

# *Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council*

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 9 June 2009 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs G Whitehouse, L Denyer, K Tolley, M Ashwin, S Orr-Cooper, P Whittaker  
**In Attendance:** County Cllr E Moffett, CSO J Tilt, Clerk

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Hakesley: work commitments (accepted)
  
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
  - a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - b) Personal Interests: Cllr P Whittaker - planning items as he is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee.
  - c) Prejudicial Interests: Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.  
Cllrs Tolley & Ashwin in respect of item 16.
  
- 3 **MINUTES Ref: P.766 - P770**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer:  
Seconded: Cllr Ashwin.
  
- 4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Clerk:** The Clerk's report was noted.

**Draft Charter/Concordat:** CALC is willing to help co-ordinate parish councils' responses to the District Council.

**Chairman:** Had attended the CALC Forum meeting on 3 June when Standards Board issues were discussed at length.

**Cricket Club:** The Chairman had received a complaint that cars parking on Sunday match days obstructed the passage of a tractor and trailer. It was agreed to monitor the situation and keep a tally of complaints.

**Signs at The Barns, Hewell Road:** Following a complaint, the Clerk contacted J Harris regarding the number of signs. However, Members were subsequently advised that the District Council had inspected and had no objections, as the signs would be removed in time. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue this issue and J Harris would be advised accordingly.
  
- 5 **POLICE REPORT:**  
CSO John Tilt attended.
  - 5 June: London Lane: items taken from a car.
  - 2 June: Prison: prisoners assaulting each other.
  - 1 June: Prison: fire in a cell started by an inmate.
  - 31 May: Prison: two prisoners absconded.
  - 26 May: Hewell Lane: theft of a vehicle from Fiero Body Shop, The Barns.
  - 14 May: Prison: firearm found in delivery vehicle; innocent explanation.

9 June: Cllr Cooper told Members that Tutnall Lane had been closed for four hours that day following a road traffic accident between a motorbike and car.  
The Chairman thanked CSO Tilt for his report.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE:

Bromsgrove & District Twinning Association: Invitation to the formal twinning with St Sauveur Lendelin - signing ceremony on Friday 26 June at 3pm, near the Post Office, Bromsgrove.  
All items received were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and were Noted.

## 7 PLANNING MATTERS:

### a) Applications for Consideration:

09/0397 Sunny Bank, Stoney Lane: New rudimentary 3m wide farm track comprising cellular grass paving system and alterations to hard standing.

Resolved: To comment the Council had no objections to this application.

09/0423 Field 9829 London Lane: To replace an existing lambing shed with a larger one.

Noted: the PC is not a statutory consultee to agricultural notifications.

b) Approvals: None received.

c) Refusals: None received.

### d) Planning Matters:

08/0819 High Bank, Hewell Lane: Two storey side extension: Planning Appeal with comments to be submitted by 17 June. The PC had no objections to the original proposal.

Awards for All: Following the unsuccessful application for a projector and screen it was agreed the Clerk would email Members the links to any planning applications a couple of days before a meeting; Members could then view the applications and discuss further at the meeting. Process to be reviewed in September.

8 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: Two affordable housing sites were inspected by Members, N Potter, A Coel and M Dunphy on 1 June - land at Hewell Gardens and Hewell Close. It was agreed further issues could be discussed at an ordinary PC meeting and that a working party was not needed.

## 9 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

Bus Shelter: quotation for creosoting to be obtained from Lengthsman and Bob Hollick.

London Lane: clear vegetation from signs. All signs to be checked.

Alcester Road / Holyoakes: to spray brambles at a cost of approx £20.

## 10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Church Lane adoption: As a tenant of the Church, the School does not own the road. The Church is to investigate ownership.

Grange Lane: Considerable email correspondence had been received which does not involve the PC and it was agreed that residents and Highways were able to resolve the issues themselves.

The County Councillor advised she would be meeting with M Walton, Highways, shortly. It was agreed a schedule of outstanding issues would be compiled and forwarded to Cllr Moffett.

HUB to be contacted re:

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Dusthouse Lane/Alcester Road: hedge needs cutting.

Hewell Lane, near Benton's Cottage: overgrown hedge is causing lorries to use middle of the road.

**11 FINANCE:**

a)	<b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 31 May 2009	Current Account	£8,813.98
	23 December 2008	Deposit Account	<u>£3,782.86</u>
		Total Balance	£12,596.84

b) **Receipts:** Co-op Bank: Interest 5 May 2009 £ 0.88

b) **Payments for Approval:**

Simon Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme: April	£168.00	
	May	£168.00
		£ 336.00
Broker Network Ltd: Parish Council Norwich Union Insurance June 09		£ 309.54
Patricia Butts: Internal Audit fee		£ 125.00
M H Jones: Barn Dance Caller for 20 June 2009		£ 100.00
Steve Cooper: P3 expenses		£ 99.00
Worcestershire CALC:		
CALC Service Charge + NALC Affiliation Fee		
£259.08 + £34.07 VAT	£293.15	
Clerks' Gathering 28 January 2009	£ 7.50	
Clerks' Gathering 23 April 2009	£ 7.50	£ 308.15
B Ascott: Pig Roast: May Day (previous cheque cancelled)		£ 575.00
B Ascott: Pig Roast: Barn Dance 20 June 2009		£ 280.00
Helen Davies: Clerk's Remuneration:		
Salary £737.90 Expenses £208.25		£ 946.15
HM Revenue & Customs:		£ 184.48
Brookfield Contract Services: Mowing Footpaths 18 & 19		<u>£ 24.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 3,287.32</b>

c) **Un-presented Cheques:** None as Joslyn Catering (£575) reissued as above.

d) **Internal Audit Report:** No significant areas for improvement or weaknesses were identified.

e) **Local Council Administration Charles Arnold Baker:** Clerk to advise as and when a purchase was necessary.

f) Quarterly Audit: Completed successfully.

g) **Finance Items - Proposed:** Cllr Tolley and **Seconded:** Cllr Denyer

**12 QUALITY PARISH STATUS:** Would be required if the Council wished to adopt the Power of Well Being or take over services from the district or county councils. Concern was expressed that the quality of the annual newsletter might be diluted if issued quarterly. It was noted that

the three additional reports could be a single A4 sheet and included in another local publication. However, it was noted that distribution could be problematic. It was agreed this issue would be brought forward in six month's time.

- 13 **BARN DANCE:** Arrangements for 20 June were discussed.
- 14 **PARISH WALKS:** Cllr Hakesley be asked to provide details of a 5 - 6 mile walk at the next meeting. Members wished the walk to take place in September.
- 15 **MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE'S BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY:** It was noted, with regret, that Members did not have time to organise an event this year.
- 16 **BORDESLEY PARK HOUSING SCHEME:** Mr McHugh's letter was discussed and whilst it was agreed Members would support him they would compile their own letter.
- 17 **BROAD GREEN FENCING:** It was agreed to monitor the position.
- 18 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**  
**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.  
**FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.  
**TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report. The School had visited the prison kitchen garden to see the animals and had been invited back again in the autumn.  
**COMMUNITY HALL REPORT:** The Committee were meeting next week and a report would be given next time.  
**CHARITIES REPORT:** Relief charity had given away £3,764 and the Relief in Sickness £1,530. Investment funds had gone down and distributions had slightly exceeded interest and dividends for the year. The Vicar had been able to distribute more funds to deserving people than in the past. The next meeting was in October.
- 19 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**  
Hewell Lane: Grass in gutter /top of kerb from Broad Green to Tack Farm was now too dense for a road sweeper - to be added to the list for M Walton (see 10 above).  
Brockhill Lane: Bumps in road by prison back entrance to be added to M Walton's schedule.
- 20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
**Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 14 July 2009 at 7.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

Signed : .....G Whitehouse.....Chairman  
Date : .....14 July 2009.....