Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council

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

Present Members: Cllr Saunders (Chairing the meeting) Cllr Eady, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Franks, Cllr Lines and Cllr Willmott.

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

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

Residents of Harrington Estate attended, a spokesperson approached the council regarding planning application **26/00410/FUL** Ravenstone. Residents strongly oppose the proposed development, citing a material intensification from a single dwelling to three large houses, Green Belt encroachment, and significant disruption both ecological and to the neighbouring community. Primary concerns include the severe structural risk posed by retaining wall modifications on a steep site and a lack of essential technical assessments regarding safety and environmental impact. Further concerns included the intensification of the site, overlooking, changes the character of the village and the ramifications of additional traffic movements.

Cllr Lynda Organ reminded that there are two options for Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire being either one unitary authority for the whole of Warwickshire or two unitary councils in Warwickshire, a north and a south. The Government consultation online survey is open until Thursday 26th March. Cllr Organ informed that she had met with the CEO and Chief Planning Officer at SDC to discuss the on-going dispute regarding the steps opposite the Harrington estate. Whilst the meeting was positive Cllr Organ is awaiting further action.

A resident enquired about Community Speed Watch.

The Chair closed the public forum at 19:44 and commenced the meeting.

03/26/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Chaudry, Cllr Ruddick, Cllr Muntz and Cllr Ross.

03/26/02 Declarations of Interest.

No interests were declared.

03/26/03 Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting on 19th February 2026 were circulated to all councillors**.**
RESOLVED – It was proposed the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 19th February 2026 to be a true and accurate account. Motion seconded and all were in favour.

03/26/04 Matters arising from the previous meeting not otherwise dealt with

None raised.

03/26/05 Matters raised in the public forum

Council thanked residents for their attendance and advised that the application 26/00410/FUL was on the agenda for the Planning Meeting on Monday 23rd March. Residents were reminded that they can submit representations on the Stratford District Council e-planning portal.
It was noted that there had been little response to a call for more volunteers for Community Speed Watch, this will continue to be advertised and will be encouraged at the upcoming Parish Assembly.

03/26/06 Correspondence

None raised.

03/26/07 Clerks Report

Clerk reminded members and residents that the consultation Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Warwickshire is open until Thursday 26th March.
37 reports of ASB were received by the Parish Council during February.

03/26/08 Finance

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

03/26/09 Planning

The minutes from the Planning Committee meetings are available on the Parish Council website - www.tanworth-pc.gov.uk/planning-committee.

The recent revisions to Paragraph 155 of the NPPF were discussed, noting that residential development on 'grey belt' land should be granted if sustainable and a housing need exists. Concern was raised regarding two local applications approved in the Green Belt despite Council objections. Members noted that while officer reports are extensive, the specific justifications for defining land as 'grey belt' and 'sustainable' remain unclear. It was further noted the ambiguity surrounding the national definition of 'grey belt' and the high legal threshold of proving 'significant and demonstrable harm' to protect Green Belt land. It was noted that the Planning Committee are to consider writing to Stratford District Council Planning Committee to request clarity on its specific policy for defining 'grey belt' land and the criteria used to determine if a development is 'sustainable' under the new framework.

03/26/10 Outstanding Issues – any updates for information or discussion

None raised.

03/26/11 To receive updates from Committees and Working Parties

11.1 Anti-Social Behaviour

Cllr Crocker has requested an on-site visit to Earlswood Lakes, Cllr Franks to attend. There is a quarterly update with MP, Manuela Perteghella taking place on Monday, Clerk, and members of the ASB committee to attend.
Cllr Franks informed that the causeway had been closed for Severn Trent works and there had been a noticeable reduction in disturbance.

11.2 Road Safety and Speeding Committee

A report has been received from an engineer investigation the suitability of installing physical traffic calming in Well Lane. The report summarises, that due to a number of reasons, physical measure would not be suitable and suggests the gateway treatments be a more suitable proposal. It was suggested that clarification be sought from the engineer whether a VAS sign could be installed, whilst understood to be against WCC policy, could it be considered within the exceptional circumstances. A 'Give Way to Oncoming Vehicles' system was also suggested. The Clerk to contact WCC and provide an update to the committee.

11.3 Footpath Lighting Working Party

The Deputy Clerk reported that a list of the outstanding issues was with the WCC Street Lighting Engineer. It was suggested that following the End of Financial year the budget is looked at to determine a plan of action for the replacement of footpath lighting around the village.

03/26/12 Malthouse Lane Right of Way

Cllr Willmott informed that currently, the Malthouse Lane footpath into the park is not on the deeds to the park and could not be registered at the time of registering the park. The Parish Council have maintained the footpath for many years. Should the council wish to register it there would be cost involved, such as solicitor charges and land registry fees. The path is currently the only pedestrian access to the park when the car park gate is closed, although the Parish Council do own another path to Malthouse Lane between houses which is currently inaccessible.
RESOLVED It was proposed that the Parish Council explore the cost of establishing ownership of the footpath, the motion was seconded and all were in favour.

03/26/13 Items for future agenda.

None received.

03/26/14 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 and District Cllr Organ left the meeting.

03/26/15 Staffing Update

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

03/26/16 To note date, place & time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on Thursday 16th April 2026 at Earlswood Village Hall, 19:30.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:25.

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Payments List - March 2026

Bank Balances (as of 1/03/26)	Amount
Unity Trust Deposit	191,888.72
Unity Trust Current	11,022.27
Totals	202,910.99

Income		

Transfer required this month - £5,000.00

Transfer last month - £12,000.00

Authority to pay		Cost Code	Net Amount	VAT	Total	Invoice No	Payment Type
S Barnes	Mileage	3	36.00	-	36.00	-	FPS
H Jennings	Mileage	3	86.85	-	86.85	-	FPS
Post Office	Recorded Delivery	3	3.40	-	3.40	Receipt	MPC
Post Office	Stamps	3	6.80	-	6.80	Receipt	MPC
BT	Phone/Broadband	6a	53.91	10.78	64.69	M23	DD
Giff Gaff	Mobile Phone	6a	5.00	1.00	6.00	-	MPC
Microsft	Office 365 Licence	6b	83.00	16.60	99.60	E0200YNUOL	MPC
Direct Copiers	Copier charges	8	6.61	1.32	7.93	140234	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	9	*awaiting invoice*			-	DD
Lloyds Multipay	Card Charges	9	3.00	-	3.00	-	MPC
Tyndalwoods	Land Register - Bellfield	12	48.60	-	48.60	CS 23	FPS
Ten Construction Limited	Level 2 - Inspection Course	14	295.00	59.00	354.00	823	FPS
Npower	Footpath Lighting	23	352.13		352.13		DD
WCC	Street Lighting Works 25/26	24	654.02	130.80	784.82	10439612	FPS
Mossman	Park Hedge Maintenance	35	200.00	-	200.00	2059	FPS
Mossman	ELP Public Footpath	35	150.00	-	150.00	2061	FPS
UK Land Registry	Land Search	35	7.00	-	7.00	-	MPC
Fortress	Waste Collection	35	73.68	14.74	88.42	SI264839	DD
E Farrell	Office Cleaning	36	30.00	-	30.00		FPS
	TOTAL		**1,961.95**	**234.24**	**2,196.19**		

Confidential Payments				
TOTAL	**4,354.82**	**0.00**	**4,354.82**	

TOTAL PAYMENTS	**6,316.77**	**234.24**	**6,551.01**