00	£0.00
22.12.25	E97	DCK Payroll Solutions	Invoice 26519	£18.00	£3.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to complete the paperwork and pay the TENs for Finham Festival.

692.2 Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2025

The Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2025 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 30 th September 2025:	£	£
	<u> </u>	£68,508.80
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 30 th September 2025		
	<u>£0.00</u>	
	<u>£0.00</u>	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 th September 2025	£0.00	
Net balances as at 30 th September 2025		<u>£65,508.80</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2025 (Prior year Box 8)	£61,910.47
Add Receipts up to 30 th September 2025	£24,839.03
Less: Payments up to 30 th September 2025	(£18,240.70)
Closing balance per cash book as at 30 th September 2025	<u>£68,508.80</u>

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2025 be approved

692.3 Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2025

The Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2025 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 31 st December 2025:	£	£
	<u> </u>	£63,222.66
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: any un-presented cheques at 31 st December 2025		
	<u>£0.00</u>	
	<u>£0.00</u>	
		£0.00
Add: any un-banked cash at 31 st December 2025	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31 st December 2025		<u>£63,222.66</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2025 (Prior year Box 8)	£61,910.47
Add Receipts up to 31 st December 2025	£24,839.03
Less: Payments up to 31 st December 2025	(£23,526.84)
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 st December 2025	<u>£63,222.66</u>

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2025 be approved.

692.4 Quarterly Report 31st December 2025

The Quarterly Report 31st December 2025 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 31st December 2025 was approved.

692.5 New Website

ACTION: Clerk to obtain prices for a Parish Council compliant website.

693. Budget and Precept Request 2026-27

The Budget and Precept request for 2026-27 was discussed in detail.

The budget and expenditure had increased significantly from 2025-26 and included increase costs for:

- Staff costs to meet the volume of FOI, SARs and complaint processing
- Legal fees – to support legal challenges
- Election costs

Precept Request	2026-27
Required to meet budget	£33,114.00
Less grant	£2,514.00
Precept 2026/27	£21,485.00
Tax Base	1,587.20
Band D	£13.54

RESOLVED THAT

- (i) the Budget be approved at £33,114,00.
- (ii) the Precept Request be approved at £21,485.00.
- (iii) Clerk to forward the information to CCC.

694. Street Planters

It was reported that CCC would supply planters for £164.00 each. This included planting twice a year with summer bedding and then winter bedding. The planters were 1 metre square; they contain a water reservoir which the supplier would top up as required.

Areas for installation were discussed and included:

- 2 x Outside Green Lane shops
- 1 x on the Finham Green by the Parish Council noticeboard
- 2 x under the Welcome to Finham signs
- 1 x by the defibrillator/outside the pizza shop (Green Lane)

ACTION: Clerk to forward the information to CCC.

695. Finham Festival 2026

The event would take place on 20th June.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to apply for the TENS.
- (ii) Volunteer meeting to be arranged (Cllr Dalton).
- (iii) Clerk to start advertising the event.

696. Meeting with Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council - 22nd January 2026

It was noted that the meeting would take place on 22nd January at Ashow PC meeting venue.

ACTION: update at February's meeting.

697. Developments at Finham Sewerage Works - February's Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman updated that representatives from Severn Trent would be attending February's Parish Council meeting at 6:30pm on 19th February.

Discussions in relation to the provision of the extra 4,000 houses, the odour and any flooding issues.

698. Update on Kings Hill Development from Warwick District Council - March's Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman updated that Officers from WDC would be attending March's Parish Council meeting on 19th March at 6:30pm.

699. Task groups & Working Parties

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Nothing to report.

- **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

Councillor Angela Fryer and I were invited to be part of the recent training day at school.

The morning concentrated on a presentation of the new Ofsted Ruling. This would be most helpful for us and prepared us ready for any inspection which may take place in the future.

Phase leaders gave their updates on the progress of the children and in all subjects throughout the school they are performing above the national average.

This is a credit both to the children themselves and the teaching staff.

- **Police & Crime – Councillor Mrs Fryer**

The latest crime figures for Green lane/Finham for November 2025.

Burglary	2
Criminal damage	3
Other theft	4 (2 petrol station)
Public Order	1 (petrol station)
Shoplifting	2 (petrol station)
Vehicle crime	2
Violence	2

Total 16 (includes 5 at the petrol station)

On 6th January there was a Police and Community meeting at St Martins in the Field Church.

- **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

Not a great deal has changed since our last meeting in October when it was believed that we were at Stage 4 Public Consultations which was scheduled to begin in October 2025 and run to the end of December 2025.

The timetable that was established for Kings Hill is now redundant and a new one is expected this coming March.

As reported earlier in tonight's meeting, a representative from Warwick District Council will be attending our March meeting to discuss the future timetable, what is planned etc., which will be an opportunity for all interested parties and parishioners to discuss and ask questions.

It has been made clear to me that it is very likely that not all issues can be answered or clarified at this stage, including a clear and precise new timetable.

However, it is an opportunity for us all to register our concerns and to keep the Finham Parish Council firmly on the radar of the WDC who are currently the authority overseeing this development, prior to it joining with Stratford-on-Avon District Council in their joint venture to produce a South Warwickshire Local Plan.

Please attend this meeting if you are able to do so but if not and you would like to have a question raised on your behalf at this meeting, please let us know.

Once we know what the new timings are and in particular, when Public Consultations are planned, as you would expect, representatives of the FPC will attend these meetings to express the concerns and wishes of Finham residents who have made their views known to us.

700. Councillors' reports and items for future Agenda:

- Wildflower planting at the bottom of Green Lane (near the Welcome to Finham)

ACTION: Councillor Khatkar to email Councillors Blundell and Sawdon.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders

701. Coventry City Councillors

Councillor Blundell

Police meeting

The sale of drugs in Poolside Gardens had been investigated and had been dealt with resulting in an arrest and sentencing.

Parking on the forecourt outside the shops

Issues raised in relation to parking on the forecourt outside the shops on Green Lane, it was noted that drop kerbs were installed. Despite the location of the Post Office the post box outside was never replaced following being destroyed in an accident. It was difficult for the police to enforce as people were permitted to park on that area. The responsibility of the forecourt was the traders.

Planning Application for a children's nursery

It was noted that the Applicant had made various applications, varying the number of children. The application had been refused on appeal. However, permission had been granted for 20 children. This was still pending because there was a Unilateral Undertaking that clients used Leasowes Nursery's car park for drop off and pick up.

A Unilateral Undertaking required a written agreement between CCC's Solicitor, WDC's Solicitor and other agents from CCC. The planning permission would not go ahead without the Agreement being in place.

Councillor SawdonSpeed watch

A Speedwatch had taken place on Daleway Road at 8:10am. Some vehicles were recorded as exceeding the 20mph. The police would like to see more community activity and more residents getting involved.

Anchorway Road Wall

This has been raised with the Planning Department Enforcement.

Bollards A45 by the BP Garage

ACTION: Councillor Morshead to forward the response from CCC to Councillor Sawdon.

A46 interchange –

Work was progressing.

702. Public participation: To adjourn to allow public participation.

Defibrillator on Brentwood Avenue

Further proposals for a location were suggested.

ACTION: Clerk to progress.

Car parts on the island

Following an accident car parts remain on the island. This is fly tipping.

ACTION: Clerk to report to the Fly tipping team.

A45 Howes Lane, Allotments

A sheet was caught in the trees; this could prove hazardous.

ACTION: Clerk report to Highways.

703. Date for the next meeting

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as 19th February 2026 Finham Park School at 6:30pm. Representatives from Severn Trent are in attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm