

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 3rd June 2010 at 19.30 hours at Earlswood Village Hall**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Oakley, Councillor Ross, Councillor Harvard and Councillor Jones

In the Clerk's absence minutes were taken by Councillor Stanton

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest – None

3. To Elect a Chairman – Councillor Roy Willmott proposed by Councillor Instone, seconded by Councillor Stanton. Elected unanimously

4. To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee dated May 6th 2010

Councillor Keogh proposed that the minutes were an accurate record. Councillor Instone seconded the proposal. All in favour. Councillor Willmott signed the Minutes of the last meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with.

None.

6. Invoices Received/Authority to pay

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

- Internet Payments – Tanworth Village Hall suspended, will be cancelled in September – Clerk to arrange. Earlswood Village Hall now in doubt as difficulties re computer classes

7. To Consider Rubbish in Earlswood Park and Around Lakes

Councillor O'Brien commented on the problem been worse in the Summer months. It was discussed that several groups were attempting to tackle the problem and the question raised as to whether the groups could meet and co-operate their efforts. The Chairman agreed to contact Jenny Buckley re the matter. A letter to be sent to British Waterways re the problem was discussed. Clerk to be asked to coordinate response.

8. To Discuss Community Funding

It appears that the Parish Council is ineligible. It was confirmed that Jenny Buckley is also unable to access. The question was raised whether the Wildlife Group would be able to claim.

9. To Approve the Sale of the Trailer and Other Footpath Equipment

It was suggested that the equipment could be advertised locally e.g. petshop. Councillor Waters suggested the value to be £100 o.n.o. Some Councillors thought some equipment should be retained for Council use for example in the park. Matter to be discussed at future meeting

10. To Consider Transport to Public Community Forums

It was agreed that organised trips may cause insurance problems and so it was better for people to offer lifts informally.

11. To Discuss signage for Park

No response to drawings. Item left for future agenda

12. To Consider Fencing to Wildlife Area in Park

There was some objection to fencing but it was felt that a fence would prevent resident of no.25 trying to annex land and prevent occupants of no.27 burning waste products there. Clerk to ask

Lech Kocon to consider. It was also suggested that affected residents should keep an accurate diary of incidents with photographs if possible.

13. To Approve Grit Bin Application Form

A specimen form was circulated. It was agreed that this form is to be given to residents who request a grit bin and that urgent sites were to be chosen, however Warwick Highways to have the final say.

14. Work around the Parish

- Resurfacing programme

15. Items for Future Agenda

Footpath Equipment
Signage for Park

16. Date of the next Meeting – Thursday July 1st – Tanworth Village Hall

The meeting closed 20.15 hrs

**Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 3rd June at Earlswood Village Hall**

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** - Councillor Oakley , Councillor Harvard, Councillor Jones, Councillor Ross
In the clerks absence minutes were taken by Councillor Stanton
- 1. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** – None
- 2. To Elect a Chairman** – Councillor O'Brien nominated by Councillor Bettam, seconded by Councillor Keogh. Elected unanimously.
- 3. To confirm and Sign the Minutes of Planning Committee held on May 6th**
Councillor Willmott proposed that the minutes were a true record. Councillor Instone seconded. All in favour. Councillor O'Brien signed the minutes.
- 4. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with** - None
- 5. To Consider Planning Applications**
 - 10/00663/FUL Pound Cottage

No site plan received showing position of garage – Clerk to ring Stratford for clarification

6. Reports from site visit –

Councillor Keogh re 167 The Common, Earlswood – no objections from neighbours.

8. Planning Enforcements

Councillor O'Brien requested the Clerk to chase Stratford DC re outstanding enforcements

- Burger Van on slip road from A435 – residents of Blind Lane Action Group have requested the PC to write to Bromsgrove DC. Councillor O'Brien to write to the group via the Clerk informing them that this matter is not in our remit or Parish. It was noted that the PC have sent objections in the past. It was commented that the van no longer appeared to be a nuisance and that the trader now had a licence and portaloos on the roadside
- Stables in Alderhanger Lane / Tanworth Lane – a large gap has been cut in the hedge. Clerk to contact Lech Kocon to check planning consent
- Pinkfield Lane – reports have been received of a leaking cess pit. Large rubbish lorries are going down this unmade lane which is unsuitable for heavy vehicles
- Kimberley, Poolhead Lane – there appears to be increased development on this site which has already been greatly increased from the previous house on the site. Councillor Willmott via the Clerk will request Lech Kocon investigate this matter

9. To Discuss Use of The Village Green

Due to lack of Councillors present it was decided that this matter be raised at the next full meeting of the Council

10. Items for Future Agenda - none

11. Date of the next Meeting - 7.45 pm Thursday 1st July at Tanworth-in-Arden Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.