

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

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

In Attendance: E Moffett, County Cllr, the Clerk and five members of the public.

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Tolley (hay baling): Apology was 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.850 - P852**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2011 were approved. All in agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted.

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

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

Members were also advised that a Canna Lilly had been stolen from the Broad Green flower bed.

District Councillor: Nothing significant to report.

County Councillor: County Cllr Moffett reported that more budget cuts were likely. It has been proposed that each County Councillor receive £10,000 for community projects, including highways works. Independent contractors could be used for highways works. There was an additional £3,000 for highways and small amounts of footway.

The donkey sanctuary owner had agreed to cut the hedge and Richard Clewer, Highways, will follow-up the previously requested items.

Footpath Warden: The warden had been mending stiles and kissing gates. The County Council had agreed to make good the footpath through the graveyard with 70 - 80t of planings and a £500 contribution. The church had agreed to carry out future maintenance.

FP539 near Tack Farm: ownership was being sought to obtain permission to put in a gate.

P3 application: £500 grant has been offered.

Tree Warden: Nothing significant to report.

Community Hall Representative: The solar light to the main gate was still needed. It was noted that the hall entrance hall had an amount of litter and the toilets were grubby; this did not create a good impression for hirers and the five members of the public who attended the meeting.

Charities Representative: The committee had met recently and approved small sums to local residents. It was proposed to fund one-third of the costs to help furnish a room for specialist childcare. Other avenues of funding were suggested.

Conservation Officer: Nothing significant to report.

5 CORRESPONDENCE: **p854**
All items received were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and were Noted.

6 PLANNING MATTERS:
Applications for Consideration:
11/0436 Meadowbank Farm, Tack Farm: Part loft conversion to provide bedroom and ensuite.
Resolved to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0541 Whitegates, Tutnall Lane: Proposed change of use from Class D1 to domestic dwelling.
Resolved to comment there were no objections to the application.

Approvals: None received.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters:

08/0916: Malt Shovel Cottage, Hewell Lane: Replacement of windows with dormer type and repairs to roof: Withdrawn.

11/0266 & 0268 New Wharf: Wharf Cottages (refurbishment and extension) and Warehouse (conversion to 2 dwellings): was being considered by the Planning Committee on 18 July.

7 GREEN BELT ENCROACHMENT: Members received a presentation from four residents of Redditch concerning the Redditch BC Proposed Core Strategy for Brockhill East and Brockhill West green belt. Particular issues related to the proposed cross boundary housing extension. Developers are canvassing for 150 houses in Brockhill West, rising to 1400. There was the suggestion that developers wanted to 'annex' part of Tutnall & Cobley parish into Redditch BC to help promote the redefining of the green belt.

Members were able to advise:

- when asked to comment, the Parish Council would object very strongly to any green belt development as there were also concerns about flooding and infrastructure provisions.
- they were not aware of any Boundary Commission representations.
- they were also in agreement that ADRs should be built on before green belt was development was considered.

The Chairman thanked the group for taking the time to attend the meeting and for the ensuing useful discussion.

8 REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL: The Chairman had been advised that the windmill could be reinstated quite easily and suggested an unofficial approach to the owner would be the best option. The Parish Council could then consider assistance.

9 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: Membership of the Community Response Team - Cllrs Pengelly and Cooper agreed to participate. Cllr Denyer was asked to , and agreed to consider, membership as her links with the Community Hall could prove useful. It was agreed to discuss the Plan again at the next meeting.

10 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME: Tutnall Close and Tutnall Lane gutters needed clearing.

11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: p855

Alcester Road: Pothole outside 1 Tug Cottages, causing injury to a cyclist: to be reported to the Hub.

Alcester Road: 'new' road surface signs x 3: request removal.

Cobley Hill from its junction with Scarfield Hill to its junction with Stoney Lane would be closed for three days over a five week period commencing 8 August.

12 PARISH COMMUNITY PAYBACK: Due to the slow progress to date and damage to the gas main, it was decided the contract would be terminated immediately. Brookfield Contract Services would be asked to complete the project.
Planting fruit trees on the land opposite was considered.

13 BROAD GREEN: Fencing a short section with the provision of a gate for access to grass mowers was considered. No decision was reached.

14 RAILINGS TO PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL: A reply from Plymouth Estates was awaited.

15 NEW PATH TO FRONT ENTRANCE OF COMMUNITY HALL: A third quote had now been received for £2,600 approx. It was suggested the Parish Council could buy the materials as VAT can be reclaimed.
The Parish Council was delighted to undertake the provision of steps to the front entrance. However, as a gesture of goodwill and acknowledgement of Members' continued support for the Community Hall, it would be very much appreciated if an offer for the free use of a meeting room, as and when required, was made. Cllr Denyer agreed to consult with the Community Hall Committee in this respect.
Members were advised that a planning application was not required as permission had been given in the original application.

16 FINANCE: to consider:

a)	Bank Balances: as at 30 June 2011 Current Account	£6,106.49
	31 December 2010 Deposit Account	<u>£3,793.86</u>
	Total Balance	£9,900.35
b)	Receipts: Co-op Bank: Interest 3 June 2011	£ 0.80
	Worcestershire CC: Invoice 11/001	<u>£ 182.00</u>
		£ 182.80
c)	Payments for Approval:	
	Helen Davies: Reimbursement for computer software	
	£224.45 plus £44.90 VAT	£ 269.35
	Simon Skeys:	
	Broad Green cuts £41.50 x 3 (6 cuts to date)	£124.50
	Lengthsman Scheme: T&C: May	£132.00
	June	£176.00
	Burcot: May	£ 44.00
	June	£ 77.00
	Total	<u>£ 553.50</u>
		£ 822.85

- d) **Unpresented Cheques:** none
- e) **Quarterly Audit:** Further to the Internal Auditor's report dated 23 May 2011 and the quarterly audit carried on 12 July, the Finance Oversight Group asked that the

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Footpath Warden adheres to the Internal Auditor's request regarding receipts for expenses and the mileage allowance claimed. The Footpath Warden confirmed he would endeavour to do this.

- f) **Year to Date Budget:** Noted
- g) **Finance Items - Proposed:** Cllr Whittaker **and Seconded:** Cllr Pengelly

17 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Dusthouse Lane at the right angle bend: A letter be sent requesting that the owner arrange for the hedge to be cut.
Request is made for the railings on the bend at Cobley Hill are reinstated.
Request for railings / visibility fencing to the corner of Stoney Lane and Agmore Lane.
The Newsletter Editor reminded Members that articles would be needed for the October meeting.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.20pm on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m.

Signed:Chairman

13 September 2011