

## **Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting** held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 19.30 hours in Earlswood Village Hall.

### **Public Forum**

One member of the public was present, together with District Councillor George Atkinson. County Councillor Perry and District Councillor Oakley sent their apologies.

District Councillor Atkinson gave the following report:

District Councillor Atkinson supported our idea to liaise with Neil Pearce who used to work for Stratford Planning Department and asked if he could be included in any meetings with Mr Pearce. Cllr Atkinson also asked if the Parish Council would consider including Ullenhall Parish Council in any meetings.

Councillor Atkinson said that the Enforcement Department is 'snowed under', but they do take action and Cllr Atkinson referred to a site in Wixford.

Cllr Atkinson reported that following the housing development in Malthouse Lane, under a 106 agreement £230,000 had been earmarked for affordable housing in Earlswood. As our Parish Council hadn't undertaken an affordable housing needs survey this money had gone to Norton Lyndsey and Sambourne. The new coalition Government has axed the housing allocation imposed by the Regional Spatial Strategy. The details are, as yet, unknown.

Juggins Lane has been resurfaced at the owner's own cost.

At the gypsy site in Poolhead Lane a planning application is being submitted to reinstate the wall. The residents are concerned about whether the required new sites will be available when the temporary permission expires. Councillor Atkinson reported that SDC are confident that the required 41 pitches will be available within the 2 years.

Councillor Atkinson was pleased to report that in the first 2 months SDC had collected 27.5% of the entire years Council Tax which is ahead of target. In the whole year they hope to collect 98.6% of what is due.

Due to the current economic climate there is a huge volume of benefit correspondence received at the council offices (4818 in April and 4879 in May). Also there is a large volume of council tax correspondence with nearly 4500 in April the same in May.

Councillor Atkinson confirmed that he will follow up the rules concerning Permitted Development Rights especially relating to Field House in Tithe Barn Lane which has been greatly developed under Permitted Development Rights.

## **Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting** held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Earlswood Village Hall.

**Present: Councillor Willmott, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Havard, Councillor Ross, Councillor Keogh, Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Waters**

In attendance: Clerk to the Council –Julie White

**10/11/36 - Apologies for absence - Councillor Instone, Councillor Bettam, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Jones**

**10/11/37 - Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest** – Cllr Havard declared a personal interest in the Planning Application for Le Cheyne as the property backs on to his property.

**10/11/38 - To Confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Stanton to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as a true and accurate record, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Chairman Councillor Willmott signed the Minutes.

**10/11/39 - Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise dealt with**

None.

**10/11/40 - Matters raised in the Public Forum**

None.

**10/11/41 - To note items of correspondence received.**

The correspondence list was noted.

**Item Number 6.102-** Letter from St Mary Magdalene Church re: the consecration of the new burial ground. Members of the Parish Council were invited. Please let the Clerk know numbers attending.

**Item Number 6.31-** E-mail from Focal Image confirming the price for the new signage in the park. Cllr Stanton proposed that the price was acceptable and we should go ahead with having it made. Seconded by Cllr Havard. All in favour.

**Item Number 6.110** – Letter from the Empty Housing Officer regarding Bay Tree Cottage.

**Item Number 6.23** - Letter from Mrs Goosen regarding the burger van on the A435.

**Item Number 6.94** - Matting vandalised under swing area. Cllr Willmott confirmed that he had arranged to have this repaired.

**Item Number 6.123** – Letter from Hampton Architects confirming a meeting with Cllr Willmott re: the new office at the rear of Earlswood Village Hall.

**10/11/42 - Reports from working parties**

i) **Website:** no report

ii) **Office Accommodation:** This had already been mentioned in correspondence.

**10/11/43- Finance**

i) To adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Councillor Willmott proposed, seconded by Councillor Stanton. All in favour

ii) Chairman's report: It was quite a short meeting and Councillor Stanton took the minutes in the absence of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

iii) Items for payment: Councillor Ross proposed all items en bloc Councillor Stanton seconded. All in favour. Appreciation was expressed that the Internal Audit had gone through with nothing to report and no weaknesses found.

### **10/11/44 - Planning**

i) To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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

ii) Report of the Chairman: Councillor O'Brien reported that there is a meeting scheduled at 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with other parish councils regarding enforcement issues. It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase refreshments for this meeting out of petty cash.

The Clerk was asked to write to Tony Perks in the planning department expressing how difficult it is when plans for existing development and proposed development are presented in 2 different scales. It was also asked that the Clerk mention that there had been no response to date to Cllr O'Brien's previous letter to Mr Perks.

iii) Reports from Site Visits – none.

iv) Planning applications:

a) **10/00313/FUL Hill Farm, Pig Trot Lane – amendment**

It was agreed that our original objection would still stand.

b) **10/00808/FUL Oakhurst, Stratford Road – Objection**

The Parish Council have no objection to the demolition of the current dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling providing that the volume calculations are confirmed as correct. However, there is an objection to incorporating agricultural open countryside into the domestic curtilage of the property.

c) **10/00990/FUL 8 Arden Leys, Tanworth in Arden - Objection**

Although the Parish Council has respect for the problem with the applicant, this application is overdevelopment in the green belt.

d) **10/01038/EXT Little Chef, Liveridge Hill – No Representation**

e) **10/00436/FUL – Le Cheyne, Aspley Heath Lane – No Representation**

f) **10/01022/LDE – Bears cottage, Gorcott Hill, Beoley – Objection**

The Parish Council objects to this Planning Application. With the proof submitted it appears that Council Tax has been charged on a building which doesn't officially exist. Where is the Planning Permission for this dwelling to be built? The evidence submitted doesn't appear to prove residency beyond 3 years.

The Clerk was asked to ask District Councillor Oakley if he would take the issue of buildings which are built without planning permission and are therefore not recognised under planning, but council tax is collected and then the evidence of council tax payment is then used as evidence to prove that the building is legitimate.

g) **10/01106/AGNOT – Obelisk Farm, Umberslade – No Representation**

**10/11/45 – To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the annual accounts made up of:**

**Statement of Accounts (Annual Return)**  
**Annual Governance Statement**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**

This item had already been dealt with at the previous meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> where it was proposed by Councillor Willmott that these were approved. Seconded by Councillor Instone. All in favour.

**10/11/46 - To Discuss The Village Green**

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott and seconded by Councillor Ross that the public were excluded from the meeting during this item because legal advice to the Council was being discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the Parish Council resolved to write to Mr Bent at The Bell and propose an agreement regarding the use of the village green incorporating the points raised in Mr Bent's letter. This was proposed by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Ross. This was passed 5 votes for and 2 votes against.

**10/11/47 - To consider the PCSO having an Office Key**

The Parish Council decided that this should remain as it is with the PCSO using the office when the office is staffed.

**10/11/48 - Items for Community Forum**

It was confirmed that Councillor Keogh will now be attending the Community Forum. Items being raised on behalf of the Parish Council are

- Traffic danger spots (including traffic lights at The Common crossroads and Flower Knott Cottage)
- Lack of public transport
- Police presence.

**10/11/49 - Work Around the Parish**

The Green – damage to the kerb  
 The Common/Broad Lane – a bollard is down

**10/11/50 - Items for future agenda**

Use of the village green.

**10/11/51 - To Note date, place and time of next Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> July – Tanworth Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_