

Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th September at Tanworth Village Hall

Public Forum

There were 2 people present in the Public Forum together with District Councillor Dixon and County Council Horner.

A resident questioned why the Parish Council (PC) had made no representation to the revised application for Mewslade in Poolhead Lane when it had originally objected. The resident said that the application was not in keeping with the area and asked why the PC had changed its mind. The resident went on to say that the PC was inconsistent in its planning comments and the Housing Needs Survey conducted in the Parish identified that there is no requirement for flats.

The PC responded by saying that they felt that the issues raised in the original objection had been addressed and it was difficult to identify a planning reason to object.

The resident went on to question where the PC is with the NDP. Councillor Saunders explained that there was a delay of 6 – 8 weeks whilst it was amended to include the field behind the church. It has been with Stratford District Council (SDC) for a few weeks so it should be going out to consultation soon but there have only been 2 people working on it so progress has not been as quick as would have been liked.

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

- EFRHA put in an objection of the planning application to develop the field adjacent to Little Acre in Springbrook Lane.
- There have been a few incidents of anti-social behaviour in Valley Road and a couple of incidents of fly tipping which have been reported to SDC.
- Re the blocked stream in Valley Road which causes flooding, Jenny Buckley is trying to set up a meeting with a resident of Earlsmere to assess what the problem is. EFRHA will keep on working on it and will try to get a team together but the PC may feel it is quicker for them to apply for a Small Floods Grant from Warwickshire County Council (WCC). Councillor Willmott said that he has been to assess the problem and the stream has been reduced to 2' wide due to being blocked with debris. He said that to clear it would require traffic lights for traffic control, a digger, a chainsaw and a lorry. Councillor Willmott agreed to meet Jenny Buckley on site to discuss the best way to progress matters.

County Councillor Horner gave his report:

- Last year WCC spent £562 million and expenditure on social care (adult social care, children's care and public health) rose to 66% of the budget from 64% last year. Highways accounted for 8% of the Council budget compared to 9% last year. The total spending was about 2% higher than last year.
- The Chancellor's recent statement released significant funds to local government and Cllr Horner expects Warwickshire to receive £12 million additional for social care and about £5 million for transport. It seems that Councils may also, if they wish, surcharge council tax by 2% to help with social care costs.
- The long awaited highways design manual may be produced by the end of September. This will bring Warwickshire in line with all the other transport authorities in the country and give Parish Councils and developers' confidence that a scheme they sponsor will meet WCC acceptance criteria.
- Re flooding in Poolhead Lane, the drainage issues still haven't been addressed. Councillor Horner will chase this up.
- Councillor Horner had recently met with Adnan Saif from the Canal and River Trust (CRT) re Earlswood Lakes.

- Re the Lady Lane/Norton Lane junction. Councillor Horner had met last month with Councillor Ken Hawkins from Solihull Council (SMBC). Although, after consultation with EFRHA, a scheme was suggested by SMBC which included Stop signs at each junction and lowering the speed limit, it doesn't appear that they have budgeted to undertake this work. Councillor Horner is consulting with WCC lawyers to see if it is possible to spend money in another authority if it is on our border.
- Re the Cank Farm development. At a meeting between WCC, PC members and Tom Ross from Tanworth Residents' Association it was agreed that the 20mph would move further down Well Lane to the development. WCC now don't intend to move this speed limit. Councillor Ross said that WCC cannot now renege on this promise. Councillor Horner agreed to escalate the issue. It was confirmed that the Chairman of the Parish Council should write to WCC's Chief Executive and Councillor Dixon was also asked to write. It was agreed that the matter was complicated with SDC allowed the development to rip the hedge out and widen the entrance despite Planning Permission being given for a narrow entrance.

District Councillor Dixon gave his report:

- 356 affordable homes have been built in the Stratford District this year. If a site in the Green Belt can demonstrate that it is an exceptional scheme with characterful, good quality homes it may get planning permission.
- The NDP should rebalance the housing mix as there is a strong demand for varying properties in the Parish.

Councillor Ross then commented to Councillor Dixon that he understands that the outline permission for Cank Farm determined the vehicular access and the number of house. He asked if there would be willingness in SDC to restore the vehicular access. Councillor Dixon said that he would ask.

Councillor Ross commented that he understands that SDC are to benefit in part from £2m which is being shared out for enforcement. How will it be spend and when will we find out? Councillor Dixon said that he would find out.

The public forum closed at 20.22

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Present: Councillor Willmott (Chair), Councillor Chaudry, Councillor Ross, Councillor Saunders, Councillor Doidge and Councillor Brougham

In attendance: Julie White, Parish Council

19/20/098 - Apologies for absence – Councillor Oakley, Councillor Jones, Councillor Burgess and Councillor O'Brien

19/20/099

- **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**- Councillor Brougham had completed a form to ask for dispensation in respect of all dealings with the 1857 Trust. This is to be dealt with later in the meeting.

19/20/100 - To Confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of August 15th 2019

Councillor Chaudry proposed that these minutes were a true and accurate record. Councillor Saunders seconded the proposal. All those present at the meeting of 15th August were in favour. The Chairman signed the minutes.

19/20/101 - Matters arising, not otherwise dealt with from - none

19/20/102 – Matters raised in the Public Forum –

- The planning application at Mewslade in Poolhead Lane is a planning matter which has been dealt with.
- The NDP is progressing. Councillor Saunders will chase SDC to try and move it on to the next stage.
- The Chairman and Jenny Buckley to meet re the blocked stream in Valley Road.

19/20/103 - To note items of correspondence received - The list of correspondence was noted with the following items being highlighted:

- 6.10 - PKF Littlejohn – Successful conclusion of External Audit
- 6.47 – Cllr Brougham – Joint Strategic Needs presentation. As no interest from other Cllrs this will not be pursued.
- 6.72 – Park Keeper – Concerns over Air Ambulance Clothes bin. The PC not to pursue this idea.
- 6.73 – ARO Security – Price to replace alarm speech dialler is £348. Clerk asked to order this.
- 6.78 – Ms Wright – request to use park for Flyball. Agreed if park keepers are happy.
- 6.79 – Reforms to PDR's to support 5G. Cllr Doidge to complete consultation paper.

19/20/104– Finance –

i) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

Councillor Brougham proposed that the payments are accepted en bloc and £7,000 is transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. Seconded by Councillor Doidge. All in favour.

ii) To consider budget ideas for 2020/21

The Chairman asked Members to think about any ideas for inclusion in to the budget and email them over to him.

19/20/105 - Planning

- i) To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1st August 2019.
Councillor Chaudry proposed that the minutes of 1st August 2019 are adopted. Seconded by Councillor Doidge. All in favour.
- ii) Report – no report
- iii) To note decision notices:

Application	Address	Proposal	Decision
19/01848/FUL	169 The Common	Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwelling and new dwelling and associated works	Withdrawn
19/01857/TREE	St Mary Magdalene's Church	Tree work	Consent with conditions
19/01490/FUL	Pendeek, Danzey Green Lane	Demolition of existing building and erection of a replacement dwelling	Permission with conditions
19/01851/FUL	Yew Tree Cottage, Tom Hill	Proposed garage conversion to 1 bedroom living accommodation	Refusal

- iii) To consider planning applications:

Application	Address	Proposal	Comment
19/02452/TREE	Holly Hock Cottage, The Green, Tanworth	T1 Yew – crown lift by approx. 3 metres and reduce branches to clear garage roof. T2 – conifer – reduce by 50%. T3 hawthorn fell.	No representation
19/00541/FUL	Forde Hall Park, Forde Hall Lane, Tanworth	Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling	No representation
19/01419/FUL	Westbrook, Earlsmere, Earlswood	Erection of 3 dwellings – See below	Providing that the condition that the Planning Officer has said will be attached to the decision notice is attached in full then the PC will allow that a delegated decision is made by SDC
19/02185/FUL	71 Malthouse Lane, Earlswood	Dormer windows at front and side of existing bungalow roof	No representation

19/20/105 – To resolve that the Parish Council wishes to purchase a slide for the park using the funds donated from Earlswood Lakes Fundraising Committee (ELF) and to consider the quotations

The 3 quotations for a slide in the park were considered. Councillor Doidge proposed that the Parish Council used the funds that are to come from ELF to purchase a slide in the park and suggested that the quotation of £6519.56 + VAT from Kompan is accepted. Seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour.

19/20/106 – To consider adopting a new procedure for the co-option of new parish councillors

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft policy. It was agreed that the Person Specification would be removed. Councillor Ross proposed that the new Policy was adopted with the exception of the Person Specification. Seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour.

19/20/107 – To discuss the installation of a light in Doctors Close

Councillor Ross reported that it is in the public interest for a light to be installed to light the pedestrian passageway between Doctors Close and Bell Field. Councillor Ross asked that the Parish Council agrees in principle to installing a standard 5 metre black column with an LED lantern. The estimated cost of this would be £2855 plus VAT, inclusive of connection costs. Any resident who may be affected by any possible light spill to be consulted prior to placing the order with WCC. Proposed by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour.

19/20/108 – To consider lowering the height of the laurel hedge in Malthouse Lane Keyhole

The clerk had managed to obtain 2 quotes which appeared to be like for like. It was agreed to accept the cheaper quote of £400. Proposed by Councillor Doidge and seconded by Councillor Brougham. All in favour.

19/20/109 – Any update on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – no further update.

19/20/110 – To discuss anti-social behaviour and policing in the area - Item deferred.

A discussion took place over the placing of items on the agenda which don't give a clear indication of the business to be transacted or what is proposed. Cllr Saunders pointed out that since the adoption of the new Standing Orders he feels that only motions should be placed on the agenda and not items for discussion. These motions should include a clear description of what the proposal is. Clerk asked to request a clear written proposal from Cllr Oakley in relation to the item before it goes on to another agenda.

19/20/111– Following a further 6 months' trial, to review the suspension of monthly Finance and General Purpose Committee meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Willmott that the monthly Finance & General Purpose Committee meetings continue to be suspended and are just convened on an ad-hoc basis. Councillor Ross seconded the proposal. All in favour.

19/20/112 – Matters carried over from the Finance & General Purpose Committee:

- **To discuss anti-social behaviour in and around Malthouse Lane** – no update
- **Any update re parking issues in Bell Field** – it was felt that this was an impossible issue to solve with no consensus of opinion amongst residents so it was agreed that no further action would be taken at present.

19/20/113 - To consider granting dispensation to Councillor Brougham in respect of all dealings with the 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for a period of 4 years.

Councillor Willmott proposed that Councillor Brougham is granted dispensation to deal with all matters relating to the Tanworth Parish 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for 4 years. Seconded by Councillor Doidge. All in favour. Therefore it was resolved that Councillor Brougham is granted dispensation to deal with all matters relating to the Tanworth Parish 1857 Inclosure Award Trust for 4 years until September 19th 2023.

19/20/114 – Any update on the installation of a CCTV camera in Earlswood

Sam Slemensek from SDC had confirmed via email that the contract for the scheme has still not been signed and therefore there are no dates for consultation to take place in reference to a specific location. They have asked for quotes for a number of cameras but this is not yet available either. It was questioned who could have access to the footage.

19/20/115 - Work around the Parish:

- Dyers Lane, 40mph sign missing
- Diversion sign by Reservoir pub

19/20/116 - Items for future agenda/any other business

- AOB – traffic in Penn Lane often exceeds the speed limit. Cllr Brougham to liaise with Jenny Buckley re Community Speedwatch.

19/20/117 - To note date, place and time of next meeting:

17th October at Earlswood Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.32

Signed _____

Chairman of Meeting _____ Date