

## **TILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINTUES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, TILSWORTH**

**Present;** Councillors, Grace Glaister, Julie Martin, and Sue Ephgrave(Chair).

**In attendance;** Michele Alexander (Clerk), Pc Viv Dady and Joanne Glen.  
Mr Peter Foster, Mrs Keenan and her partner(20 Dunstable Road).

**Apologies;** Cllrs P Maros and C. Quantrall

#### **83. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **84. Public Question Time**

Parishioner Peter Foster shared his concerns with regard to the future of the land behind the Kingswood Nursery, and appealed to the members that they support development of that site.

It would appear that a piece of land adjacent to the 'potential development site' is available for sale to the Parish Council should they wish to pursue purchase, and thereafter be able to restrict general access to that site.

The Parish Clerk was asked to enquire about the Councils legal position when a 'ransom' piece of land is on offer for sale, and the future of this land for the future.

It was agreed that the Members would meet for an 'Extraordinary meeting' at a date to be confirmed to discuss this whole issue further.

Mrs Keenan (of 20 Dunstable Road) attended the meeting to appeal against the Parish Councils recent decision to install bollards in the areas adjacent to both the top and bottom greens. The members were able to bring to Mrs Keenans attention the issue regarding the covering of her waste disposal bins to the side of her property and she confirmed that fencing to 'disguise' them would be installed in the very near future.

The Clerk was asked to pursue the option of painting the bollards white. Mrs Keenan advised the Members she was taking legal advice with regard to taking her concerns further and the Committee agreed they would be happy to take any advice with regard to improving

access to their driveway which they felt had been compromised with the installation of the bollards.

**85. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were accepted and signed as a true record.

**86. Matters Arising**

None.

**87. Report of Pc Viv Dady**

Viv took the opportunity to introduce the new PCSO Joanne Glen to the Members. Viv advised the Committee of the latest crime statistics for the village and surrounding area, including a burglary in Dunstable Road, 3 incidents in Bury Rise and theft from a car at the Golf club. It was agreed Viv would pass on details of the local 'Ring Master' scheme for the Clerk to follow up and possible register the Parish Council as a member. As yet Viv had received no responses from the local residents regarding the recent distribution of 'Crime Priority Forms' and Joanne confirmed she would be asking residents directly what their priorities are when it comes to crime and fear of crime. MA passed details of the GAPP group to Viv for information (The Clerk to get details of the next meeting)....Viv passed round copies of the new newsletter, MA to contact Viv regarding the registration of the Parish with the Ring Master scheme.

**88. Report from County Councillor**

No Report.

**89. Report from District Councillor**

No Report.

**90. Confident Community Fund**

No update as to timescale for this initiative.....MA to make enquiries with the County Council.

**91. Enhanced Parish Partnership Scheme**

No update with regard to this initiative and the improvement of footpaths in Bury Rise. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding timescale.

**92. Lower Green Bollards**

As previously discussed. It was agreed that a good compromise would be the possibility of slightly widening the tarmac area (at no cost to the Council). It was agreed that Mrs Keenan be asked to submit a plan for the Members for immediate consideration. It was noted that if this option was taken forward the bollards would need re-siting, again at no cost to the Council.

**93. Meeting Point Magazine**

MA confirmed she had contacted Eileen Knowles regarding the dates for our forthcoming meetings into 2009

**94. Accounts for Payment**

Done.

**95. Planning Matters**

No Issues other than what had previously discussed earlier in the meeting. A date for the Extraordinary meeting was set for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008 to discuss with the full Council.

**96. Correspondence not elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Clerk asked to Write to the Anchor Pub again regarding their sign (A-Boards), it was noted that they would be allowed one sign but they currently have two on display again.

It was noted an additional sign had been placed in the same area, advertising Logs For Sale. The Clerk was asked to make contact if possible and request the arrangement be made via a formal request.

The 'Tilsworth' sign to be placed as a separate agenda item for our January 2009 meeting.