

**Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 19.30 hours at Earlswood Village Hall**

Public Forum

There were 4 members of the public present, together with District Councillor George Atkinson.

District Councillor George Atkinson was invited to address the Parish Council first as he had to go on to another meeting. Councillor Atkinson spoke about the following:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money currently stands at £2700 for our Parish which can be used for anything. Councillor Atkinson said that our Parish has generated the highest amount of CIL in the District. Councillor Atkinson said he gathered that the play area which was to be built with S106 money from the Cank Farm development was not needed but he is looking for a way of getting an undertaking from Duchy Homes to replace this. He is waiting for a reply.
- Following Stratford District Council's (SDC's) windfall of around £60,000 from the sale of the garages in Bell Field, Councillor Atkinson is pushing for SDC to fund a new streetlight in Bell Field/Doctors Close.
- Councillor Atkinson said this was to be his last meeting. He said that he had had a pleasant time and several things have crossed his path. The residents have always been of prime importance and he has tried to satisfy them where possible.

On behalf of the Parish Council, The Chairman thanked Councillor Atkinson for all his work in the past and wished him well for the future.

Roger Skyrme addressed the Parish Council on behalf of the grant application submitted by Tanworth Village Hall (TVH) for new lighting and drapes. Mr Skyrme explained that the Parish Council had approved a £4000 grant last year for TVH on the proviso that they were successful in a bid from the Arts Council. Unfortunately, the Arts Council bid was not successful so that grant will not be paid out. Therefore, TVH has split the project into phases and phase 1 is dealing with the stage lighting system. Mr Skyrme explained that the TVH is seeking £3,500 from the Parish Council to put in a new LED lighting system and new stage drapes.

Councillor Burgess said in his experience, most acts bring their own lighting. Mr Skyrme said that no-one has ever provided more than a small PA system.

A resident addressed the Parish Council about a planning application that they would like to submit. The resident lives in a listed building and would like to provide a garage which would incorporate some accommodation for a disabled resident above. The resident has found SDC to be very unhelpful and they advised that any application would be refused. The resident understands that the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) would not help them and asked that this be reconsidered. Councillor Saunders said that he would speak to the person outside of the meeting as it would take too long to address in the meeting. Councillor Oakley agreed that it was not the time to address this at the meeting but asked the Clerk to find out a recent application which was similar which may help the applicant.

Mr Parkinson said that CIL payments will go up once the NDP has been adopted and can be used for such things as helping the Village Hall with improvements. Mr Parkinson spoke about the play area to be provided with S106 money and said that Duchy Homes should give an undertaking for the play area so that it can go forward in one way or other. Councillor Oakley said that there was plenty of room on the site to house a play area, but Mr Parkinson said that in his experience small play areas are not used. There is a danger that the money will be lost if it is not used. Councillor Saunders said that several sites were discussed for the play area, but no decision was ever made, and Councillor Atkinson was quite

wrong to say that the play area was not required. It was agreed that this will go on a future agenda although it was noted that time is of the essence.

Mrs Jenny Buckley gave the following report on behalf of the Earlswood and Forshaw Heath Residents' Association (EFHRA):

- Mrs Buckley recently attended a meeting at Leek Wootton about £500,000 which is available for road safety or people safeguarding projects. Mrs Buckley mentioned the safety issues in Broad Lane with school children crossing the dangerous road when they are going to or from the school buses. They also spoke about Operation Snap; there are more uninsured drivers than ever and with Operation Snap you can report poor driving and dangerous behaviour using footage from dashcams or other devices. Another initiative discussed was the use of unmarked HGVs to catch other HGVs driving inappropriately.
- Mrs Buckley asked that the PC publicises the Pension Credit information recently sent through from Councillor Horner.
- Mrs Buckley expressed her discontentment about a recent meeting between a Road Safety Engineer from Warwickshire County Council (WCC), Councillor Burgess and Roy Weake regarding improving the signage on The Common. Mrs Buckley felt that she should have been invited to this meeting and she only found out when a resident contacted her after the meeting. It looks from the notes received after the meeting that the cutting back of the undergrowth is to come out of the fund and not maintenance which should not be the case. She hopes the 3 priorities are being done first.

The Public Forum was closed

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Present: Councillor Willmott (Chair), Councillor Burgess, Councillor Saunders, Councillor Instone, Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Oakley, Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Chaudry
In attendance: Julie White, Clerk to the Parish

19/20/001 - Apologies for absence – Councillor Jones, Councillor Ross, Councillor Keogh and Councillor Sheppard

19/20/002

- **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda-** Councillor Chaudry declared an interest in Item 19/20/011 as she is a member of the Tanworth Village Hall Committee.
- **To receive written request for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)-** None
- **To consider any requests for dispensations as appropriate-** None

19/20/003-To Confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21st March 2019
Councillor Cunningham proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Seconded by Councillor Oakley. All those present at the meeting of 21st March 2019 were in favour, so Councillor Willmott signed the minutes.

19/20/004 - Matters arising from the minutes, not otherwise dealt with –

- Further to the decision at the last meeting to replace mercury streetlights numbers LP3 and LP4 on Vicarage Hill. The quote from WCC for LP4 was approx. £390 but the contractor attended and found that the support bracket and service box is severely corroded and therefore they were unable to fit the new lantern. The service box and bracket will have to be replaced which will involve liaison with EON in order to disconnect and reconnect the power supply and the likely cost will be £1140 + VAT. Councillor Willmott proposed that the revised estimate is accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Oakley. All in favour.
- The Clerk advised that work for the Community Payback Scheme has been handed over to her assistant to facilitate, with the focus being on getting road signs cleaned on main roads if possible.

19/20/005 - Matters raised in the Public Forum –

- Light in Bell Field. PC to monitor to ensure Cllr Atkinson's successor carries on pushing SDC to fund this.
- Duchy Homes S106 agreement – future agenda.
- Tanworth Village Hall grant application – agenda item
- NDP comments from resident re building – Councillor Saunders to liaise with resident
- Councillor Cunningham commented that he was very surprised that District Councillor Atkinson had said that our Parish generates the highest amount of CIL in the whole District especially as our Parish is 100% in the Green Belt.
- Councillor Saunders commented on Jenny Buckley's comments about safety in Broad Lane. As there was no positive outcome previously due to funding and there is now the possibility of money being available through a grant Councillor Saunders asked that this is put back on a future agenda to revisit.
- Councillor Burgess responded to Jenny Buckley's comments about not being invited to the meeting about speeding on The Common. He said that an email was received from Jagpreet Liddar, a Road Safety Engineer from WCC, asking to meet an individual to discuss the options. . Councillor Burgess felt that it was appropriate that the Chair of the group, Mr Weak, should also

be invited as it was his approach to the PC which caused the group to be formed, but didn't feel it appropriate to invite anyone else. Councillor Burgess said that the resident that Mrs Buckley referred to as informing her about the meeting was the group Chairman, Roy Weake who Councillor Burgess had asked to circulate to all members details of what was agreed at the meeting.

19/20/006 - To note items of correspondence received - The list of correspondence was noted with the following items being highlighted:

6.36 - flooding in Poolhead Lane and grant from WCC. It was agreed not to progress this for the time being as it was felt that it was up to WCC to sort it out and not just at one property.

6.57 - signs recommended by Police on Causeway. WCC to charge £500 no refundable deposit just to look at this. The PC had doubts that the signs would work and don't want to progress this.

19/20/007 – Finance – to authorise the signing of orders for payment

Councillor Oakley proposed that the payments are accepted en bloc and £9000 is transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. Seconded by Councillor Cunningham. All in favour.

19/20/008 - Planning

- i) To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 7th February 2019. Councillor Cunningham proposed that the minutes of 7th February are adopted. Seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour.
- ii) The PC has withdrawn its objection to the Cank Farm planning application following revisions. The NDP is on the agenda and is looking good.
- iii) To note decision notices:

Application	Address	Proposal	Decision
19/00342/FUL	Oak Cottage, Pig Trot Lane	Extension and conversion of existing outbuilding into ancillary habitable space	Permission with conditions
19/00300/LDP	11 Aspley Heath Lane, Tanworth	New side door and window to first floor side elevation	Certificate of lawful existing use or development
18/03746/VARY	Redditch Gateway, Land Adjacent to The A4023 Coventry Highway, East of Ravensbank and Winyates Green	Several Variations	Permission
19/00678/HHPA	Pendeek , Danzey Green Lane	Single storey rear extension	Prior approval not required

iii) To consider planning applications:

Application	Address	Proposal	PC Comment
19/00837/FUL	The Firs, Stratford Road	Demolition of infill conservatory and erection of single storey extension to front/side	No Representation
19/00895/ELEC	Summers Poultry, Cank Farm	Proposed substation to be erected under permitted development rights	No Representation
19/00910/FUL	The Barff, Poolhead Lane	Erection of detached garage	Providing there are no neighbour objections – No representation

18/02392/REM	Cank Farm	Submission of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 14/02144/OUT Amended Site layout Amended affordable dwellings types Amended Plot 1 Amended landscaping plans Updated lighting scheme Updated vehicle tracking	No representation
19/00734/FUL	Claybank House, Tanworth Lane, Beoley	Proposed single storey building to provide garaging	No representation
19/00038/FUL	Claybank Farm, Tanworth Lane, Beoley	Erection of prefabricated oak frame private garages	No representation

19/20/009 – To receive and consider approval of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Saunders said that amendments have been made and commented that SDC felt that instead of having 2 potential building sites in Earlswood they should plump for one. It was felt it would be easier to plump for the site adjacent to 141 The Common as the allotments are on the other site. The other development site is at Wood End behind the Warwickshire Lad Pub and the conditions would be the same for each site. A small change has been made to the Wood End Inset Map. The Brownfield site policy has changed. Councillor Saunders said that they had endeavoured to make the NDP specific to us and also acknowledged the assistance given by SDC.

19/20/010 - Matters carried over from the Finance & General Purpose Committee:

i) **To discuss adopting a training policy (LC)** – in progress

ii) **To discuss policing and crime in the area (standing item).**

a) **Questionnaire** – Councillors Burgess and O’Brien to distribute questionnaire in the absence of any other volunteers.

A letter received by the PC from Mr Franks concerning the questionnaire and a previous questionnaire that was completely unconnected to the Parish Council was noted and a response composed by Councillor O’Brien on behalf of the PC was approved.

iii) **Any update re parking issues in Bell Field.** Councillor Chaudry and Saunders to meet up to progress this soon.

19/20/011 - To consider a grant application from Tanworth in Arden Village Hall

Following a lengthy discussion where several issues were raised including:

- grants should be for capital items and drapes had been included in the application
- It was questioned why lighting of such a high standard was necessary
- If this is Phase 1, will the Village Hall be requesting more money for the future phases?
- £2,100 has already been given out of this year’s budget and if a further £3,500 is given out, the budget of £4,000 will be overspent in the first month.

Councillor Cunningham proposed that a grant of £3250 is awarded to Tanworth Village Hall. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Oakley. 7 votes in favour. Councillor Chaudry abstained from voting.

19/20/012 - To approve Councillors Chaudry and Burgess becoming signatories on the Unity Accounts.

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott and seconded by Councillor Oakley that Councillors Chaudry and Burgess become Unity Bank account signatories in preparation for the departure of Councillors Sheppard and Cunningham. All in favour.

19/20/013 - To discuss the adoption of the model Standing Orders

As the section of staffing requires more work, Councillor Oakley suggested that the Staffing Sub-committee meets to discuss this. As two members of the sub-committee are leaving the Parish Council, it was felt that the meeting should be after the Annual General Meeting where members of the sub-committee will be appointed.

19/20/014 - To discuss ambulance response times

Councillor Oakley spoke about two incidences where the ambulance had taken a long time to arrive and also about the unconnected nature of the services. He asked that the Parish Council writes to Cllr Horner and ask him to review the situation and ask what the people of our Parish can expect and what's available. Councillor Burgess said that the national average for a priority ambulance callout was within 8 minutes and the average waiting time for B94 is 12 minutes 40 seconds which is only just outside the national average.

19/20/015- Work around the Parish:

- Sign down in Poolhead Lane by The Limes
- 50mph sign down in Broad Lane
- Pot holes in Valley Road
- Sunken ironwork in Shutt Lane

19/20/016 - Items for future agenda/any other business

- Mr Parkinson commented that it was very difficult to hear with a meeting going on in the adjoining room and it was very unprofessional.

19/20/017 - To note date, place and time of next meeting:

16th May 2019 at Tanworth Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.37

Signed _____

Chairman of Meeting _____ Date