

# Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

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

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

**1 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Cooper (giving a talk): 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.857 - P860**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded: Cllr Pengelly. 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.

**District Councillor:** Nothing significant to report.

**County Councillor:** National planning is currently a very big issue and will take time to 'bed down'.

**Footpath Warden:** Asked for another letter to be sent to the golf club urging immediate installation of the gate that was supplied to them free of charge.

**Tree Warden:** Had spoken to Bromsgrove's Tree Officer who would be in touch as soon as any free trees were available.

**Community Hall Representative:** The Hall's meeting had been cancelled, so issues on lighting at the front gate and cleanliness would now be discussed on 17 October. A vote was taking place about the location of the steps and the position would be clearer after the meeting.

**Charities Representative:** Nothing to report as the Committee had not met.

**Conservation Officer:** Was pleased to advise that the footpath to the entrance of New Wharf had now been tarmaced.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**6 PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications for Consideration:**

11/0842 Brockhill East Development Site, Weights Lane: Residential development of up to 220 dwellings with associated open space and access arrangements.

**Resolved** to record Members had no comments to make - no houses were being built in the Parish.

11/0656 & 11/0669 Tyler's Lock, London Lane: Part respective for the removal of timber decking and excavation to accommodate renovation works and create patio area and external storage for unit two, with new access terrace and associated balustrading for unit three. Listed Building Consent. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0664 41 The Park: Construction of single storey extension to form study, installation of log burning stove, alterations to existing conservatory roof and raising side boundary wall height. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0856 Gorse Meadow Cottage, Hewell Lane: Two storey extension to side of dwelling and alterations to existing detached garage. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

**Approvals:**

11/0709 and 11/0698 Wharf Cottage: Amendment to application 11/0266 to include demolition of half brick gable wall for reconstruction to Wharf Cottage with LBC.

11/0612 and 11/0680 Tutnall Hall, Tutnall Lane: Proposed demolition and reconstruction of single-storey conservatory with LBC.

**Refusals:** None received.

**Planning Matters:**

2011/0164/ENF 5 The Drive, Redditch: Breach of condition attached to application 11/0248.

- 7 **PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL REGISTER:** Members did not wish to proceed with this suggestion.
- 8 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL:** Having received the offer of free labour, Members agreed to support the rebuilding of the parish windmill and meet the cost of materials approx. £700 for steel and £150 for nuts, bolts and grease. Members thanked Andy and Howard for their assistance. The Parish Council would seek donations and hold a fundraising event in 2012 to meet the anticipated restoration costs. The Parish Council undertook to meet any funding shortfall and, once restored, adopt and put the windmill on their insurance policy. It was noted that commercial restoration would cost £4 - £5,000.
- 9 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:** In order for a decision to be made on the members of the Community Response Team, it was suggested that Cllrs Cooper and Pengelly and the Clerk meet prior to the next Parish Council meeting to finalise the schedule.
- 10 **CHURCHYARD FOOTPATH:** It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Church reiterating that the Parish Council could not undertake this work on behalf of the Church. The Church would be advised that an application for a £250 would be made to the County Cllr's Divisional Funds Scheme to assist towards costs.
- 11 **FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE BLACKWELL GOLF CLUB:** The Footpath Warden had repaired one stile and advised that the crosspieces on the other stiles were in order.
- 12 **EXPENSES:** Noted
- 13 **THE BROCKHILL ACTION GROUP (Save the Green Belt):** A copy of the Redditch BC Planning minutes of 7 September had been emailed to Members. Noted.

- 14 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** Grip clearing near the canal bridge, Brockhill Lane, and general sign cleaning was requested.
- 15 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**  
 Cobley Hill kerbs: Cllr Moffett agreed to investigate why this work had been done.  
 Agmore Lane: pothole caused by a collapsed drain outside Poultry Farm Cottage/Meadow Cottage to be reported to the Hub.  
 Highways Schedule: the Clerk is to be advised of any additions / deletions.
- 16 **BULBS:** As no free bulbs were available from Webbs, it was agreed that a sack of bulbs could be purchased from Stacks.
- 17 **FRUIT TREE PLANTING ALCESTER ROAD:** The quote for hedge cutting, cultivating the ground for reseeding, erecting 32 tree guards, planting 25 trees and the costs of materials was discussed. With £500 anticipated funding from the County Councillor's Divisional Fund costs of £280 for materials and, say, £150 for trees remained. The proposal to meet these costs was agreed. Proposed: Cllr Pengelly Seconded: Cllr Tolley. All in agreement.  
 Trees to be underplanted with a slow growing amenity grass verge seed mix.
- 18 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S DIVISIONAL FUND:** It was agreed four applications would be made, £250 for each application, for Pocket Park Orchard, Jubilee Orchard, Community Hall steps and churchyard footpath.
- 19 **BROAD GREEN:** Members decided not to proceed with the installation of posts and removable rail.
- 20 **NEW PATH TO FRONT ENTRANCE OF COMMUNITY HALL:** Cllr Whittaker offered to speak to the Community Hall Committee on 17 October in order to expedite a decision on the location of the steps. As discussed at previous meetings, it was noted that the quote of £2,750 was acceptable all Members.
- 21 **NEWSLETTER:** Members decided to use the black and white photo provided by Roger Dudley on the front cover of the newsletter.
- 22 **PARISH COUNCIL FORUM:** The proposal by Bromsgrove DC to disband this Forum was rejected by Members Proposed: Cllr Whittaker Seconded: Cllr Denyer All in agreement.  
 A letter would be sent to the District Council requesting that the Forum continues as an open meeting which provides a good medium for interaction between parish councils and the District Council.
- 23 **FINANCE: to consider:**
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| a) | <b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 30 September 2011 | Current Account  | £4,600.27        |
|    |   | 31 December 2010 | Deposit Account  |
|    |   |                  | <u>£3,793.86</u> |
|    |   | Total Balance    | £8,394.13        |
- b) **Receipts:** Co-op Bank: Interest September 2011 £ 0.60

- c) **Payments for Approval:**
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| Clement Keys: External Audit £135 + £27 VAT          | £ 162.00       |
| Worc SLCC: Clerks' Gathering 16 Nov                  | £ 7.50         |
| Worcestershire CALC: Clerks' Gathering 23 March 2011 | £ 7.50         |
| G Whitehouse: Chairman's Expenses                    | <u>£ 50.00</u> |
| Total  | £ 227.00       |
- d) **Unpresented Cheques:** none
- e) **Year to Date Budget:** Noted.
- f) **Budget for 2012 / 2013:** Suggestions for items / costings to be considered.
- g) **Quarterly Audit:** Had been satisfactorily carried out prior to the Council meeting .
- h) **Appointment of Internal Auditor:** It was agreed to continue with the services of P Butts for the 2011/12 annual audit at the agreed fee of £125.
- i) **Finance Items - Proposed:** Cllr Whittaker **and Seconded:** Cllr Denyer; All in agreement

#### 24 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Broad Green triangle: The suggestion of parking a car to curtail the area being used as a 'race track' was met with universal approval.

#### 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.20pm on Tuesday 8 November 2011 at Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.27 p.m.

Signed: .....Chairman

8 November 2011

#### Notes on Public Question Time:

Three members of the public raised concerns about the single track roads - Grimley, Walnut, London and Dusthouse Lanes. There had been an increase in the number of walkers, cyclists and horses - three new stables had been set-up in the last ten years - together with increased vehicular traffic. The residents were looking at a range of measures to reduce speed limits e.g. signage, logs to stop verges being mounted etc. and at the possibility of having a 'Quiet Lane' designation. The members were looking to canvass Parish Council support to reduce the risk of serious accidents and protection of the verges. It was acknowledged that consultation costs might be high. Members were sympathetic to the cause and offered space in the Christmas Newsletter for an article.