Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026
Held at the Parish Council Office, R/O Earlswood Village Hall

Present Members: Cllr Saunders (Chairing the meeting) Cllr Eady, Cllr Ross and Cllr Willmott

In attendance: H Jennings, (Clerk, taking minutes) S Barnes (Deputy Clerk)
7 members of the public joined the meeting.

Public Forum

Members of the public present were concerned about the late inclusion of a large site for potential development at Danzey Green in the South Warwickshire Local Plan. A speaker highlighted the unprecedented scale of the proposed development, which they compared to a town the size of Evesham or Droitwich and estimated the project could involve up to 10,000 houses necessitating significant new infrastructure such as hospitals and schools.

A speaker advised that a resident of Tanworth in Arden was convening a public meeting on the 18th May and hopes that residents mobilise to oppose the plans. The speaker urged the council to issue a robust challenge to Stratford to signal that the community would not accept the development and would seek to delay the process if necessary.

A speaker questioned the low turnout of Parish Councillors given the gravity of the situation and suggested that the proposal at Danzey was not driven by the community need. There were also concerns raised regarding the planning process and lack of transparency; specifically, that the site only emerged in April 2026, leaving insufficient time for public consultation or legal review before the looming deadline.

A member of the public questioned whether the re-introduction of the large industrial site at Portway/Penn Lane, into the SWLP was also being considered by Council and could be objected to by the Council at the same time as Danzey.

A councillor speaking as a member of the public asked that, as well as possibly challenging the late inclusion of both Danzey and Portway, work should also begin to prepare the Parish Council's submission at Regulation 19 (or for any extra consultation that SDC might concede) and at the Independent Examination that will follow.

05/26/101 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Cunningham.

05/26/102 Declarations of Interest
None

05/26/103 Matters raised in the Public Forum
The public were informed that the Publication Version of the SWLP will be considered at the Joint Cabinet Committee meeting on 28th May 2026, this will be followed by the formal Period of Representations, expected to commence mid June and close at the end of July.
Members noted that the Portway/Penn Lane site's introduction timeline would also be reviewed to determine if it presents similar late-inclusion risks as those identified for Danzey.

05/26/104 South Warwickshire Local Plan, Site A3: East of Danzey railway station
The Chair informed that an update to the South Warwickshire Local Plan was published stating a new site for potential development was being considered at Danzey Green. This is to be known as Site A3. There is concern that the late addition of this substantial development, bypassing the Regulation 18 consultations has denied the community the opportunity to comment on the principles of the site. It was queried that this could be in breach of the regulations regarding preparations of local plans.
RESOLVED: It was proposed that the Parish Council authorises initial expenditure of up to £10,000 for legal advice in relation to the South Warwickshire Local Plan, specifically concerning procedural compliance and consultation arrangements. This was seconded and all were in favour.

05/26/105 To note date, place & time of next meeting:
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting of the Council and will take place on Thursday 21st May 2026 at Tanworth Village Hall, 19:00.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.22.

Signed by the Chair at the meeting held on the 21/05/2026