

Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th August at Tanworth Village Hall

Public Forum

There were approximately 14 people present in the Public Forum together with District Councillor Dixon. County Council Horner had previously sent his apologies.

The Public Forum began with a presentation from Stuart Danskin and Sam Slemensek from Stratford District Council (SDC) on the proposed CCTV camera for the Earlswood area. This camera would be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. SDC are looking for suggestions from residents regarding preferred location although the camera would require a BT connection and electrical service works which could restrict where it can go. Discussion took place over the monitoring of the camera and SDC confirmed that the camera would not have Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). A further discussion took place over the problems with crime on the causeway and Valley Road with a resident highlighting the drug problem in Valley Road. District Councillor Dixon asked that a quote is provided for putting in extra cameras as it was questioned if one would be enough. Stuart Danskin said he would forward a quote to the Parish Council. Sam Slemensek said that they would take away the things that had been said at tonight's meeting and once it has been decided where the preferred location is, a four week consultation would take place. Sam and Stuart explained that legally they have to justify need for a CCTV camera so residents were encouraged to make sure that all incidents are reported to the Police. No time frame could be given for the installation of the camera.

This part of the Public Forum closed at 20.15 and the usual Public Forum followed:

A resident said that it was 5 years ago that SDC had confirmed to Tanworth Parish Council that it had designated the area for a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and he asked where we were at now. He said that the NDP is still at least 18 months from being adopted and he was disappointed that the Parish Council hasn't acted in the best interest of all the people in the Parish. It was confirmed that the draft is now with SDC awaiting their response.

Jenny Buckley, Chair of the Earlswood and Forshaw Heath Residents' Association (EFRHA) reported on the following:

- She has collected incident logs from residents around Earlsmere and handed them in to SDC re the proposed CCTV.
- The Residents' Association has expressed an interest in running a Community Speedwatch (CSW) scheme again. CSW is a national initiative where members of local communities join, with the support of the Police, to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. The Police have informed EFRHA that it must be the Parish Council that applies to run this scheme, therefore Mrs Buckley asked if the Parish Council would apply to run CSW and she would be happy to run it.
- VE Day 75th anniversary celebrations – EFRHA happy to help at any events. It is understood that Earlswood Village Hall are arranging an event.
- At the recent Lakes Clean-up, there were 25 volunteers. As the water was so high it was not possible to clear the feeders properly, but there were 31 bags of rubbish collected. Broken drains were discovered on the embankment which has been reported. The new Canal and River Trust team from Tardebigge were at the clean-up and they spoke to the volunteers.
- A resident of Valley Road asked about the culvert near to Earlsmere as it blocks. It was explained that no one knows who owns this piece of land. Jenny Buckley said that there is a possibility that this could be included in a scheme that EFRHA are trying to get funding for.

A resident asked that if anti-social behaviour is so bad why not shut the causeway? The Chairman said that this is a public highway so would not be easy and also there was no evidence to show that residents wanted this. Jenny Buckley referred to 2 previous surveys which conclusively showed that the majority of residents do not want the causeway closed.

A resident updated the Parish Council on the drainage problems in Poolhead Lane. He stated that the drainage is not fit for purpose and he is very frustrated that Warwickshire County Council knows that there is a problem and nothing has been done. The resident asked for details of how to apply for a grant as the surface water is damaging his driveway. He has spoken to the Flood Risk Team who say that the job is not a priority as they have no man power but they are trying to clear the drains. The drains are to be jetted but the carrier drains are blocked with tree roots and some of the drains are broken.

District Councillor Dixon gave his report:

- The planning application for the property known as Haystacks in Penn Lane went to Committee and was refused.
- County Councillor Horner had sent his apologies but District Councillor Dixon referred to the briefing note which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors immediately prior to the meeting. Councillor Chaudry read it out to all present as below:

Pool Head Lane

Would the Parish Council please continue processing the application for a small flooding grant to raise a section of a resident's driveway to stop water flowing in. This will not solve the underlying problem, but it will help the resident.

The Stratford District Area manager, Jeff Morris, has requested jetting of all drains in the lane. It appears the heavy rain recently has washed silt from building work that is going on in the area into the drains. Unfortunately Jeff is on leave this week and it appears he is dealing with it personally so I do not have the most up to date information. The County's flood risk management team has been advising Highway on solutions and I understand once jetted the pipes will be inspected to see if any have collapsed.

Valley Road

Canal & River Trust has appointed a new engineer for the Lakes, Timothy Booker. It appears that some logging went on recently and logs were left for environmental reasons next the stream bank. The heavy rain washed some into the brook and caused problems.

The flood team have been unable to locate a land owner for the land below Valley Road as they were hoping to instruct them to remove all the fly tipped debris from the stream. One suggestion is that the Parish Council applies for a small flood grant and carries out the work themselves. It might be worth the Parish Council claiming the land through the Land Registry if no owner can be found. Mark Banning is the contact at WCC.

Cank Farm

The County are currently claiming they did not agree to the extension of the 20mph speed limit to Cank Farm entrance. It appears a 40 mph is now being proposed as this is the average speed of vehicles at that point. The notice goes out in the autumn and the PC can make representations at that time.

The District Councillor has provided notes of a meeting where the County appeared to agree the 20 mph speed limit and I am currently escalating the matter above the road safety team as the road safety team claim it was not made by an authorised officer.

It was unfortunate that the developer cut the hedge down as this means sight lines have improved.

Wood Lane/Norton Lane Junction

I have arranged to meet with SMBC Councillor Ken Hawkins at the junction of Wood Lane and Norton Lane at 2pm on August 19 to discuss road safety issues.

The public forum closed at 20.45

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Present: Councillor Willmott (Chair), Councillor Chaudry, Councillor Burgess, Councillor Jones, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Doidge and Councillor O'Brien. Councillor Brougham joined the meeting after his co-option
In attendance: Julie White, Parish Council

19/20/079 - Apologies for absence – Councillor Ross and Councillor Saunders

19/20/080

- **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda-** None
- **To receive written request for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)-** None
- **To consider any requests for dispensations as appropriate-** All Councillors (with the exception of John Brougham) have completed a form to ask for dispensation in respect of all dealings with the 1857 Trust. This is to be dealt with later on in the meeting.

19/20/081 - To Confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of:

- i) **20th June 2019** - Councillor O'Brien proposed that these minutes were a true and accurate record. Councillor Chaudry seconded the proposal. All those present at the meeting of 20th June were in favour. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- ii) **18th July 2019** – Councillor Chaudry proposed that the minutes of 18th July were a true and accurate record. Councillor Willmott seconded the proposal. All those present at the meeting of 18th July were in favour. The Chairman signed the minutes.

19/20/082 - Matters arising, not otherwise dealt with from

The Clerk reported that she had circulated some notes on CIL as very little has been received from Councillors regarding priorities for allocating the money.

With reference to the request to move the Welcome to Tanworth sign. As Warwickshire County Council charge a £500 non-refundable fee just to look at this, it was agreed to leave it for the time being.

19/20/083 – To consider co-opting a new councillor

It was noted that there had been talk prior to the meeting that a policy should be adopted in respect of adopting new councillors. A suggestion was made that any co-options are deferred until such a policy is in place. Councillor Oakley confirmed that immediately prior to the meeting he had informed the Chairman and Clerk that he would be recording this part of the meeting. Whilst he felt that the implementation of a Policy is laudable he felt that the current applicant was entitled to be treated the same as previous potential co-option candidates. Councillor Willmott proposed that John Brougham is co-opted on to the Parish Council. Seconded by Councillor Jones. 3 votes in favour. 1 vote against and 3 abstentions. Councillor Brougham signed his Declaration of Office in front of The Clerk and took his seat at the meeting.

19/20/084– Matters raised in the Public Forum –

- The NDP is progressing and is now with SDC.
- Speedwatch – It was unanimously agreed to accede to The Residents' Association's request to apply for Speedwatch on behalf of EFHRA. It was noted that EFHRA will be responsible for running it.
- Culvert in Valley Road - The Parish Council discussed Councillor Horner's suggestion to claim ownership and all felt that this would not be a good idea. With reference to the clearing of the culvert, it was agreed to wait to see if EFRHA can secure any assistance with this before pursuing a grant.

19/20/085 - To note items of correspondence received - The list of correspondence was noted with the following items being highlighted:

- 6.16 - SDC - Site Allocations Plan consultation
 6.29 – Kier - M42 Junction 3 proposed 50mph speed limit. PC have no problem with this.
 6.45 – WCC – Rail strategy consultation and briefing
 6.48 – WCC – Maintenance of watercourse adjacent to Valley Road, Earlswood. It was agreed to wait until EFRHA’s contact is a viable option.
 6.50 – SDC - Council Plan Consultation
 6.52 – Air Ambulance - Clothes bank – Clerk to make further enquiries

19/20/086– Finance - To authorise the signing of orders for payment

Councillor Oakley proposed that the payments are accepted en bloc and £3,500 is transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. Seconded by Councillor Jones. All in favour.

19/20/087 - Planning

- i) To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 4th July 2019.
 Councillor Willmott proposed that the minutes of 4th July 2019 are adopted. Seconded by Councillor Chaudry. All in favour.
 ii) Report – no report
 iii) To note decision notices:

Application	Address	Proposal	Decision
19/00038/FUL	Clay Bank Farm, Tanworth Lane, Beoley	Erection of prefabricated oak frame private garages	Withdrawn
19/01597/FUL	The Firs, Stratford Rd	Demolition of infill conservatory. Erection of new single storey extension. Erection of 2 nd floor extension over existing single storey.	Permission with conditions
19/00982/FUL	Copperfield, Broad Lane	New canopy roof to rear of existing outbuilding, with new link to main house; two storey extension to side; first floor extension to rear; detached garage to side with games room above	Permission with conditions
19/00475/FUL	Haystacks, Penn Lane	Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erect new single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, first floor rear extension and new porch. Erection of two 5 bar gates to entrance, fenestration alterations and partial render.	Refusal

- iii) To consider planning applications:

Application	Address	Proposal	Comment
19/02070/LDE	Tapster Brook House, Stratford Road	Outbuilding within the curtilage of the existing dwelling	No representation
19/01973/LDE	Claybank Farm, Tanworth Lane, Beoley	Use of land as garden land (associated with Claybank Farm)	No representation
19/00074/ADJCON	Portway House Alcester Road	Conversion and single storey extension of ground floor restaurant and first floor flat to 5 bedroom dwelling	No representation
19/01537/VARY	Hill Top Garage, Alcester Road, Beoley	Re app 18/01567/FUL condition 2 to be changed to substitute drawing no 3287/002A with drawing no 3287/002D	No representation
19/01971/FUL	Lockerbie, Pig Trot Lane	Demolition of two redundant buildings and erection of training facility	No representation
19/02032/FUL	Arden Conifers, Vicarage Hill	Two storey rear extension, detached garage block and alteration of roof lines.	No representation

19/20/088 – To discuss Stratford District Council’s proposal to install a new CCTV camera in the Parish.

i) To confirm that the Parish Council agrees to the annual monitoring fee of £991.42

Councillor Oakley proposed that should the CCTV camera go ahead the PC should commit to the annual monitoring fee for the duration of the 4 year contract. Seconded by Councillor Doidge. All in favour. There was a suggestion that CIL payments could be used.

ii) To consider the Parish Council’s preferred location

It was agreed to await the consultation results before expressing a preferred location. It was agreed that we should press for the consultation as soon as possible and chase progress on a monthly basis. All in favour.

19/20/089 – Matters carried over from the Finance & General Purpose Committee:

i) To discuss policing and crime in the area (standing item). It was agreed that due to the time, an item would appear on the next agenda ‘ASB and policing in the area’

ii) Any update re parking issues in Bell Field. The Clerk reported that the letters were delivered to each household a week ago and there had only been one response to date.

19/20/090 – To discuss Earlswood Lakes Fundraising Committee’s letter confirming that they are disbanding later in the year and intend to hand over all their funds to the Parish Council. Also to consider how the Parish Council would like to spend the money.

A letter from Earlswood Lakes Fundraising Committee (ELF) had been previously circulated to all Members. The letter is appended to these minutes.

The Parish Council gratefully accepted the proposed donation from ELF which would be in the region £7,800. It was noted that this donation was given without any expectation on how the funds would be spent. It was also noted that several people had expressed a wish for a slide in the park. Councillor Jones agreed and confirmed that people had expressed to her a wish for a slide in Earlswood Leisure Park. The Clerk was asked to come to the next meeting with quotations for a slide.

It was suggested that the play area could do with updating and Councillor Doidge offered to submit a lottery bid to improve the facilities. To be discussed at a future meeting.

19/20/091 – Any update on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – no further update.

19/20/092 – To consider a request to lower the height of the hedge in Malthouse Lane keyhole

A request to lower cut the laurel hedge adjacent to the bungalows in the keyhole has been received. The Clerk showed photographs of the hedge which is quite unkempt and is approximately 30’ high. The Clerk was asked to consult with the residents of the bungalows to ascertain their feelings. The Clerk will bring some quotes to the next meeting together with the views of the residents.

19/20/093 – To consider granting dispensation to the following Parish Councillors in respect of all dealings with the 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for a further 4 years – Councillors Willmott, Oakley, Burgess, Chaudry, Jones, O’Brien, Ross and Saunders

The Clerk had received dispensation forms from the above named councillors. Councillor Doidge proposed that Councillors Oakley, Burgess, Chaudry, Jones, O’Brien, Ross and Saunders were granted dispensation en bloc. Seconded by Councillor Willmott. All in favour.

Councillor Doidge proposed that Councillor Willmott is granted dispensation. Seconded by Councillor Oakley. All in favour.

Therefore it was resolved that Councillors Willmott, Oakley, Burgess, Chaudry, Jones, O’Brien, Ross and Saunders are granted dispensation to deal with all matters relating to the Tanworth Parish 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for 4 years until August 15th 2023.

19/20/094 - To consider granting dispensation to Councillor Doidge in respect of all dealings with the 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for a period of 4 years.

Councillor Jones proposed that Councillor Doidge is granted dispensation to deal with all matters relating to the Tanworth Parish 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for 4 years. Seconded by Councillor Chaudry. All in favour. Therefore it was resolved that Councillor Doidge is granted dispensation to deal with all matters relating to the Tanworth Parish 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for 4 years until August 15th 2023.

19/20/095- Work around the Parish:

- Weak bridge sign by The Limes in field
- Redundant road signs still around the Parish
- Hedge at field adjacent to 133 The Common needs cutting
- Hedge at corner of Umberslade Road and The Common needs cutting
- Small Lane road surface disintegrating.

19/20/096 - Items for future agenda/any other business

- ASB and Policing in the area (PO)
- Hedge in Malthouse Lane keyhole
- To consider quotations for purchasing a slide in Earlswood Leisure Park
- To consider applying for Lottery funding to update play facilities in the Parish (JD)
- CCTV
- Implementation of a policy for co-opting new Parish Councillors

19/20/097 - To note date, place and time of next meeting:

19th September at Tanworth Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 22.00

Signed _____

Chairman of Meeting _____ Date

Earlswood Lakes Fundraising Committee (ELF)
63 Malthouse Lane
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6 August 2019

Mrs J White
Clerk to the Parish Council
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Earlswood Village Hall
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Dear Julie

As you are aware, Earlswood Lakes Fundraising (ELF) was formed in 2010 and since then has raised over £14,000, which has all been used to benefit the local community in many ways. ELF has reached its natural conclusion and will be disbanding after our last event in October 2019. The ELF committee has agreed to donate all of its residual funds to the Parish Council.

As you are also aware, ELF has been approached on numerous occasions, during events that we have organised, with regard to erecting a slide in the children's play area in Malthouse Park. Many residents remember the old slide and have expressed a wish, verbally, to have it replaced.

We are aware that Malthouse Park is owned by the Parish Council and that we cannot install a slide there without the PC's approval. We are also aware that any pieces of play equipment will be insured by the PC's own insurance policy and that, consequently, we couldn't research the specifications of such an item as that would be the prerogative of the PC in order to satisfy its insurers and the health and safety checks that have to be undertaken.

As I stated earlier, we are closing down the fundraising committee and wish to donate the funds on account at the date of termination to the PC. While this will be an unfettered gift, may we suggest that the Parish Council considers our research in the light of the wishes expressed to us of parishioners and visitors to the park alike.

Yours sincerely



Pam Moore
Secretary - ELF