Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH Held on Tuesday 10 June 2016 in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

1 **WELCOME**: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 May 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 12 May 2015 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded: Cllr Wheeler-Vine; All in Agreement

3 COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

4 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had met on the dates set, and deliberated the topics brought to the meetings

It was with some delight that the Chairman stated that he could finally report that the picnic bench had been installed in the community orchard on Alcester Road. He advised that Prisoners from HMP Hewell have been mowing the grass in the area and it is shaping up very nicely.

The Parish Council has a number of ongoing projects which they have resolved to press forward with over the coming year. Looking back through a number of previous reports, there appears to be one recurring topic: the proposed housing development on the land west of Foxlydiate. A planning application for 2800 houses is currently being considered.

The Chairman stated that after a number of years, he regretted that the Parish Council had to say good bye to Helen Davies who was giving up the role of Parish Clerk to have a more time for her hobbies. He took the opportunity to thank Helen for all her work and support and wished her well.

The Chairman then welcomed Lorraine Griffiths, the new Parish Clerk.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TARDEBIGGE COMMUNITY HALL REPRESENTATIVE:

Cllr Denyer stated the Tardebigge Community Hall had a very good year due to the funding that it had received. Also making the running of the hall more efficient by looking at utilities usage had helped.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH WARDEN:

Cllr Cooper stated that he had not managed to do a lot this year but he had carried out some excavation on a footpath at Burcot. The blocked footpath was well used but currently the rape was too high. He has requested action from Worcestershire County Council but had not received a response yet. Cllr Cooper also stated that he had asked the Lengthsman to do some works, but the Parish Council hadn't received its grant yet.

7 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREE WARDEN & CONSERVATION OFFICER:

Cllr Ryan advised that free trees had been received and were ready to be planted The Chairman agreed to help with this.

8 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES:

The Chairman advised that there was a charity for people who had short term need for financial help due to ill health, which was administered by the Clergy and the Parish Council. The new Minister was looking for ways to help people. He advised that there were two projects with Redditch Borough Council which were specific to Tardebigge. People who leave home could access funds for 24 hours from the Clergy, they try to give aid e.g. smart card rather than money. Members of the Parish Council monitor activity and help where they can. Cllr Tolley explained people in the Parish were unwilling to take help, which is why the Clergy were involved. He advised that there are helplines, which Redditch Borough Council were involved with.

9 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Cllr Denyer explained that the newsletter continued to do well and shall continue. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council should look for a new printer, as the quality was not very good. Cllr Denyer asked about funds and Cllr Ryan proposed getting quotes from local printers. The Clerk agreed to research local printers and their costs.

10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

No report

11 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

No report

12 REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

No report

13 COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

The Clerk reported that she had not received any complaints this year. She then thanked the Councillors and said she had enjoyed her time working for the Parish Council.

14 DISCUSS: Any Other Issues Appertaining to and Affecting the Parish:

None

15 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH ASSEMBLY:

The date of the next Annual Parish Assembly is to be arranged. 11 May 2017 was proposed but will be confirmed closer to the date.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed:	Chairman	Date:	May 2016