

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

07/10 p831

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 12 December 2010 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

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

In Attendance: County Cllr E Moffett, the Clerk

1 APOLOGIES: None received.

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.

c) Prejudicial Interests:

Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.

Cllr M Pengelly who is employed by HMP Hewell.

3 MINUTES Ref: P.828 - P830

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2010 were approved.

Proposed: C Hicks; Seconded: Cllr Tolley, all in agreement.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted.

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

Police: CSO John Tilt's emailed report was noted.

District Councillor: No report

County Councillor: Grit bags can be collected from Avoncroft. Schools should supply their own grit. Brockhill and Stoney Lanes have now been classified as secondary gritting routes so grit bins are no longer required. A letter would be sent to M Walton, thanking Highways for reclassifying these roads for gritting and re-submit our request for a bin on London Lane, which is urgently needed due to the steepness of the road.

The County was saving money by combining two directorates and carrying out a property review with a view to combining services - total place project.

Footpath Warden: Nothing major to report. The Dusthouse Lane to Cherry Trees footpath was still being obstructed. The Warden would be repairing a couple of stiles over Christmas.

Tree Warden: Nothing to report.

Community Hall Representative: The AGM had been held recently; interviews for a new caretaker and booking officer would be taking place.

Concerns about the footpath from the canal to the churchyard were to be requested in writing so the County can be advised.

Charities Representative: No meeting had taken place.

Conservation Officer: Agreed that a letter would be sent to the Windsor Clives of Shropshire regarding the dilapidated state of the railings around the Earl of Plymouth's grave.

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Applications for Consideration:

10/1080 41 The Park: single storey extension, increasing height of existing boundary wall, new pitched roof over existing conservatory and the installation of a flue for a wood burning stove.

Resolved to comment that there were no objections to the application.

Approvals:

10/0797 Ravensdale Cottage, Brockhill Lane: retention of 1.2m high picket fence to front of property.

10/0571 4 New Wharf: proposed extension at first floor level.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters: Draft Core Strategy: the High Court challenge as to how the government had revoked the RSS was upheld. The government will now be abolishing the RSS in the Decentralisation & Localism Bill. This means the next draft of the Core Strategy will be delayed.

7 **TUTNALL CLOSE POST BOX:** It was agreed a letter be sent to the Bromsgrove postal depot requesting reinstatement of the morning collection.

8 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:** Cllr Tolley had spoken to the school's representative regarding snow clearance etc. and agreed that the school would contact Cllr Tolley if his services were needed.

9 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

No new items. Lengthsman to be asked if he is able to grit, which would mean being on site by 6am.

10 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Items covered in the County Cllr's report.

Clerk to follow-up outstanding items on the Highway's Schedule.

11 **PARISH COMMUNITY PAYBACK:** Hewell Prison is acting as a pilot for the scheme. The Government is looking to county and parish councils to take on these projects with the supervision and organisation carried out by community based charities. Members agreed to have the parish council's interest registered and Cllr Pengelly was asked to investigate further.

12 **NEWSLETTER:** Decisions on the production and printing to be brought forward in March / April.

13 **MANAGING MONEY: PROPER PRACTICES:** CALC and NALC's reports were noted.

14 **BULB PLANTING:** Webbs of Wychbold to be asked to supply free bulbs as per their current scheme. Methods of finding bulb planting 'manpower' were discussed. Broad Green flowerbed would, hopefully, be planted-up in the spring; if this did not happen then the bed would be grassed over.

15 **FINANCE: to consider:**

a)	Bank Balances: as at 30 November 2010	Current Account	£7,569.78
		31 December 2009	Deposit Account
			<u>£3,790.31</u>
		Total Balance	£11,360.09

b)	Receipts:	Co-op Bank: Interest 5 November 2010	£	0.85
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c) Payments for Approval:

Mark Parry: Publisher training for Clerk on 20 Nov & help with newsletter Cheque no: 100470 raised on 14 December	£ 100.00
Simon Skyes: Lengthsman Scheme Oct & Nov T&C £367.50 + Burcot £105	£ 472.50
Brookfield Contract Services: mowing footpaths 18/19 on 18 Oct	£ 24.00
Worcestershire CALC: Clerks' Gatherings 26 Oct & 23 Nov	£ 15.00
Chairman's Expenses for 17 August 2010	£ 50.00
H S Davies: Clerk's Remuneration £920.54 + £220.67 expenses	£ 1,141.21
HMRC:	<u>£ 230.13</u>
Total	£ 2,032.84

d) Unpresented Cheques: None

e) Budget / Precept: Items on the budget and precept schedule for 2011/12 to be re-checked and presented to Members at the next meeting.

f) Quarterly Audit: check had been carried out successfully.

g) Future Projects to utilise Reserve Funds: Suggestions:
Cllr Whittaker will investigate the provision of a path/steps directly from the Community Hall car park to the entrance.
Provision of picnic areas at the Pocket Park Orchard, Alcester Road - 'A' framed picnic tables cost £600 each, four would be needed.

h) Finance Items - Proposed: Cllr Cooper and Seconded: C Hicks

16 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Parish Christmas Bonfire at 6pm on 18 December.
Broad Green mowing schedule to be agreed at the January meeting.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.20pm at Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday, 11 January 2011.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.56 p.m.

Signed :Chairman

Date : 11 January 2011