

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs G Whitehouse, K Tolley, L Denyer, P Whittaker, S Cooper, M Pengelly,  
M Ashwin, C Hicks

**In Attendance:** The Clerk

**1 APOLOGIES:** County Councillor E Moffett

**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. Also see Item 7 Planning Matters.
- c) Prejudicial Interests: Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall. Also see Item 7 Planning Matters.

**3 MINUTES Ref: P.801 - P804**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2010 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer;  
Seconded: Cllr Ashwin; All approved.

**4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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

**Chairman:** The Chairman's comments would be covered in the meeting.

**5 POLICE REPORT:**

CSO John Tilt was on annual leave and had emailed his report:

11 March: London Lane: Vehicle Nuisance: Report received of youths in four vehicles, possibly smoking drugs, littering and causing noise. Officers attended, searched the area, no trace of the youths were found. Litter debris and cigarette butts were found at the location.

16 March: Brockhill Lane: Report of temporary traffic light signals not being adhered to. A person reported near misses with three vehicles. Highways were informed to arrange for the fault to be rectified.

23 March: London Lane: Reports of persons in cars, drinking and possibly smoking drugs. Officers attended. Three vehicles and seven persons were encountered and checks carried out. The appropriate warnings and advice were given.

27 March: Dusthouse Lane: Report of vehicle being parked on private land next to a dwelling. When police attended the vehicle had already been removed.

5 April: Stoney Lane: A vehicle was driven through a fence near the junction with Cobley Hill. Officers attended, one person was arrested and enquiries are on-going.

**6 CORRESPONDENCE:**

All items received were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and were Noted.

**Applications for Consideration:**

10/0209 The Lodge, Blackwell Court, Agmore Road: Single Storey extension to existing lodge (residential). **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to this application.

**Approvals:**

09/0952 & 3 Tylers Lock, London Lane: Change of use from licenced premises/nightclub to 3 no. 1 bed and 1 no. 2 bed flats, including demolition of existing single storey outbuildings, replacement single storey extension, replacement doors and windows, replacement ballustrading to first floor amenity area and new openings - including Listed Building Consent.

10/0058 Wheeley Farm, Wheeley Road: New vehicular access and closure of existing access to be reinstated to a garden land (renewal of B/2004/1403).

**Refusals:** None received.

**Planning Matters:**

Bromsgrove & Redditch Core Strategies: It was noted that various Members had personal and prejudicial interests. However, Members felt that, at this stage, the proposals were too vague so their contribution to the discussions would not be prejudicial. It was agreed that interests would be reviewed each time this subject was debated.

The development proposals were discussed at length. Members agreed a draft consultation response, which the clerk would circulate to Members for comments before sending a letter to Bromsgrove DC.

09/1003 Kidderminster Road, Dodford: First wind turbine application within Bromsgrove DC was noted for information.

- 8 **STANDING ORDERS:** Amendments to the new model standing orders were agreed; the document would be ratified at the next meeting.

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

- 9 **REVIEW OF PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTATION: Financial Regulations - Internal Financial Control Policy - Freedom of Information - Code of Conduct - Scheme of Delegation - Complaint's Procedure** were re-adopted. It was noted that the Parish Charter had been adopted in December 2009 and the Environmental Committee Terms of Reference adopted January 2010. Proposed: Cllr Ashwin; Seconded: Cllr Denyer; All in agreement.

- 10 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

It was agreed that the Council would continue to participate in the Lengthsman Scheme for 2010/2011 and administer the scheme on behalf of Burcot Village.

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

Additional items for the Lengthsman:

Grange Lane: at right hand bend, repair ditch which lorry had 'squashed' in the winter.

Wheeley Road: opposite the golf club; clear grips to let water go into ditch instead of road.

- 11 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

A448 surface noise: ongoing concern to Tutnall residents. Long term aim is to have road resurfaced or noise deflecting barriers constructed. This matter has been raised a number of times over the years but now the residents want something doing about it. Clerk to report to Hub.

- 12 **FINANCE:** p807
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| a) | <b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 31 March 2010 | Current Account  | £4,938.96        |
|    |   | 31 December 2009   | Deposit Account  |
|    |   |  | <u>£3,790.31</u> |
|    |   | Total Balance  | £8,729.27        |
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| b) | <b>Receipts:</b>                          | Co-op Bank: Interest 5 March 2010                              | £ 0.55           |
|    |   | Worcestershire County Council: Lengthsman                      | <u>£ 174.00</u>  |
|    |   | Total  | £ 174.55         |
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| c) | <b>Payments for Approval:</b>             |  |                  |
|    |   | Simon Skyes: Lengthsman Scheme March 2010                      | £ 168.00         |
|    |   | Tardebigge Community Hall: Committee Room Rental to 31 03 2011 | £ 242.00         |
|    |   | Worcestershire CALC: CALC service charge £230.82               |                  |
|    |   | & NALC affiliation fee £32.75                                  |                  |
|    |   | VAT £40.39   | <u>£ 303.96</u>  |
|    |   | Total  | £ 713.96         |
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| d) | <b>Un-presented Cheques:</b>              | Worc CALC:   | £ 25.00          |
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| e) | <b>Annual Return:</b>                     | Basic audit to be submitted by 26 July 2010                    |                  |
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| f) | <b>Finance Items - Proposed:</b>          | Cllr Cooper <b>and Seconded:</b> Cllr Hicks. All in favour     |                  |
- 13 **COMMUNITY HALL:**
- Request to take over management:** Members were unable to support this proposal as their time is taken up with parish council business and their preference is to continue in a supporting role.
- Car Park:** The contractor has scraped the entrance. The Community Hall had previously been advised that stoning was only a temporary measure and that the area needs concreting.
- 14 **MAY DAY FAIR:** Various Members had offered to help Cllr Denyer run stalls. It was agreed that the £25 newsletter crossword prize would be a book token.
- 15 **BROAD GREEN MOWING CONTRACT:** Quality of contractor's work was discussed.
- 16 **ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS DURING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS / EMERGENCIES:** Letter to be sent to the Chief Executive, Bromsgrove DC, seeking clarification on the parish council's role as part of emergency planning and liaison and whether Members' involvement could enhance procedures.
- 17 **INCREASING COUNCILLOR NUMBERS:** Procedures and current electorate numbers per seats were noted.
- 18 **DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING:** 11 May 2010.
- 19 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**
- DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Nothing further to report.
- COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.
- TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:** The Tree Warden had been approached by a resident of The Park regarding a 40 ft tree. The area is covered by a Tree Preservation Order and is outside the remit of the Parish Council.

**COMMUNITY HALL REPORT:** Had not yet met.

**CHARITIES REPORT:** No meeting had taken place that month.

**CONSERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.

**20 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**

Brockhill Lane: there were 130 potholes from Hewell Lane to Keeper's Cottage (boundary with Redditch BC). To be reported to the Hub requesting a traffic survey and pothole log.

Ideas for 'prettifying' the parish: Broad Green - suggestions of planting daffodil bulbs and / or having flower beds established and maintained by Hewell prisoners. To be included on next month's agenda.

Alcester Road new crash barrier: Cllr Cooper to draft a letter asking Highways why the wooden barrier had to be replaced and at what cost.

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 11 May 2010 after the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Signed : .....Chairman

Date : .....