

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs G Whitehouse, L Denyer, S Orr-Cooper, P Whittaker

In Attendance: CSO J Tilt, Clerk

- 1 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ashwin: Holiday (accepted); Cllr Tolley: Farming (accepted)
- 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.

3 MINUTES Ref: P.775 - P778

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer:
Seconded: Cllr Cooper.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted.

The Clerk advised she had passed her CiLCA Power of Well Being module.

Ordinance Survey maps: Clerk to raise the topic of licence fees at a CALC Clerks' meeting.

Chairman: Tardebigge Wharf Cottages: Local media reports advised that British Waterways had served notices to quit on the tenants. Cllr Cooper offered to visit residents to offer the Parish Council's help and invite residents to attend the next council meeting.

Bromsgrove Area CALC meeting 2 September: The guest speaker's incomprehensible title and obsessive use of acronyms by councils and government bodies was a major complaint. Advised that the Worcestershire Hub was being updated.

County Cllr Moffett had advised that 'hump' removal along Alcester Road, from near Tutnall Lane to High House Lane, would commence 16 September.

Cllr Hakesley had tendered her resignation by email. Clerk to request a formal letter of resignation to comply with electoral procedures.

5 POLICE REPORT:

CSO John Tilt attended:

17 July: Tardebigge Public House: oil spillage; dealt with by Bromsgrove DC.

19 July: Tardebigge Public House: vehicle number plates stolen.

20 July: Cows on the road.

23 July: Goat escaped but may have been stolen.

3 August: Community Farm, Old Wharf, Tardebigge: two generators stolen.

10 August: Top Lock, Tardebigge: problem parking re vehicle access.

20 August: Stoney Lane: road traffic collision close to Agmore Lane - non injury.

24 August: New Wharf, Tardebigge: windows broken at the cottages.

1 September: Sheep escape on country lane.

: bogus telephone calls to people via landline regarding home security.

In addition there were 13 items relating to incidents at HMP Hewell, which included drug offences, assault and absconding – details are available from the clerk.

The Chairman thanked CSO Tilt for his report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

e) Bromsgrove DC: Dog Waste Bags: Clerk to collect the Council's allocation for distribution at Council events.

k) Local Works: Local Councils in the Sustainable Communities Act: Members' agreed the Council would support the Early Day Motion for the Amendment Bill.

7 PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Applications for Consideration:

09/0654 3 Tutnall Grange: New conservatory to rear of existing property.

Resolved: To comment the Council had no objections to the application providing there were none from the neighbours.

09/0661 Weights Farm: Steel portal framed building for storing hay and straw.

Resolved: To comment the Council objects to this application. Members are astounded at the expansion of this site and want to know when the development of the site will be 'reigned in'.

b) Approvals:

09/0423 London Lane Field 9829: To replace an existing lambing shed with a larger one.

09/0397 Sunny Bank Farm, Stoney Lane: New rudimentary 3m wide farm track comprising cellular grass paving system and alterations to existing hard standing.

c) Refusals: None received.

d) Planning Matters:

08/0741 Sunny Bank Farm, Stoney Lane: New rudimentary, 3m wide farm track (as above) permission revoked for application 09/0397.

Projector and screen: agreed to wait to hear whether Bromsgrove DC would provide.

8 WHARF LANE ENFORCEMENT: Clerk to contact Bromsgrove DC to ascertain progress.

9 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

Additional items: Tutnall Lane: gutter to be cleared of vegetation.

: work to sign, to be discussed with Cllr Cooper.

10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Hedges: It was agreed that the letter provided by M Walton, WCC, would be used, subject to minor amendments. Cllrs Whitehouse and Whittaker and the clerk would meet on site to agree who should be requested to cut back overhanging vegetation.

Hedge letters to be sent to Forge House and the Animal Sanctuary, Stoney Lane, and Ingevar, Tutnall Lane.

Ragwort: Locations to be relayed to the Hub in the spring.

County Cllr Moffett had advised action had been requested at Hollow Tree Lane regarding use of HGVs; the County's policy on Japanese Knotweed policy was being sought; visibility problems caused by a new wall erected at the prison entrance were being pursued.

Dusthouse Lane: use by high speeding agricultural transporters could not be followed-up without dates, times, etc of incidents.

Brockhill Lane: re-opened potholes near canal bridge to be reported to the Hub.

11 FINANCE:

a)	Bank Balances: as at 30 August 2009	Current Account	£7,010.57
	23 December 2008	Deposit Account	<u>£3,782.86</u>
		Total Balance	£10,793.43
b)	Receipts:		
	Co-op Bank: Interest 3 July 2009		£ 0.72
	Interest 5 August		£ 0.77
	HMRC: VAT refund		£ 150.78
	Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme		£ 337.50
	HMRC: On-line incentive payment for 2008/09 tax return		<u>£ 75.00</u>
		Total	£ 564.77
c)	Payments for Approval:		
	Steve Cooper: Bus shelter repairs		£ 83.00
	Clement Keys: External Audit fees £285 + £42.75 VAT		£ 327.75
	Geoffrey Whitehouse: Barn Dance expenses		£ 96.34
	Simon Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme: July invoice		£ 168.00
	Brookfield Contract Services: Mowing footpaths 18 & 19		£ 24.00
	H S Davies: Clerk's Salary £773.66 & expenses £212.74		£ 986.40
	HMRC:		<u>£ 118.41</u>
		Total	£ 1,803.90
d)	Un-presented Cheques:	None	
e)	Annual Return 2008/2009:	Unqualified audit opinion has been given.	
f)	HMRC: Complaint's Procedure:	Agreed a formal complaint would not be pursued at this stage.	
g)	Deposit Loan Scheme with WCC:	Noted; to be reconsidered when interest rates rise.	
h)	Finance Items - Proposed:	Cllr Denyer and Seconded: Cllr Whittaker , all approved.	

- 12 **BARN DANCE REVIEW:** Takings £995; profit £380. All agreed this was an excellent outcome. A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Denyer for all her work and to Cllr Whittaker for supplying and making good the venue.

- 13 **PARISH WALKS:** Deferred to another meeting. p782
- 14 **BORDESLEY PARK HOUSING SCHEME:** Discussed by Members but no decisions were made regarding this matter.
- 15 **TUTNALL LANE SLURRY & FLIES:** Resident to be asked to contact the District Council's Environmental Health Department.
- 16 **NEWSLETTER:** It was agreed Bentley Pauncefoot be allocated ten pages; Members' articles to be available at the next meeting; there would be a strict cut-off date for all other contributions at the end of October.
- 17 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Nothing significant to report.
COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Contained in Item 10.
FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT: The Footpath Warden's written report was presented at the meeting. The Parish Improvement Plan is under discussion for works to be carried out this summer.
TREE WARDEN'S REPORT: Nothing significant to report.
COMMUNITY HALL REPORT: The solar panels and ground source heat area were all working.
CHARITIES REPORT: No meeting had taken place.
- 18 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**
 Agenda Items for next meeting: May Day Fair and Barn Dance 2010.
- 19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at 7.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

Signed :Chairman

Date :