

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 at 19.30 hours at Earlswood Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor Willmott, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Havard, Councillor Jones, Councillor Waters, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Instone and Councillor Keogh

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Oakley and Councillor Ross

**2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest - None**

**3. To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Finance committee dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

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

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with.**

Small Lane was reported as still being in a bad state and there were many sleepers being stored in a field. The Clerk was asked to enquire if these sleepers were surplus.

**5. Invoices Received/Authority to pay**

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

**6. To Consider Improvements to The Wildlife Area At Earlswood Leisure Park**

Following a site visit with Ron Hill of English Nature, Councillor Stanton, The Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Councillor Stanton reported that more thinning of scrappy holly in the area was required. The land along side of the feeder should also be planted to enable the wildlife to access the area. Mr Hill suggested that grants may be available for Community Orchards and he is going to look in to this. Rubbish needs clearing from the site and there is a possibility to convert the cleared area to the rear of 25 Malthouse Lane into a wildflower meadow. Councillor Willmott is going to put together a proposal for fencing to go along the rear of the properties. Councillor O'Brien asked for it to be minuted that he doesn't agree with any of the proposals for the area and would like to distance himself from any decisions reached which concern the area.

**7. To Consider Contributing to Topping up PCSO's Mobile Phone**

It was agreed that The Clerk could be delegated the power to purchase a top up card for the PCSO out of Petty Cash when required.

**8. To Consider Renewing the Subscription to DIS Extra**

It was agreed not to renew the subscription to DIS Extra and review the matter in 12 months time.

**9. Work around the Parish**

- Bad state of Small Lane
- Bollard down on The Common
- Valley Road – still very deep pot holes
- Kerb Village Green still broken

**10. Items for Future Agenda**

Agenda – making the meetings shorter

Verdant – emptying bins in the summer

**11. Date of the next Meeting – Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Church Room Tanworth**

**The meeting closed at 19.55 hrs.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 at Earlswood Village Hall**

Before the meeting commenced, the Parish Council were addressed by Phil Ward, Rural Housing Enabler for Stratford District. He spoke about affordable housing for local people and undertaking a Housing Needs survey.

**Present:** Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Havard, Councillor Jones, Councillor Waters, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Instone, Councillor Willmott and Councillor Oakley

**In Attendance:** Clerk to the Council – Julie White, Assistant to the Clerk – Becky Howes

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Councillor Ross and Councillor Oakley
2. **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** - None
3. **To confirm and Sign the Minutes of Planning Committee**  
Councillor Stanton proposed that the minutes were a true record. Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded. All in favour. Councillor O'Brien signed the minutes.
4. **Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with** - None
5. **To Consider Undertaking an Affordable Housing Needs Survey**  
Members decided to take away the information which had been given to them by Mr Ward and discuss it further at a future meeting.
6. **To Consider Planning Applications**
  - a. **09/01423/FUL – Lyndons Farm (amendment)**  
Councillors viewed the amended plans and decided that they had no further comments to make and the previous objection is to stand.
  - b. **09/02493/FUL – Greenacres, Vicarage Hill.** Councillors were asked to look at this application again following an e-mail from District Councillor Atkinson advising that the volume calculations concluded that the increase works out at 29.8%. After discussion it was decided not to withdraw our objection.
7. **Reports from site visit** - None
8. **Planning Enforcements**  
The report was noted. Councillor O'Brien asked that the Clerk contact Lech Kocan to arrange a meeting.
9. **To Consider Resurrecting the Enforcement Committee with Neighbouring Parish Councils**  
It was agreed that a letter would be sent out to all neighbouring parishes to see if there is any interest in starting up the enforcement committee again.
10. **Items for Future Agenda** – None
11. **Date of the next Meeting** - 7.30 pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Church Room, Tanworth

**The meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

