

Finham Parish Council

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at 6:30pm,
21st May 2026 Finham Park School

Present:

Councillor Paul Davies (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Bush
Councillor Siddanth Sharma
Councillor Mrs Fryer

Councillor Kate Taylor
Councillor Anthony Dalton (Vice Chairman)
Councillor James Morshead

Coventry City Councillors: 0

Residents: 5

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Proper Officer, Clerk & RFO

1. Chairman's Welcome – Cllr Paul Davies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Chairman's report on the past year and future plans

Welcome to the Finham Annual Parish meeting for 2026.

As usual we will be covering three meetings tonight, each of varying length concluding with our standard monthly meeting for May.

Tonight sees our tenth year since inception which I and a number of my fellow Councillors have experienced from the beginning and which seems to have just flown by.

At this point I would like to offer my thanks, congratulations and respect for his stamina, dedication and professionalism to Cllr Tim Sawdon who retired this year as a Wainbody Cllr. After ten years on the Finham Parish Council and having similar experiences over this time, I can only wonder at how he kept at it for 52 years.

My congratulations also go to Cllrs John Blundell and Mattie Heaven who were re-elected in this month's local elections as well as to Cllr Pratibha Reddy who was elected for the first time.

The FPC continues to monitor and contact the two main protagonists, Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council, in the continued saga of Kings Hill in the hope that Finham will be able to benefit in some way and also regularly remind these councils that it is Finham that will be the most affected area by any of the changes made in the hope our suggestions and requests will not just be listened to but acted upon.

A Kings Hill report appears later in the meeting tonight with details of a senior representative from Coventry City Council Planning Dept attending the FPC June meeting to hopefully address our concerns about Kings Hill.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with Coventry City Council about highways and planning matters, liaising with the two schools and regularly reviewing the local crime statistics.

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Liaising with the management of the BP Station and CCC for improved exit signage for customers to avoid U turns at the traffic lights on St Martins Road.

Gaining agreement with the relevant residents and authorities to continue the placement of defibrillators across Finham.

It continues to support local events where requested and to do so if possible and promotes the Finham Festival, coinciding with the King's birthday scheduled for Saturday 20th June starting at 11.00am and planned to finish around 3.00pm.

As has become our regular practice for each parishioner to be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to make representations and/or answer questions at the designated sections of the meetings tonight. The issues raised may not be answered immediately depending on their complexities but will be answered in an appropriate manner as soon as practicable.

I must emphasize, these changes to a standard more formal approach is not intended to stifle parishioner participation but to improve the quality of our meetings.

All of these activities by the FPC take up a considerable amount of Councillors' time, which they do for the benefit of the Finham community and for which they are paid nothing.

3. Reports from Coventry City Councillors

Nothing to report.

4. Open Forum discussion on: -

- Projects, suggestions and ideas for FPC for 2026-27

Playground

Why can't we have a playground.

Councillor Fryer explained that every green space in Finham Parish area had been reviewed for a potential playground. Over the years CCC had been approached. Parish Councillors had held meetings with the Developers of the Kings Hill area, who had refused to allow an area next to the Primary School to be used.

Previously children from the Primary School had also made a presentation to CCC with their ideas and a request, this had been refused.

Meeting closed at 6:35pm