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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs M Pengelly, L Denyer, M Ryan, A Wheeler-Vine, K Tolley, P Whittaker, S Cooper  
**In Attendance:** The Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr K Taylor

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 who is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee.

3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014 were approved.  
Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded Cllr Ryan All in agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Clerk:** Noted. The government had announced parish councils would not be capped 2014/15.

**Chairman:** Covered in the agenda.

**District Councillor:** Nothing significant to report.

**County Councillor:** Report emailed after the meeting.

**Footpath Warden:** Had carried out clearing of hawthorn, repairing stiles, bus shelter repairs and pruning at the bus shelter.

Orchards: pruning, dead tree and roots dug out and replaced with a pear tree. It was agreed the damaged ash tree could be taken out. It was suggested the ash could be replaced with an oak but this might shade out the fruit trees. Locations for other oak saplings and a couple of apple trees to be reviewed; possibly putting one oak at the corner on High House Lane?

The footpath signs still need to be put up.

A check of the footpaths at Tack Farm was to be made by an inspector who did not want accompanied viewing.

**Tree Warden:** Had received details of Malvern Hills footpath walks.

**Conservation Officer:** Nothing significant to report.

**Community Hall Representative:** The Committee had met but there was nothing significant to report.

**Charities Representative:** Cllr Tolley was unable to attend the last meeting and would contact M Ashwin for a report.

4 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Noted

d) Citizens Advice Bureau: grant application request; a suggested contribution of £50 would be discussed at the next meeting.

6 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications Considered:**

13/0966 Land near London Lane: extension to barn to create 10 stables with a tack room and store. Members resolved to comment there were no objections to this application.

**Approvals:** None received

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**Refusals:** 13/0018 Land adjoining Lower House, Stoney Lane: change of use of agricultural land for the storage of fencing panels, posts, sleepers and timber products together with off-road parking (B8 storage).

**Planning Matters:**

Temporary Footpath Closure 520: from 10m either side of the footbridge over a watercourse at the boundary of AV-580 Alvechurch and TC-520 Tutnall & Cobby to facilitate enhancement works to upgrade the headwall and provide outlets for track drainage into the watercourse. Operative for six months from 17 February 2014.

- 7 BROAD GREEN GRASS CUT TENDER FOR 2014 and 2015:** Four tenders had been received. Members resolved to accept the tender from S Skeys. Proposed: Cllr Whittaker; Seconded: Cllr Cooper; All in agreement.
- 8 RAILINGS TO THE PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** The application form and statement was being drafted. Notice needs to be served on the owner, the Church.
- 9 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** The clerk was experiencing the usual year end problems with WCC about how much grant remained; to be raised with CALC.
- 10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** Grit bin on Brockhill Lane at the canal bridge: Members felt the Highways gritter would still spread grit when it turned into Wharf Lane and voted not to take on the responsibility of filling a bin at this location.  
Dusthouse / Curtis Lane grit bin provision to be put on the next agenda.  
Clarification that repairs can only be carried out following a request to the hub; separate county wide inspections take place throughout the year.  
Plymouth House hedge growing into the road: Highways are taking action.
- 11 1914 COMMEMORATION:** Members wanted to commemorate lives lost in both wars. Suggestions with costs and locations to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 12 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE & FURNITURE:** As soon as funds from the County Councillor's Divisional Fund had been received, the bench would be ordered with delayed delivery so transport costs could be reduced. 13 fence posts were returned by Community Payback which can be used when the hedge has been cut back.
- 13 PLYMOUTH HOUSE DISCHARGE:** Update next month.
- 14 WINDPUMP:** Young Farmers would be contacted to see if they could help with refurbishing the frame.
- 15 DEFIBRILLATOR & CABINET:** Members felt this was a good idea but there was not the footfall to justify one being provided. It was agreed not to provide a defibrillator.
- 16 FINANCE:**
- To consider:**
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| a) | <b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 31 January 2014 | Current Account | £ 6,967.76        |
|    |   | 4 October 2013  | Deposit Account   |
|    |   |                 | <u>£ 3,804.54</u> |
|    |   |                 | Total Balance     |
|    |   |                 | £10,772.30        |

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b) <b>Receipts:</b>		
Co-op Bank: Interest 3 January 2014		£ 0.74
Bromsgrove DC: Deferred Council Tax Support Grant 2013/14		£ 310.00
Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme reimbursement for Invoice nos: 13/017 and 13/018		<u>£ 331.00</u>
	Total	£ 641.74

c) <b>Payments for Approval:</b>		
H Davies: Clerk's salary for January 2014		£ 220.68
HMRC: for January salary		£ 55.00
S Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme		
T&C: Dec 2013 18 hours; Jan 2014 22 hours		
40 hours @ £11 per hour	£440	
Burcot: Dec 2013 11 hours; Jan 2014 8 hours		
19 hours @ £11 per hour	£209	
		<u>£ 649.00</u>
	Total:	£ 924.68

d) **Unpresented Cheques:** None

e) **Outstanding Invoices:** None

f) **Finance Items** - Proposed: Cllr Cooper and Seconded: Cllr Denyer; All in favour

**17 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**

Brockhill Lane towards canal bridge: water running out of ditch, down lane and then back into the ditch. Lengthsman would be asked to dig out this section of the ditch.

Brockhill Lane burglary on 10 February 2014.

Standard of clearing out the ditches and grips in the parish was very high; Lengthsman to be thanked.

Blackwell / Wheeley Road junction: coming from Barnt Green turning right at the T junction, water is bubbling out of the verge; Lengthsman to be asked to investigate.

Litter pick: do we want to carry out in the summer? To be discussed at the next meeting.

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting at 7.20 pm on Tuesday, 11 March 2014 in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

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

Signed: ..... Chairman

11 March 2014