

# Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH  
Held at 7.10pm on Thursday 12 May 2022 at Tardebigge Community Hall

**Present:** Cllr M Pengelly, Cllr M Ryan, Cllr K Tolley, Cllr L Denyer, Cllr P Whittaker, County Cllr K Taylor, John Ankrett

**Apologies:** Cllr S Orr-Cooper, Cllr A Wheeler-Vine

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

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 May 2021**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 4 May 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded: Cllr Whittaker; All in Agreement

3 **COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

None

4 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** Moving the monthly meetings to the second Thursday of the month enabled the Parish Council to have regular face to face meetings in the main room of the Community Hall. This is a much bigger room with more air space, enabling social distancing and reducing the risk of spreading the Corona Virus, although some of us who managed to dodge the infection through the height of the pandemic succumbed in recent months but, I am happy to say, escaped serious complications.

We have, as usual, vigorously discussed and pursued the items brought to the Parish Council's attention. We have seen a lot of planning applications, from small individual schemes to the larger developments. Almost all of these will impact the local infrastructure and services, which is a continuing problem that we keep highlighting. The roads in and around the Parish are of great concern to residents. As the volume of traffic increases, the speed of some vehicles also increases. With the Local Policing Team we are looking at getting a community speed watch team together, but, as with most things, easier said than done, as some of the areas of concern can't be covered with community schemes and have been passed on to District and County Councils. Also, the condition of several roads has deteriorated, with complaints about roadside and roadside paths becoming clogged with vegetation and un-swept gullies. Several roads have, however, recently been resurfaced with tar and chippings.

5 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TARDEBIGGE COMMUNITY HALL REPRESENTATIVE:** Able to have regulars using the hall from April 2021 and casual party users returned in June/July 2021. Socially distanced and covid risk assessments were carried out. August 2021 casual bookings taken and has been extremely busy. Heat pump partly replaced. End of financial year had £24K + in bank.

6 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH WARDEN:** Over the last year, the paths have been and still are being well used. Apart from routine inspections, minor repairs and vegetation clearance (ie. strimming) we have four open issues:

1. Path TC504 from Blackwell Golf Course across the railway to Lickey path 524 is still temporarily closed, awaiting a permanent closure when an acceptable alternative route involving improvements to footpaths along Linthurst Newtown and Blackwell road has been created.
2. The "extinguishment" of path TC538 from Holyoakes lane across the A448 and the car park of the New Tardebigge public house (on the basis that the path is unused, dangerous and that an acceptable alternative route is available along the roadside path under the dual carriageway 50 meters to the West), is still "in the planning stage".
3. Repairs have been carried out to cure the "wash out" problems of path TC536 down from the church car park to the canal. The bottom corner of the car park has been re-profiled to guide run off away from the top of the path and part of the path itself has been resurfaced with roadstone. These repairs appear to have been successful with several positive comments being received from walkers.
4. Path TC519 from the top of Cobley Hill North East towards Alvechurch and down to the canal has several issues: the stile onto Grange Lane is in the wrong place, the steps down to the tunnel under the canal are beginning to fail and the tunnel itself has been flooded and impassable for much of the winter. The specification for the repairs has gone out for quotation to local landscaping companies and we are waiting for responses. The repair will then be prioritised and planned.

- 7 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREE WARDEN & CONSERVATION OFFICER:** Has planted 20 saplings in the area, with a further 10 growing in pots for planting later in the year for the Queens Jubilee. We are also landing a special tree, with a commemorative plaque. A neighbouring resident alerted us to work at Cobley Hill Farm. This is largely resolved with the assistance of Natural England.

Little activity, the conversion of Plymouth House into 6 flats is nearing completion, new tenants have taken up residence in 2 flats so far

- 8 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES:** The Tardebigge Relief in Sickness and Need Charities has continued to meet via Zoom. The financial position has now been clarified and a validated balance sheet presented. The Charities Commission has been updated with details of the current trustees and signatories, enabling the charity to get on with its prime role of helping people in the parish in time of sickness or need.
- 9 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:** The newsletter was excellent as usual and thanked everyone for their contributions. John stated that the appearance was excellent. If anyone thinks of anything different to put in it, to let Cllr Denyer know.
- 10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Most of correspondence he received was about planning at Foxlydiate. Foxlydiate pub and hotel got permission to be converted into 12 apartments at the main building on the road and 18 houses around it. Cllr Whittaker objected to it but Committee took no notice.

- 11 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** Blackwell Road footpath is still going on without a solution yet due to Richard Clewer retiring and no progression with Worcestershire County Council. Checks when drains and gulleys are listed as being done, if they haven't been he reports it. Arbitrary response time for Fire Service, consultation coming up. Lengthsman scheme should have £75K extra, some Parish Councils are taking advantage of place teams. Gave some money to Big Breakfast. Maintenance going on on the roads, Brockhill Lane has been resurfaced. Put jobs on portal and then tell Cllr Taylor to chase up.
- 12 **REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:** none
- 13 **COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**  
The Clerk reported that there had been more correspondence than normal from Parishioners due to various issues like speeding within the parish.
- 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 will be 11 May 2023

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

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: 11 May 2023