

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs G Whitehouse, L Denyer, P Whittaker, K Tolley and S Cooper

In Attendance: Clerk and four members' of the public.

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.

3 MINUTES Ref: P.783 - P786

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer;
Seconded: Cllr Tolley; All approved.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted.

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

5 POLICE REPORT:

CSO John Tilt was attending the PACT meeting but had emailed his report:

24 October: Cobley Hill: Loose cow returned to field.

31 October: Hewell Cricket Club: Attempted burglary; offenders making off when disturbed.
No property had been stolen and enquiries were continuing.

HMP Hewell: Incidents include visitors behaving inappropriately, prisoners on day release returning late, anti-social behaviour by visitors and prisoners.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

7 PLANNING MATTERS:

a) **Applications for Consideration:**

09/0703 Sunny Bank Farm, Stoney Lane: Change of use of land and existing buildings from agricultural use to an outdoor activity centre, including quad biking, 'laser tag' and archery facilities. Creation of associated parking facilities for 49 vehicles and diversion of existing access road; creation of new vehicular access onto Stoney Lane; erection of four field shelters; stationing of temporary building for use as marshal's hut.

Resolved: to comment the Parish Council totally rejects this application for the following reasons:

Improper use of the green belt

Additional traffic on Stoney Lane and the surrounding roads.

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Noise:

- the area is already noisy due to an existing clay shoot.
- there are many residential developments in the area which will be affected by noise even though they are several metres from the application site.

Agriculture - the Parish Council strongly object to good agricultural land being used as an outdoors activity centre.

The proposed use is environmentally unfriendly, as the quad biking and users accessing the site will create pollution.

Local residents have made strong representations to the Parish Council objecting to this proposal.

09/0843 The Design Centre, Tack Farm, Hewell Lane: Change of use from office to dwelling (split level apartment).

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

b) **Approvals:** None received.

c) **Refusals:** None received.

d) **Planning Matters:**

08/0727 Sheltwood Range: Appeal was allowed on a lesser scale.

08/0819 High Bank, Hewell Lane: Appeal was allowed.

8 **NEWSLETTER:** It was agreed the advertising rates would remain the same as last years.

9 **TARDEBIGGE NEW WHARF:** Further correspondence from the MP was noted.

10 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

Members were all in favour of administering the Lengthsman Scheme on behalf of Burcot Village Hall subject to receiving an indemnity that Burcot would supervise and indemnify the Parish.

Admin costs were covered in the scheme but a figure of 5% was discussed.

There were no new items for the Lengthsman.

11 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Hedges: Hewell Lane: Clerk to contact Highways regarding the parishioner's comments on hedge cutting on Hewell Lane near Benton's Cottage.

Hewell Lane speeding - parishioner to be advised that as the police do not support the 40mph limit the Parish Council's 'hands were tied'.

Wharf Lane: Cricket Club to be commended on their hedge cutting and asked to finish trimming the tree adjoining Hewell Lane.

12 **FINANCE:**

a)	Bank Balances: as at 30 October 2009	Current Account	£7,999.49
	3 April 2009	Deposit Account	<u>£3,788.51</u>
		Total Balance	£11,782.35

b)	Receipts:	Co-op Bank: Interest 5 Oct 2009	£ 0.62
		Bromsgrove DC: Precept	<u>£3,640.00</u>
		Total	£3,640.62
c)	Receipts omitted from June bank statement (July Agenda):		
		Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme	£ 174.00
		Barn Dance: cash / cheques	£ 165.00
		Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme	£ 174.00
		Barn Dance: cash / cheques	<u>£ 830.00</u>
		Total	£1,343.00
d)	Payments for Approval:		
		Tardebigge Community Hall: Barn Dance proceeds	£ 190.00
		Tardebigge CE First School: Barn Dance proceeds	<u>£ 190.00</u>
		Total	£ 380.00
e)	Un-presented Cheques:	none	
f)	Precept Budget:	Draft for 2010/11 to be discussed at the next meeting.	
g)	2009/2010 National Final Salary Award for Clerks:	With effect from 1 April 2009 the hourly rate for SCP21 rises to £9.941.	

Finance Items - Proposed: Cllr Denyer and **Seconded:** Cllr Cooper; all in favour.

- 13 **MAY DAY FAIR:** Cllr Denyer to report to the next meeting on the Community Hall's proposals so a decision can be made as to what degree of involvement the Members' wish to commit to. It was suggested that the presence of big agricultural machinery, classic cars and better advertising would be beneficial.
- 14 **BARN DANCE:** To be discussed at the next meeting.
- 15 **CASUAL VACANCY:** Two excellent applications had been received. Clerk to contact the Election Officer to see if there could be an additional councillor as there had been an increase in parishioners from the Tutnall Grange and Tack Farm developments.
- 16 **SKATE BOARD PARK:** Members' agreed they needed additional information, together with a plan, of the proposal put forward by Lickey & Blackwell PC to be able to consider further.
- 17 **PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER:** Draft document to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 18 **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:** Members' liked the plans received from Bromsgrove District Housing Trust on the proposed development of the rural exception site on Hewell Close and agreed an article could be included in the Newsletter.

20 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: PACT meetings were clashing with parish council meetings. The Sheltwood Range planning appeal was an unusual decision and would need a judicial review if challenged.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT: The Footpath Warden presented his report, which included details of routine maintenance that had been carried out. The ploughing up of Footpath 19 had been referred to the County Council

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY HALL REPORT: Nothing to report.

CHARITIES REPORT: No meeting had taken place since the last report.

21 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

A parishioner had approached Members appalled at the state of the roads.

22 2010 MEETING DATES: Agreed:

12 January	13 July
9 February	August - no meeting
9 March	14 September
13 April	12 October
11 May and AGM	9 November
8 June	14 December

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 7.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.25 p.m.

Signed :Chairman

Date :

Notes of Public Question Time

Four Members of the public were in attendance and raised concerns before the start of the meeting about planning application 09/0703 Sunny Bank Farm, Stoney Lane.