

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at 19.30 hours at Tanworth Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Willmott, Councillor Instone, Councillor Waters, Councillor Keogh, Councillor Bettam, Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Stanton

In attendance: Julie White - Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from: Councillor Havard, Councillor Ross, Councillor Jones, Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Oakley

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest – Councillor Keogh declared a personal interest in Item 10 on the agenda.

3. To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 6th October 2011
Councillor Willmott proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Councillor Stanton seconded the proposal. All those present at the last meeting were in favour. Councillor Willmott signed the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with

The clerk reported that she had found a Buffalo Drive Station 1.0TB USB 2.0 external hard disk drive for approximately £57. The Clerk was instructed to purchase this item.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Ron Hill regarding his advice on the wildlife area at Malthouse Lane Leisure Park; she is awaiting a response from him.

Robin Evans, CEO of British Waterways, has confirmed that he can't come to the Parish Assembly as guest speaker but has offered to send someone high up in the organisation.

5. Invoices Received/Authority to pay

Councillor Stanton proposed that the payments were taken en bloc and accepted, Councillor Keogh seconded. All in favour.

6. To Discuss The Woodland Trust Youth Project

Councillor Bettam reported that he had attended the launch of this project. It will involve young people in the area making a documentary about Earlswood and the surrounding area. It was agreed that an e-mail of support would be sent to Matt Cox who is overseeing the project, asking him what help the Parish Council can give him. It was agreed to invite him to come along to future meeting to explain more about the project. All in favour.

7. To Discuss the Parish Council Website

Two quotes were discussed. The Clerk is to contact 2Gee Design and ask if we would be able to update the website ourselves, rather than their company updating the site. The Clerk is to contact John Macadam and ask him for a price for setting up the website which doesn't seem to be mentioned in his quotation. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. To Consider Obtaining Trees From The Woodlands Trust

As the smallest pack on offer is 105 trees, it was felt that this was too large an amount to be able to accommodate. The Clerk is to check if smaller packs are available.

9. To Discuss The Minutes of the Alderhanger Lane Action Group

Following the Parish Council's resolution at the last meeting to support keeping the lay-by open on the A435 by Alderhanger Lane it was reported that the Action Group feel aggrieved by this decision. Representatives of the Action Group intend to come along to next Parish Council meeting to establish what the Parish Council's position is. Councillor Havard has contacted the office and expressed that he is appalled by the Parish Council's decision. It was reported that there are 13 residences affected by the inappropriate behaviour which takes place at Alderhanger Lane and their views were not represented at the last meeting. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to see what the Action Group has to say. All in favour.

10. To Consider Loaning Money to Earlswood Museum to Carry out the Extension

Councillor Willmott reported that the museum had secured £7,500 so far towards the extension. As their extension is to cost in the region of £16,500 he was seeking Parish Council approval to loan or underwrite the outstanding amount so that we can start the new office. The payments would be in stages so the money wouldn't be needed for a few months after commencement of the project. Councillor O'Brien and Waters expressed that they would like a breakdown of payment terms and amounts, but were happy in principle. As everyone else was happy with the proposal in principle, it was agreed that Councillor Willmott could talk to the Trustees of the Village Hall.

11. To Consider Commemorating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Members were asked to think about whether or not they would like to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ideas put forward were planting a tree, putting in a new bench, or possibly mugs or bookmarks to give to the school children. To be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Work Around the Parish none

13. Items for Future Agenda

- The Website
- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- Precept and Budget

14. Date and Time of next Meeting - 7.30pm Thursday 1st December, Earlswood Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ Chairman of Meeting _____ Date _____

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at 8.45pm Tanworth Village hall

Before the meeting commenced, the meeting was addressed by:

1) Sebastian Muntz made representation on his planning application 11/01980/FUL – Home Farm, Spring Lane outlining his proposals for a proposed motocross track at Home Farm in Spring Lane.

2) Mr & Mrs Richmond from Dovedale in Blind Lane made representation on their planning application 11/02231/FUL for a single storey garden room. They outlined very special circumstances in support of their application.

Present: Councillor Willmott, Councillor Instone, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Bettam, Councillor Waters, Councillor Keogh,

In attendance: Julie White - Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Havard, Councillor Jones, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Ross

5. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest –
None

6. To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Planning Committee dated August 4th 2011
Councillor O'Brien proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Councillor Stanton seconded the proposal. All those present at the last meeting were in favour. Councillor O'Brien signed the minutes of the last meeting.

7. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with
Councillor O'Brien read out a letter from the CPRE to The Head of Planning at SDC in connection with planning application 11/02102/FUL – Wheatsheaf Farm, retrospective application for ancillary block for use as workshop, garage pool room and garden room. The letter states that previously the applicant had applied to build a stable block but instead he built an outbuilding which serves the various aforementioned purposes and even contains an underground swimming pool. In light of this information, Councillor O'Brien proposed that a letter is sent to Robert Weeks endorsing the CPRE's letter.

8. To Consider Planning Applications:

11/00450/FUL – Leaholm, Valley Road – No Representation

11/01618/EXT – Beaumont Hill Farm – No Representation

11/01612/EXT– Beaumont Hill Farm– No Representation

11/01980/FUL – Home Farm, Spring Lane – No Representation, but ask Highways for their opinion and, as supported by the applicant, ask for a condition to review the site in 12 months times.

11/02188/FUL – Lockerbie, Pig Trot Lane – Objection

There have been no special circumstances demonstrated to support this extension which would result in a 54% volume increase.

11/02231/FUL - Dovedale, Blind Lane – Support

Although the parish council recognises that this application would result in more than a 30% increase in volume, in view of the very special circumstances demonstrated by the applicant, the parish council would like to support this application. There would be very little impact on the neighbours and the domestic arrangements of the family need to be taken in to consideration.

11/02366/FUL - Obelisk Farm, Umberslade – Clerk to check with SDC for any policies relevant to this application. To be considered at next meeting.

11/02241/FUL - Maltfield, Broad Lane – Objection

The Parish Council doesn't feel able to address this planning application until the bungalow has been demolished.

11/02132/FUL - Ullenhall Lane Cottage, Ullenhall Lane – No Representation.

6. Planning Enforcements

The enforcement list with updates from Lech Kocan was circulated and noted.

7. Items for Future Agenda

- Maltfield

8. Date of the next Meeting

Thursday 1st December, Earlswood Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed _____ Chairman of Meeting _____ Date _____