

**Minutes of the Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 19.30 hours at Earlswood Village Hall**

Public Forum

There were 5 members of the public present, together with County Councillor Horner. District Councillor Atkinson had sent his apologies.

- Tom Ross spoke in the public forum about the new houses in Doctors Close. It doesn't appear that any provision has been made for lighting the pedestrian access between Bell Field and Doctors Close. Mr Ross has been in touch with Councillor Atkinson and suggested that from the substantial amount that Stratford District Council (SDC) made from the sale of the garages, SDC may wish to consider providing a light for this pedestrian access.
- Tom Ross also raised concern over activity on Summers' land at the bottom of the hill with vehicles and metal buildings recently appearing on the site. Steve Hird from Duchy Homes said that he understood that chickens are being reared on the site but there is an injunction to stop any livestock being on the site after December 2021.
- Two residents from Malthouse Lane spoke about the ongoing issues occurring at the bottom of Malthouse Lane near to the Lakes with gangs of youths in cars supplying and taking drugs. There have been threats of violence to residents who approach these youths. Also the pavement area just prior to the Lakes is parked on, despite there being yellow lines, blocking the pavement and forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. Speeding in Malthouse Lane was also raised and the residents said that the Police disputed that there was a speeding issue.
- Steve Hird from Duchy Homes addressed the Parish Council to update them on the current status of the Cank Farm site. The planning application has been changed to include 6 discounted affordable houses and A Deed of Variation submitted to change the affordable housing from social rent and shared equity to 6 x 60% of market value houses. The draft Deed of Variation has been approved and is now with the SDC Housing Officer. It will then go in front of Councillor Atkinson and the Chair of the Planning Committee for approval so that the Deed of Variation will then become an accepted document. The amended plans should be coming out for consultation next week. Mr Hird asked if the Parish Council would not object to the new plans so that it will be considered under delegated powers, otherwise it will go to Planning Committee and control of the S106 may be lost. A new Visual Impact Assessment has been produced. The height of some of the buildings has been lowered to reduce the impact on the site and a new Very Special Circumstances (VSC) document has been produced. A decision on the new planning application is expected by the end of March. When questioned by Councillor Saunders to see if Duchy Homes has tried to address the concerns raised in the 3 reports that were commissioned in the new plans, Mr Hird explained that all of the houses proposed for the Cank Farm site are bespoke and there are green vistas cut through the site. Mr Hird went on to explain that on the original Cank Farm site the buildings occupied 2000 square meters. The new proposal will occupy 3600 square meters in total but the actual footprint will be less than the footprint of the previous farm. Mr Hird then went on to speak about the planting of the site and also the footpath which Mr Hird explained that Duchy Homes are happy to provide a new footpath or upgrade the existing depending on what people want. Councillor Ross said that Item 3.17 in the VSC document said that agreement had been reached by the Parish Council and the Residents' Association. As agreement had not been sought Councillor Ross asked that this statement is revised. Councillor Ross asked that Duchy Homes lets the Parish Council have access to the Viability Report. Mr Hird said that he has no objection to this but suggested that the Colliers report would have more weight and bearing.

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

- Mrs Buckley said that she had seen John Brown from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways Department assessing the sites for the new grit bins and it is Mrs Buckley's understanding that Mr Brown has said the road doesn't meet the required criteria for grit bins. The Clerk confirmed that she hasn't heard anything back from WCC yet so the official decision is awaited.
- The drainage problem outside 90 – 92 Malthouse Lane has been reported.
- Mrs Buckley asked if the Parish Council would print off laminated posters for the forthcoming cyber-crime event. This was agreed.
- Mrs Buckley spoke about a property in Cloweswood Lane where complaints have been received about the type of fencing.
- There is confusion over the Causeway across the Lakes becoming a clear way. It was the understanding that this would involve red lines but this is not the case. There will instead be signs making the Causeway a clearway. Mrs Buckley questioned how WCC has said that the cost for these signs is £10,000.

County Councillor Horner spoke about the following:

County councillor Horner spoke about the budget which was recently set with the major part of the increase being in social care with the consequence of severe pressure on all other non-social care budgets. The indication is that the Police will increase their precept by the maximum permitted. Therefore Councillor Horner said that the residents experiencing problems in Malthouse Lane must call the police and get a crime number every time. Councillor Horner then spoke about speeding data which came from 2 makes of SatNav and they only show an average speed.

Councillor Horner then invited questions:

Jenny Buckley asked about the delegation of footpaths going to the Parish Council. Councillor Horner confirmed that this meant public footpaths and not pavements.

The Public Forum was closed at 20.25

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Present: Councillor Willmott (Chair), Councillor Ross, Councillor Burgess, Councillor Saunders, Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Instone, Councillor Chaudry, Councillor Keogh and Councillor Jones  
In attendance: Julie White, Clerk to the Parish

**18/19/168 - Apologies for absence** – Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Oakley and Councillor O'Brien

**18/19/169**

- **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-** None

**18/19/170 -To Confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Councillor Jones proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Seconded by Councillor Sheppard. All those present at the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were in favour so Councillor Willmott signed the minutes.

**18/19/171 - Matters arising from the minutes, not otherwise dealt with** – none

**18/19/172 - Matters raised in the Public Forum** –

- Lighting in Doctors Close – The Chairman said that the Parish Council should wait to see what District Councillor Atkinson says. Councillor Ross said that he would like a commitment from the Parish Council that they will provide lighting if the District Council wont. It was agreed that this would go on a future agenda for discussion.
- Cank Farm. The new planning application would be considered as soon as it is available.
- Issues in Malthouse Lane. On agenda for discussion.

**18/19/173 - To note items of correspondence received** - The list of correspondence was noted with the following items being highlighted:

**6.30** – Earlswood Wildlife Partnership would like to hold more regular bat walks, once or twice a month between April and September and would like the Parish Council to confirm if they are happy for them to use the car park. The Park Keepers have confirmed that they are happy subject to Parish Council permission. The Parish Council confirmed that they have no objection to the use of the car park for bat walks.

**6.67** – Donation request from local young person to raise funds to attend the West Warwickshire Scouts in the European Jamboree in 2020 in return for litter picking or similar. It was agreed that £100 would be awarded from next year's budget in April and it was suggested that she could help out with an Earlswood Lakes clean-up day.

**6.87** – Request from resident of the keyhole in Malthouse Lane to take height of the hedge down in to the park on the left. Mossman had quoted £60 to lower the section of hedge by 3-4'. Everyone agreed that the Clerk should instruct Mossman to go ahead with the work

**6.104** – Paul Moss (Mossman) – request to cut the grass in the park before the scheduled cut in April due to the warm spell. This was agreed.

**18/19/174 - Finance**

- i) Chairman's Report – no report
- ii) Items for payment: Councillor Willmott proposed that the payments are accepted en bloc and £4000 is transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. Seconded by Councillor Chaudry. All in favour.

### 18/19/175 - Planning

i) Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee – Councillor Saunders spoke about the Cank Farm application and said that rather than keeping objecting, the Parish Council needs to see what would overcome their reservations. Therefore, Councillor Saunders asked that the Parish Council agrees to spend in the region of £250 to ask Gary Moss to look at the VSC document. There was a vote on this proposal and everyone was in favour. Mr Hird pointed out that he welcomed any dialogue but pointed out that time is of the essence with a commitment for a determination from SDC of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

ii) To note decision notices:

Application	Address	Proposal	Decision
18/01863/FUL	Ruins, Alcester Road, Beoley	Construction of an agricultural workers dwelling	Refusal
18/03413/FUL & 18/03414/LBC	Beaumont Hill Farm, Broad Lane	Change of use of barns from agricultural for use as 6 holiday lets and associated reception	Withdrawn
18/03054/FUL	Malthouse lane	Two storey side and rear extension	Permission with conditions

iii) To consider planning applications:

Application	Address	Proposal	PC Comment
19/00334/VARY	Mulberry House, Broad Lane, Tanworth	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 18/02776/FUL to add a roof overhang to the stable building. Original description of development: change of use of land to equestrian use and the erection of stables for personal use.	No Representation
19/00318/FUL	Hill Farm, Pig Trot Lane, Danzey Green	Detached oak framed garage and annexe outbuilding	

### 18/19/176 – Any update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Saunders reported that the draft is still with SDC for them to see if there were any ‘show stoppers’ and also to confirm certain environmental matters. A response from SDC is still awaited.

### 18/19/177– Matters carried over from the Finance & General Purpose Committee:

i) **To discuss adopting a training policy (LC)** – Councillor Chaudry said that she is currently devising this policy and asked if Councillors were happy to give feedback to the Council when they have attended a course. Everyone agreed that feedback should be included in the new policy. Written feedback was suggested which could be circulated prior to a meeting.

ii) **To discuss policing and crime in the area (standing item)**. Councillor O’Brien was not present but had asked for confirmation that the PC wishes to proceed with the questionnaire and also asked for the logistics of distributing and collecting in the questionnaire. Councillor Saunders asked if the PC had written to the Police etc regarding the issues surrounding Malthouse Lane and was the reasoning for the questionnaire to make a stronger case. The Chairman confirmed that this was the case. Streetwatch was mentioned as a possibility. The Clerk confirmed that WCC had said that bollards were not an option on the pavement as there were already double yellow lines there. The Clerk to find out if WCC would allow the PC to fund the installation of bollards and what the potential cost would be.

iii) **Any update re parking issues in Bell Field (LC)** – Councillor Chaudry reported that she had looked at the permit option and this was not an easy option as it would require a petition and support. Another option is to make the green in the middle smaller to allow more parking.

**18/19/178 - To receive the third quarter monitoring report and December's bank reconciliation**

The monitoring report, bank reconciliation and an analysis of the figures had been previously circulated. It was noted that there was a strong likelihood that the Parish Council would overspend this financial year and money would have to be taken from reserves. The monitoring report and bank reconciliation were accepted. All in favour.

**18/19/179 – To consider Warwickshire County Council's Footway Lighting Maintenance quote for 2019/20**

The quotation had been previously circulated with a comparison to last year's price. Councillor Jones proposed that the quotation is accepted. Seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour.

**18/19/180 – To consider modifying and adopting the Model Standing Orders**

Councillors Ross and Jones agreed that they would look at the Model Standing Orders and see what adaptations they require. Councillor Cunningham will also be asked if he will look at them and give his opinion.

**18/19/181 – To consider a grant application request from the Friends of St Mary Magdalene for restoration of the clock faces**

The Friends of St Mary Magdalene had submitted a grant application for £3000 towards the restoration of the clock faces. A robust discussion took place with some Members feeling that the church is very well off and, therefore, should be funding this work themselves with others feeling that the church is a valued community asset which the Parish Council should contribute to. As the Grants and Donations budget has already been spent this financial year it was agreed that if any money is awarded it will have to come out of next year's budget. Councillor Saunders proposed that the Parish Council commits in principal to awarding some money to the Friends of St Mary Magdalene towards the restoration of the clock faces. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Sheppard. There were 6 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 1 abstention. The amount to be awarded will be discussed at the next meeting.

**18/19/182 - Work around the Parish:**

- Fence on the Causeway still broken
- Outside 115 The Common – pothole

**18/19/183 - Items for future agenda/any other business**

- To discuss the mercury lanterns
- Young offenders doing work around the Parish – the clerk confirmed she had called and left a message but to date but not been called back.
- Councillor Ross reported that the glass in the Victorian lamps needed cleaning and he had approached a local window cleaner for a quote.

**18/19/184 - To note date, place and time of next meeting:**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at Tanworth Village Hall, 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 21.46

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date