

Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 15th December 2011 at 19.30 hours in Earlswood Village Hall.

Public Forum

1 member of the public was present

District Councillors Atkinson, District Councillor Oakley and County Council Perry all sent their apologies and were not present at the meeting.

Jenny Buckley, Chair of Earlswood and Forshaw Heath Residents' Association reported that they had recently had Mr Phil Ward of Warwickshire Rural Community Council speak to them about a Housing Needs Survey which was very interesting. It has become clear, however, that there is very little possibility of houses being built on the site of 133 The Common in Earlswood because the cost of clearing up the contamination at the site may prove prohibitive. It was also reported that the bin is overflowing at the site and there have been complaints. Environmental Health has been informed.

The lakes clean up days are now supported by the Waterside Care Project. Waterside Care provides materials and assists voluntary groups in enhancing their local waterways.

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Present: Councillor Willmott (Chairman), Councillor Instone, Councillor Stanton, Councillor Keogh, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Councillor Jones

In Attendance: Julie White Clerk to the Council

11/12/133- Apologies for absence – Councillor Ross, Councillor Waters, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Bettam, Councillor Havard, Councillor Oakley

The reasons given for absence were accepted by the Parish Council.

11/12/134- Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest – Councillor Fitzpatrick declared a personal interest in Item **11/12/138** and Councillor Keogh declared a personal interest in Item **11/12/142**.

11/12/135- To Confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 17th November 2011
It was proposed by Councillor Stanton and seconded by Councillor Keogh that the minutes of the Council Meeting on 17th November were a true and accurate record. All those present at the previous meeting voted in favour. Chairman Councillor Willmott signed the minutes.

11/12/136 - Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise dealt with – The Clerk reported that Access Diggers have planted the hedge along the feeder.

11/12/137- Matters raised in the Public Forum - Councillor Willmott said that it was interesting that a Housing Needs Survey wouldn't solve the problem of what to do with 133 The Common. Councillor Keogh said that the site at Copes could provide a suitable site for housing needs. Councillor Willmott wished Jenny Buckley and her team luck with their regular clean up days around Earlswood Lakes.

11/12/138 - To Note Items of Correspondence Received - The following items were highlighted:

Item 6.177 - A letter from The Sandpiper Group regarding the site of the former Little Chef.

The correspondence list was noted.

11/12/139 - Finance

i) To adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 3rd November 2011. Councillor Willmott proposed that we adopt the minutes from 3rd November 2011. Seconded by Councillor Stanton. All in favour.

ii) Chairman's report: The budget and precept were discussed at the last meeting of the Finance Committee meeting and a recommendation made to Full Council.

iii) Items for payment: Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed that all items were taken en bloc. Councillor Jones seconded. All in favour.

11/12/140 - Planning

- i) To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 3rd November 2011
Councillor Instone proposed that we adopt the minutes from 3rd November 2011, seconded by Councillor Stanton. All in favour.
- ii) Report of the Chairman: No Report
- iii) To consider the following Planning Applications:

11/02571/FUL Well Meadow – Comment that the extension appears excessive and we query the volume calculation. If it does turn out to exceed the permitted 30% then the Parish Council object.

11/02604/FUL Wayside, Tinkers Lane – deferred.

11/02764/LBC Bank House A, The Green – support because the works are essential.

11/12/141 - Report from Working Party - Village Green Tree/Jubilee Project

Councillor Stanton reported on behalf of the working party that tree will have to come out as soon as planning permission has been obtained. The old soil will be removed, avoiding the well, and new soil put in. The species of the replacement will be decided at a later date, when we know if any of the parishioners have made any suggestions following the article in the parish magazine, but Councillor Stanton suggested a Sweet Chestnut. It was discussed whether the area needed fencing off as a safety precaution and it was decided that this would not be necessary.

11/12/142 –Resolution to Appoint a Contractor for the Building of the New Office

Councillor Willmott proposed that Farthing Properties are appointed to carry out the building of the new office. Seconded by Councillor Jones. All in favour.

11/12/143 – To Consider the Recommendation of the Finance and General Purpose Committee to Approve the Budget and Precept for 2012/13

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott and seconded by Councillor Jones that the recommendation of the Finance and General Purpose Committee is accepted and the budget is set at £48,000 and the precept remains unchanged at £45,500. All in favour.

11/12/144 - To Consider the Recommendation of the Finance and General Purpose Committee to Not to Make Draft Minutes Available to the Public

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott and seconded by Councillor Stanton that the recommendation of the Finance and General Purpose Committee is accepted and draft minutes are not to be made available to the public. All in favour.

11/12/145 – Work Around the Parish – stile on footpath SD253 in Butts Lane is broken.

11/12/146 - Items for Future Agenda - none

11/12/147 – To Note date, place and time of next Meeting:

Thursday 19th January at Tanworth Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 hrs

Signed _____ Chairman of meeting _____ Date