Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2026
Held at Earlswood in Arden Village Hall

Present Members: Cllr Chaudry (Chair) Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Franks, Cllr Muntz, Cllr Ross, Cllr Saunders and Cllr Willmott.

In attendance: H Jennings (Clerk, taking minutes)
S Barnes (Deputy Clerk)
District Cllr Organ
County Cllr Crocker
0 members of the public joined the meeting.

Public Forum *The Chair opened the Public Forum at 19:30.*

Cllr Lynda Organ invited council to view the 2026/2027 budget and invited questions (https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/budget-book.cfm)
A question was raised in regard to the District Councils approach to planning issues arising from insufficient land for building and changes to greenbelt policy. Cllr Organ advised that the challenge is that satisfying the five-year land supply takes precedence over most other considerations. The only exception is if it can be established that the development would cause demonstrable harm to the Green Belt. Councillors expressed concern that Green Belt in the parish will deplete, and sprawl will see the village lost. It was suggested that a clearer, strategic plan is needed from SDC to meet the 5-year land supply.

Cllr Crocker advised that he has been contacted regarding issues with surfacing on Poolhead Lane impacting the school transport services and he is keen to support required improvements.
WCC have approved the 2026/27 budget, which includes a 4.4% increase in Council Tax, including the 2% adult social care precept.
Cllr Crocker encouraged residents to have their say on the consultation for Local Government Reorganisation before it closes on Thursday 26th March.
Cllr Crocker also noted there have been a large amount of local road closures recently. These can be found on the Parish Council website or on the OneNetwork site.

The Chair closed the public forum at 19:52 and commenced the meeting.

02/26/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Cowan, Cllr Eady, Cllr Lines and Cllr Ruddick.

02/26/02 Declarations of Interest.

No interests were declared.

02/26/03 Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting on 15th January 2026 were circulated to all councillors**.**
RESOLVED – It was proposed the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 15th January 2026 to be a true and accurate account. Motion seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/04 Matters arising from the previous meeting not otherwise dealt with

Bellfield, Scheme drawings for the Highway Community Action Fund application for road widening at Bellfield, have been received. This can now be progressed to a Road Safety Audit.
Council enquired about developments regarding parking in Tanworth in Arden, the Clerk reported that none of the landowners contacted had responded.

02/26/05 Matters raised in the public forum

None raised.

02/26/06 Correspondence

Clerk noted that there was nothing to report than was not on the agenda but noted an unusually high number of correspondence had been received this month.

02/26/07 Clerks Report

Clerk advised that there was little to report that was not to be addressed in the agenda. The Clerk attended the SLCC National Conference in Burton on Trent and took part in a full day of training sessions.
37 reports of ASB were received by the Parish Council during January.

02/26/08 Finance

8.1 The Chair of Finance had nothing further to report than the specified agenda items.
8.2 The February payments list was circulated. Appendix A.
RESOLVED It was proposed that the February payments list be accepted, the motion was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/09 Planning

(i) The minutes from the Planning Committee meetings on 26th January and 9th February 2026, including the committees delegated decisions and notices received from SDC, from were noted. These are available on the Parish Council website - www.tanworth-pc.gov.uk/planning-committee. It was noted that Cllr Cunningham attended SDC Planning Committee meeting at Elizabeth House on 19th Feb as a representative of the Parish Council in regard to application 25/02958/PIP Land South Of Meadowside, Earlswood Common. It was noted that another application in the Parish 25/02987/PIP - Land Adjacent to the Field House, Forshaw Heath Road will be decided by the SDC Planning Committee on 25th Feb.

(ii) It was agreed that providing a response to the consultation on the proposed new SDC Enforcement Plan, closing 4 March 2026, would be delegated to the Planning Committee. All councillors were advised to view the document and submit individual response. https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/local-enforcement-plan-consultation.cfm

02/26/10 Outstanding Issues – any updates for information or discussion

None raised.

02/26/11 To receive updates from Committees and Working Parties

11.1 Anti-Social Behaviour

Council were pleased to report that Hickory's Smokehouse has now installed the Bleed kit cabinet at Earlswood Village Hall and the Clerk has registered the unit on the UK Bleed Map. Hickory's Smokehouse has requested that the Parish Council be custodians of the Bleed Kit. The kit is currently housed in an unlocked cabinet and therefore requires increased regular visual checks.
It was agreed that whilst the kit remains in an unlocked cabinet the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for ensuring it is always adequately stocked however should Hickorys consider installing a locked cabinet then the request would be reconsidered.

11.2 Road Safety and Speeding Committee

Investigation of Well Lane is now with inspector and council await the report. Whilst it remains likely, that due to the design of the road, physical speed reduction elements will not be acceptable for a Road Safety Audit the installation of Village gateways is now also being assessed. A quote for manufacture and installation is to be obtained. It was queried why the village gateways would be placed at Well Lane and Vicarage Hill, but not Doctors Hill.

11.3 Footpath Lighting Working Party

Clerk awaiting further information on the light baffles for Tanworth in Arden.

02/26/12 Election of representative to the Tanworth Education Foundation

Council discussed the re-election of Mrs V Hake as a trustee of the Tanworth Educational Foundation.
RESOLVED It was proposed that Mrs V Hake be re-elected as a trustee of the Tanworth Educational Foundation. This was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/13 Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has now launched the statutory consultation on local government reorganisation. Government is considering two proposals, the options are for a single council for Warwickshire, or two new councils for North and South. The consultation is open until Thursday, 26 March
RESOLVED It was proposed that councillors respond to the consultation individually with their personal views. This was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/14 Tanworth in Arden War Memorial

The War Memorial on The Green at Tanworth in Arden was last cleaned professionally in 2014. The required restoration would include professional clean and letter restoration. As per the request at the last meeting contact was made with the company who previously restored the memorial who agreed to quote however stated they are currently unable to inspect the memorial properly due to the consistent wet weather.
Item deferred until further quotes successfully obtained.

02/26/15 Easter Cross at Tanworth in Arden

An annual request was received from the Church to erect an Easter Cross on the Green in Tanworth in Arden for 2 weeks over the Easter period. It was suggested that should the required conditions be met, the Parish Council allows the use of The Green for the Easter Cross annually.
RESOLVED It was proposed that permission be granted for erection of an Easter Cross on Tanworth in Arden Village Green providing receipt of a satisfactory Risk Assessment and assurance that all necessary arrangements are coordinated directly with The Bell and that The Green is left in the condition that it is found. This was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/16 Malthouse Lane Right of Way

Item deferred.

02/26/17 Office Renovation

It was noted that it has been 14 years since the office was decorated. There is a budget allowance for property maintenance.
RESOLVED It was proposed that quotes be obtained for the re-decoration of the Parish Office. This was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/18 Items for future agenda.

None received.

02/26/19 **RESOLVED** It was proposed that a resolution be made to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential business to be discussed (Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960). This was seconded and all were in favour.

Members of the public, District Cllr Organ and County Cllr Crocker left the meeting.

02/26/20 *Due to the confidential nature of the business discussed, full details are not disclosed in the minutes but are documented in the confidential report.*

Staffing Update

An update was given on the status of the Park Keeper Vacancy.

Staff Overtime

RESOLVED It was proposed that as Council recognises the fulfilment of a received Subject Access Request as a statutory priority to mitigate the risk of enforcement action by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018, it accepts that due to the nature of this particular request regular council duties are to be deprioritised by the Clerk as necessary to ensure legal compliance with the SAR deadline. This was seconded and all were in favour.

02/26/21 To note date, place & time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on Thursday 19th March 2026 at Tanworth Village Hall, 19:30.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:42.

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Payments List - February 2026

Bank Balances (as of 1/01/2	Amount
Unity Trust Deposit	197,888.72
Unity Trust Current	10,043.10
Totals	207,931.82

Income		

Transfer required this month - £6,000.00

Transfer last month - £6,000.00

Authority to pay		Cost Code	Net Amount	VAT	Total	Invoice No	Payment Type
BT	Phone/Broadband	6a	53.91	10.78	64.69		DD
Giff Gaff	Mobile Phone	6a	5.00	1.00	6.00		MPC
Microsft	Office 365 Licence	6b	83.00	16.60	99.60		MPC
Direct Copiers	Copier charges	8	2.89	0.58	3.47	139883	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	9	8.70	-	8.70		DD
Lloyds Multipay	Card Charges	9	3.00	-	3.00		MPC
Earlswood Village Hall	Room Hire (February)	12	25.00	-	25.00	1500/02/26	FPS
SLCC	Practioners 2026	14	100.00	20.00	120.00	BK224619-1	FPS
SLCC	Chat GPT Training	14	20.00	4.00	24.00	BK224468-1	FPS
Npower	Footpath Lighting	23	426.00	21.30	447.30		DD
Earlswood Village Hall	Grant Award	30	6131.40	-	6131.40		FPS
Land Regisrty	Land Searches	35	7.00	-	7.00		MPC
MossMan	Tree Work (GS)	35	200.00	-	200.00	2056	FPS
Fortress	Waste Collection	35	73.68	14.74	88.42	SI260277	DD
E Farrell	Office Cleaning	36	30.00	-	30.00		FPS
	TOTAL		**7,169.58**	**89.00**	**7,258.58**		

Confidential Payments				
TOTAL	**3,974.95**	**0.00**	**3,974.95**	

TOTAL PAYMENTS	**11,144.53**	**89.00**	**11,233.53**