

Tutnall & Cobley ^{DRAFT} Parish Council 06/12 p900

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 13 November 2012 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs L Denyer, S Cooper, K Tolley, Ann Wheeler-Vine and P Whittaker
In Attendance: M Ryan, Conservation Officer, County Cllr E Moffett, one member of the public (church) and the Clerk

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Pengelly: working (accepted)
Cllr M Ashwin: who had tendered his resignation due to work commitments (accepted)
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests, and
 - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature, and
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:
Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.
Cllr P Whittaker - planning items as he is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee and Network Rail Redditch Branch Enhancement - as he rents a field affected by the proposals.
- 3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2012 were approved.
- 4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted.
Chairman: No report as the Chairman was not present.
District Councillor: Nothing significant to report.
County Councillor: Advised that a new A36 transport plan was being drawn up; Junction 4 of the M5 would be upgraded; the town centre development was moving forward; the collapsed culvert on Brockhill Lane was discussed during the highway's inspection on 8 November.
Footpath Warden: Submitted his report at the meeting.
Tree Warden: Nothing significant to report.
Community Hall Representative: No meeting had taken place
Charities Representative: The Charities were in good order and receiving a good return. Funding projects included school transport, an individual with mobility problems and a donation would be made for the three week provision in December for the homeless and vulnerable.
- 5 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

An additional item had been received from a parishioner concerned about tall vehicles crossing the white line on Alcester Road between Plymouth House and The Firs due to overgrown hedges. The Clerk had reported the matter to the Hub.
All items received were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and noted.
- 6 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications for Consideration:
12/0801 Weights Farm, Weights Lane: Two new ponds as great crested newt mitigation.
Resolved to comment that Members would accept comments submitted by environmental groups in respect of this application.
12/0676 Field 4915, Pikes Pool Lane: Erection of open sided storage unit. Noted.

Approvals: 12/0470 10 Tutnall Grange: Rear single storey extension.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters:

The Proposed Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd (Redditch Branch Enhancement) Order (Application Reference TR040005). Noted

Severn Trent Water Ltd - Brockhill STW - new kiosk. There were no objections to this proposal.

Banner adverts at the junction of Alcester Road / Hewell Lane: Hab-a-dash (2012/204ENF) and Tardebigge Pub (2012/0203/ENF) cases closed as activity ceased.

2012/0013/ENF Scrap Yard, Weights Lane: Commercial vehicles using bridlepath to scrap yard at all times of day and night - unauthorised change of use of land: case closed due to technical reason or duplicated.

2012/0254/ENF 10 Tutnall Grange: extension not built in accordance with approved plans.

12/0829 The Elbows, Hewell Lane: a 'no objection' response was submitted last month.

- 7 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL:** Deferred to next meeting.
- 8 **CHURCHYARD FOOTPATH:** It was agreed that the Footpath Warden and Church Treasurer would peg-out the line of the path, with the route being checked by the County Area Access Officer. Assuming the route followed FP534 then the County Council would retain responsibility for future maintenance. The Parish Council confirmed it would not take on future maintenance responsibilities but would obtain three quotes. The Church Treasurer would ask the adjoining field owner if their access could be used to transport planings. The Parish Council will apply for £500 available through the County Councillor's Divisional Fund towards the work. Members also agreed to provide £250; proposed: Cllr Whittaker; seconded: Cllr Denyer. All in agreement.
- 9 **RAILINGS TO THE PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** Members were advised that the oak was being prepared.
- 10 **DUSTHOUSE LANE BENCHMARK RESTORATION:** Deferred to the next meeting when the Footpath Warden's comments could be obtained.
- 11 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** The Lengthsman would be reminded to clear gullies near Woodlands, Brockhill Lane. As the Lengthsman now covered Finstall Parish, permission would be sought from Finstall PC for pipes to be cleared at the junction of Dusthouse, Grimley and Walnut Lanes to alleviate localised flooding.
The Lengthsman asked whether regular strimming on visibility splays at Brockhill/Hewell Lane and Wharf/Hewell Lane could be done. To solve the urgent problem Members agreed to cut back and submit an invoice to cover costs.
- 12 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**
Plymouth House, Alcester Road: Clerk to contact Worcester Regulatory Services asking for an investigation into the foul smell emanating in this area. It is believed that the sewer might go into the road drain.

- 13 **BROAD GREEN FLOWER BED:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 14 **NEWSLETTER:** Delivery routes were agreed.
- 15 **CO-OPTION VACANCY:** The co-option of Ann Wheeler-Vine was agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Whittaker; Seconded: Cllr Denyer; All in agreement.
- 16 **CONSERVATION OFFICER:** The appointment of M Ryan to the position of Conservation Officer was approved; Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded: Cllr Wheeler-Vine. All in agreement.
Cllr Whittaker agreed to replace Cllr Ashwin on the Environmental Committee.
- 17 **TREE PLANTING BY GEOFF WHITEHOUSE:** Planting would take place on 30 November between 10.30 - 11.00. The local press would be invited to attend.
- 18 **LODGES OUTSIDE HEWELL:** The Conservation Officer's detailed email of 19 October was noted and thanks would be sent.
- 19 **FINANCE: to consider:**
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| a) | Bank Balances: as at 31 October 2012 | Current Account | £7,386.39 |
| | | 31 December 2011 | Deposit Account |
| | | | <u>£3,797.41</u> |
| | | Total Balance | £11,183.80 |
| b) | Receipts: | Co-op Bank: Interest 5 Oct 2012 | £ 0.51 |
| | | Bromsgrove DC: precept | <u>£3,640.00</u> |
| | | Total: | £3,640.51 |
| c) | Payments for Approval: | | |
| | S Skeys: grass cutting 3 cuts x £42 | £126 | |
| | (to end of Oct one cut remaining) | | |
| | Lengthsman Scheme @ £11 per hour: | | |
| | T&C: Sept 16 hrs, Oct 18 hrs | £374 | |
| | Burcot: Sept 6 hrs, Oct 10 hrs | £176 | £ 626.00* |
| | The Society of Local Council Clerks | | <u>£ 110.00</u> |
| | | Total | £ 736.00 |
- * this payment should have totaled £676
- d) **Unpresented Cheques:** None
- e) **Draft Budget 2012/13:** Noted and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- f) **Finance Oversight Group:** Cllr Wheeler-Vine agreed to replace Cllr Ashwin for the quarterly audits.
- g) **Finance Items - Proposed:** Cllr Denyer and **Seconded:** Cllr Whittaker. All in agreement.

20 PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2013: Agreed as:-

- 8 January
- 12 February
- 12 March
- 9 April
- 14 May
- 11 June
- 9 July
- August - no meeting
- 10 September
- 8 October
- 12 November
- 10 December

21 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Alcester Road: Blocked drains uphill of the canal bridge, wharfside, to be reported to the Hub. The Clerk distributed DPI Dispensation Request Forms; an electronic version will be forwarded. Resignation of Cllr M Ashwin: The Clerk would contact the Electoral Services Manager, Bromsgrove DC, regarding the vacancy. Everyone expressed their regret at Cllr Ashwin's decision.

22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting at 7.20pm on Tuesday, 11 December 2012 in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Vice Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

Signed: Chairman

11 December 2012

Notes on Public Question Time:

A question was raised about FP534 which runs through the church graveyard. Suggestions on how the footpath could be upgraded and what funds might be available were discussed.