

Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 19.30 hours in Earlswood Village Hall.

Public Forum

Jenny Buckley and John Hadley were present, together with Martin Turner, County Councillor Mike Perry and District Councillors George Atkinson and Tony Dixon.

Martin Turner introduced himself as Stratford-Upon-Avon's Lib-Dem Parliamentary Candidate.

John Hadley thanked Councillor Atkinson, Councillor Waters, Councillor Perry, Councillor Willmott and The Clerk for the time that they had given him when trying to solve his problems with the footpaths.

Jenny Buckley expressed dissatisfaction that there had still been no advancement in trying to get a bus service in Earlswood. Jenny Buckley also pointed out that it had been reported that there were to be major cuts in bus fares in the district after 6pm which was unfair when Earlswood have no bus service. County Councillor Perry stated that he had personally initiated the forthcoming presentation to Stratford Area Committee in July. He was doing his best with an inherent problem and nothing further could be done until after July's presentation.

Jenny Buckley offered the Residents' Association's services in publicising the police surgeries. Tom Ross also offered the services of the Tanworth Residents' Association.

Jenny Buckley asked for confirmation that a letter which had been passed to her from the Parish Council regarding a Parish Litter Warden Scheme from the CPRE was aimed at the Residents' Association. This was confirmed.

County Councillor Perry gave the following report:

As he had now been in office for 12 months, Cllr Perry gave a breakdown of happenings after 1 year. The budget needs to be reduced by £20m each year for the next 4 years. There will be an extra £2m put in to Highways with £100,000 earmarked for potholes, £300,000 for drainage and Highways maintenance. 96% of children got the school places that they wanted this year. Cllr Perry has had a site meeting with the Head of Highways about improving the signage to try and stop lorries from leaving Junction 3 of the M42 and going down Forshaw heath Road with a view to getting better signage. Speed Tapes have been put down on the Earlswood Common in response to a complaint about the speeding. Cllr Perry is trying to get a meeting set up regarding the A435 burger van.

District Councillor Atkinson gave the following report:

Cllr Atkinson reported that the Core Strategy programme has finished as far as representation is concerned. The comments will be examined and Planning Policy will be formed.

Severn Trent Water is being chased regarding the sewerage problem in Springbrook Lane.

Cllr Atkinson is looking into the current way that if a person puts in a planning application they have to pay £5000 for a bat, lizard or environmental assessment upfront and then there is a possibility that the plans could be refused. He is looking in to if this could be done the other way round.

District Councillor Dixon gave the following report:

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Councillor Dixon apologised for his absence recently. He reported that he will not be standing for re-election at the elections on May 6th. He thanked the Parish Council for all their support and help over the past 13 years. Parish Councillor Willmott thanked District Councillor Dixon on behalf of the Parish Council

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Present: Councillor Willmott, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Havard, Councillor Instone, Councillor Ross, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Keogh and Councillor Bettam

In attendance: Clerk to the Council –Julie White

10/11/01 - Apologies for absence

Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Waters and Councillor Jones

10/11/02 - Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

Councillor Keogh declared a personal interest in Item 11 on the Agenda (New Office Accommodation) as she is a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Oakley declared a personal interest in Item 12 on the Agenda (Grant Application from Tanworth In Arden PCC) as he is a Church Warden.

10/11/03 - To Confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th March 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Ross to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting on 18th March 2010 as a true and accurate record, seconded by Councillor Stanton. All in favour. Chairman Councillor Willmott signed the Minutes.

10/11/04 - Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise dealt with

Councillor Willmott reported that a final draft of the questionnaire for people requesting grit bins would be on a future agenda.

10/11/05 - Matters raised in the Public Forum

Councillor Ross will liaise with Councillor Perry regarding the transport issue in the parish.

10/11/06 - To note items of correspondence received.

The correspondence list was noted.

10/11/07 - Reports from working parties

- i) **Administration:** No report
- ii) **Website:** A few minor updates have taken place and the link to Community Forums has been added.
- iii) **Footpaths:** Cllr Willmott reported that the office receives worksheets for work done by the volunteers.
- iv) **Office Accommodation:** on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

10/11/08- Finance

- i) To adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 4th March 2010
Councillor Willmott proposed, seconded by Councillor Stanton. All in favour
- ii) Chairman's report: It was quite a short meeting.
- iii) Items for payment: Councillor Stanton proposed all items *en bloc*, Councillor Ross seconded. All in favour.

10/11/09 - Planning

- i) To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 4th March 2010

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Councillor Keogh proposed, seconded by Councillor Ross. All in favour

ii) Report of the Chairman: In the Chairman's absence Councillor Keogh reported that the application for Greenacres had been permitted. Councillor O'Brien is currently in the process of arranging a meeting with Clare Eynon the Enforcement Manager.

iii) Reports from Site Visits – none.

iv) Planning applications:

10/00705/FUL and 10/00706/LBC The Hay Barn, Poolhead Lane. – No representation, but comment to be made that there seems to be a lot of glass where there was none before. This alters the character of the listed building – are the Listed Buildings Authorities happy with this?

10/11/10 – To Consider Making Items for Community Forum a Standing Item on the Agenda.

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott and seconded by Councillor Ross that this becomes a standing Item on the Agenda. All in favour.

10/11/11 - To Discuss the Proposed New Office at the Rear of the Village Hall

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott that he would take a list of potential builders and architects to the Village Hall Committee for their approval and he would present the final list back to the Council at a future date. All in favour.

10/11/12 - To Consider a Grant Application From Tanworth In Arden Church Council – St Mary Magdalene

A grant application has been received the Parochial Church Council for St Mary Magdalene requesting £2000 towards building work within the clock tower. Councillor Willmott pointed out that this application had been made retrospectively. It was proposed by Councillor Willmott that we award a grant for the full amount of £2000 requested. However, this should be sent with a formal letter pointing out that we won't consider a retrospective application again. Seconded by Councillor Ross. All in favour.

10/11/13 - Use of the Village Green

A short discussion took place.

10/11/14 - Review of Standing Orders – Section 75 - 78

Councillor Ross felt that Section 75 was no longer relevant. He will re-write this section and the Clerk will confirm it with the Monitoring Officer. All other sections were fine.

10/11/15 - Work Around the Parish

Small Lane – mud on road. Verges need reinstating and more sleepers are in the field.

Broad Lane – generally in a poor state from the A435 with sunken drains and potholes

Poolhead Lane – Road surface very poor state

Valley Road – sign still down.

10/11/16 - Items for future agenda None

10/11/17 - To Note date, place and time of next Meeting: 20th May, Tanworth Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Signed _____ Chairman of meeting _____ Date