

## Finham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Finham Park School

**Present:**

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)  
Councillor Angela Fryer  
Councillor Kate Taylor  
Councillor Ann Bush

Councillor Rambir Khatkar  
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Ben Gough  
Councillor Siddhanth Sharma

**Coventry City Councillors:** Councillor Blundell, Councillor Sawdon, Councillor Heaven

**Residents:** 67

**Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Proper Officer

*Councillor Davies was in the Chair*

*The first part of the meeting was taken up with residents' issues concerning the Kings Hill development. Unfortunately, at very short notice, no Council representatives were able to attend and therefore this section concluded with even more questions of Warwick District Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.*

**720. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sanjay Behal and James Morshead.

**721. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**722. Chairman's Update (Councillor Davies)**

Welcome to the March meeting of the Finham Parish Council.

Tonight, will not be one of our more conventional meetings but will be devoted to a large extent by the events relating to the Kings Hill development.

As you know, Warwick District Council, Warwick County Council and Coventry City Council were scheduled to appear tonight. A meeting that had been agreed in early January and cancelled at very short notice, after the FPC had gone to the expense of leafleting every home in Finham.

It was hoped that they would be here to answer some if not all of your concerns and suggestions but will now not do so.

Some of you will have attended the two very successful meetings held last week at St.Martins which were arranged in the aftermath of the destruction of the ancient hedgerow and oak tree with a Tree Preservation Order, between Finham Primary School and Leasowes Cottages Green Lane, on 9<sup>th</sup> February which was carried out on the instructions of Lioncourt Homes with the full approval of Coventry City Council. Actions which were not notified in advance to either our CCC Ward Councillors or to the Finham Parish Council.

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Upon enquiry, the FPC was informed that CCC could not give any assurance that the gap, now filled by a grotesque metal fence would not be used by either site clearance or site construction vehicles during the development of housing on Kings Hill.

The conclusion of everyone I have spoken to about this situation is the belief this gap has been put there to provide initial access to Kings Hill which clearly means HGV lorries and vans along Green Lane.

Also, at the end of that week on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, again without notice, Warwick District Council published its Kings Hill Masterplan with a deadline for responses by midnight 27<sup>th</sup> March.

There are two petitions on CCC website which I would like you to visit and hope fully sign off:-

***We the undersigned petition the Council to instruct there will be no further work to be carried out on the bus gate in Green Lane until a suitable construction access route has been agreed and made public to the Kings Hill development and until detailed building plans have been made available and also made public. Called for by Finham Parish Council.***

***We the undersigned petition the Council to organise an urgent public meeting with the relevant Council Officer to discuss the Kings Hill Masterplan. Called for by Finham Parish Council.***

To find the right page on its website, enter Coventry City Council Petitions on your search engine, click Petitions Coventry City Council and then click of the elongated box containing the words "View, submit or sign online petition" You will find them both with the expiry date of 6/5/26 – Stop the bus gate and Urgent meeting with CCC over the Masterplan.

Additionally, the Finham Parish Council has written to our MP Sarah Sultana for her assistance in this very suspicious chain of events and help us to seek clarity about what is going on and why our voice has not been heard so far.

At this point, I am suspending Standing Orders at this point to allow discussion, debate and comments about Kings Hill.

*The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders*

#### **723. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved.

#### **724. Matters Arising not listed on the agenda**

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

#### **725. Planning**

Nothing further to report.

#### **726. Correspondence**

Nothing further to note.

**727. Finance****727.1 Payments**

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	VAT
24.02.26	E115	J Chatterton	Reimbursement Norton	£29.98	£5.00
27.02.26	E116	Defenda	Invoice 346116 Kings Hill	£389.00	£44.00
27.02.26	E117	Lloyds	Service Charge	£4.25	£0.00
05.03.26	E118	J Chatterton	Reimbursement postage stamps	£89.99	£0.00
06.03.26	E119	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary	DPA	£0.00
06.03.26	E120	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA	£0.00
06.03.26	E121	NEST	Clerk Pension	DPA	£0.00
06.03.26	E122	J Chatterton	Reimbursement Stationery	£64.73	£10.79
06.03.26	E123	J Chatterton	PC Office costs internet & phone	£68.00	£0.00

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**727.2 Reserves Policy**

Carried over to a future meeting.

**728. Finham Festival 2026**

Plans are progressing.

Volunteers were needed to help with arrangements and on the day. Anyone interested could email the Clerk on [Clerk.finhampc@outlook.com](mailto:Clerk.finhampc@outlook.com).

**729. Governance**

The following Policies were received for review.

- Internal Financial Control March 2026
- Asset Register 2025/26
- Risk Assessment March 2026
- Health & Safety Policy 2026

**RESOLVED THAT** the above policies be approved.

*The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders*

**730. Defibrillator Brentwood Avenue**

The Parishioner confirmed that the Committee of the residential facility had been contacted with the diagram and specifications. Further update once known.

*The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders*

**731. Task groups & Working Parties**

- **Highways – Councillor Morshead**

Nothing to report.

• **Schools – Councillor Mrs Bush**

It was reported that as ever the children have been working extremely hard.

The School had a Health check leader within the Multi Academy Trust visited school to observe learning throughout school. As always, everyone was very impressed by the wonderful learning environments and the quality of teaching happening there.

The children were looking forward to being able to dress as they wished for Comic Relief.

In celebration of EID Day - Monday 23rd March the children will be celebrating Eid with a non-uniform day.

To mark this special occasion and spirit of generosity they will be collecting donations for Coventry Foodbank.

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

These are the latest crime figures for Green Lane/Finham - January 2026 (February would not be available till the end March or start of April)

Burglary	1
Shoplifting	1
Vehicle Crime	1
Violence/Sexual	6
Other Crime	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

There was a Police Meeting held at St Martins Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Pc. Breslin updated us on what was happening in the area. The main problems were not in the Finham area, but he reminded everyone of the importance of residents input at these meetings. Local people can alert the police to problems that are occurring. The drug problem in Poolside Gardens last year was ended by residents adding to police knowledge.

• **Kings Hill – Councillor Davies**

Nothing further to report.

**732. Councillors’ reports and items for future Agenda:**

**ACTION:** Councillor Gough to add Kings Hill information to Facebook.

*The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders*

**733. Coventry City Councillors**

Polution tubes

Councillor Heaven had asked for further updates on the pollution tubes. Information to follow.

**734. Public participation:** To adjourn to allow public participation.

St Martins Road –

No turning circle and vehicles are getting stuck

**ACTION:** Councillor Morshead to progress.

**735. Date for the next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to include the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

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