

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs M Pengelly, L Denyer, S Cooper, M Ryan, P Whittaker and K Tolley

In Attendance: The Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wheeler-Vine: holiday: 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 who is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee.

3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded Cllr Cooper All in agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk: Report noted.

Chairman: Nothing significant to report.

District Councillor: Nothing significant to report.

County Councillor: No report

Footpath Warden: Blockage of FP539 Tack Farm to Batchley has been reported with the request for a single pedestrian gate.

Tree Warden: Nothing significant to report.

Conservation Officer: Nothing significant to report.

Community Hall Representative: The books had been audited and the caretaker's accounts will be looked at shortly. Finances are very tight with £149 in the bank and two monthly direct debits to be covered. The gardener has been laid off for the winter. The school is not leaving the hall as they find it and may be charged for cleaning. Annual rent of £3,000 has been lost with pre-school moving to the church hall. The agreement with the school will be checked for restrictions on rent increases. It was suggested the County Cllr may be able to help with the purchase of an industrial floor cleaner.

Charities Representative: Had not met.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Items were noted.

6 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications for Consideration:

14/0770 Arrowfield Barn, Grange Lane: conversion of garage to living room accommodation and external alterations.

14/0875 Owl Barn, Tack Farm: resurfacing of existing driveway.

14/0892 The Sidnalls, Blackwell Road: rear shower & extension with pd fallback position.

It was **resolved** that Members had no objections to any of these applications.

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14/0706 Orchard Hill, Tutnall Lane: conversion of existing barn/workshop to residential.

14/0585 Butlers Hill Farm, Weights Lane: single storey side extension for garage.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters:

2014/0171/ENF Hewell Dairy, Hewell Lane: Action is not being pursued as the conversion to a dwelling is acceptable within the national policy and would likely be approved if applied for.

2014/0255/ENF London Lane: erection of stable blocks

Whitegates, Tutnall Lane: extensive excavation works being carried out. It was agreed to contact the Conservation Officer to ask why no archaeological works being carried out.

- 7 **RAILINGS TO THE PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** Ongoing.
- 8 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDPUMP:** To be discussed at the next meeting.
- 9 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** Worksheets for October and November were approved.
Grange Lane: near Keeper's Cottage vegetation clearance and ditch work - Lengthsman to be reminded of this outstanding item.
Tutnall Close: siding out will be requested if funds are available at the end of the year.
- 10 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**
Curtis Lane grit bin: residents had thanked Cllr Whittaker for its provision.
Grange Lane: the County Cllr had advised data cables would be installed to assess the feasibility of a 30mph limit in the residential area.
Alcester Road: the police have confirmed they will monitor parking issues near the canal bridge.
Tutnall Lane: the registration numbers of overweight lorries using the lane should be reported to the police.
- 11 **ORCHARD MAINTENANCE & FURNITURE:** The picnic table and bench will be bolted to the ash tree stump in early 2015.
- 12 **PLYMOUTH HOUSE DISCHARGE:** On-going investigations by Worcester Advisory Services and the County Cllr.
- 13 **REPAIR OF BENCH ON BROAD GREEN:** Repairs will be done over Christmas.
- 14 **FINANCE:**
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| a) | Bank Balances: as at 30 November 2014 | Current Account | £8,885.85 | |
| | | 4 October 2013 | Deposit Account | <u>£3,804.54</u> |
| | | | Total Balance | £12,690.39 |
| b) | Receipts: | Co-op Bank: Interest November 2014 | £ 1.08 | |
| | | HMRC: VAT refund | £ 137.55 | |
| | | Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme 14/006 & 7 | <u>£ 320.00</u> | |
| | | Total | £ 458.63 | |

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c) Payments for Approval:

H Davies: Clerk's salary for November 2014	£284.67	
Expenses 1 Sept - 30 Nov 2014	£212.96	£ 497.63

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Broad Green grass cut 12 of 14 cuts taken:	£42.75	
Lengthsman Scheme @ £11 per hour		
T&C October 12 hours	£132	
November 16 hours	£176	
Burcot October 8 hours	£ 88	
November 6 hours	<u>£ 66</u>	
	<u>£462.00</u>	<u>£ 504.75</u>
	Total	£1,003.38

d) Unpresented Cheques: None

e) Outstanding Invoices: None

f) Provisional Budget 2015 / 2016: was agreed; final budget will be presented to the next meeting.

g) Finance Items - Proposed: Cllr Ryan **and Seconded:** Cllr Cooper; **All in agreement.**

15 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Brockhill Lane fly tipping: is being pursued by Bromsgrove DC.

Alcester Road bus shelter: will be repaired when timber can be sourced.

Carol Services: Fininstall on 19th; Tutnall on 20th and Oakalls on 21st December 2014.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting at 7.20 pm on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Signed: Chairman

13 January 2015