

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs G Whitehouse, P Whittaker, L Denyer, K Tolley, M Ashwin, L Hakesely,
S Orr-Cooper

In Attendance: The Clerk, CSO J Tilt and one member of the public

1 APOLOGIES: None

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: None were reported

3 MINUTES Ref: P.752 - P.754

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer
Seconded: Cllr Whittaker.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Clerk: The Clerk's report was noted. Clerk to obtain information on the 'Third Sector'.

Chairman: Allowances for Parish Councillors - the Chairman referred to the letter dated 2 February from Bromsgrove DC with the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel. It was noted that Tutnall & Cobley was the only parish to respond to the review.

5 POLICE REPORT:

CSO John Tilt attended.

Between 30 January and 1 February: Alcester Road bus shelter was vandalised.

30 January: House sign stolen from a residence opposite the Tardebigge Pub.

21 January: Hewell Cricket Club: broken into and bar optics and till stolen.

Hewell Grange Prison: drug related incidents with visitors trying to bring in drugs.

The Chairman thanked CSO Tilt for his report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

7 PLANNING MATTERS:

a) **Applications for Consideration:** No applications were received.

b) **Approvals:**

08/1018 Abberley, Tutnall Close: New detached garage.

08/0950 Tack Farm, Hewell Lane: Conversion of existing integral garage to form snug and office accommodation (private use only) with new attached double garage to side of dwelling.

c) **Refusals:** None received.

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d) **Planning Matters:**

08/0727 Sheltwood Range, Sheltwood Lane, Bentley: To retain on permanent base, one railway carriage, one mobile home, five touring caravans and one utility dayroom block with associated change of use and hardstanding. The Chairman updated Members regarding his site meeting with Cllr Whittaker and representatives of Bentley Pouncefoot PC. Bentley Pouncefoot PC was employing an ex-planning officer to fight the application. Due to the urgent timescales in submitting a reply to the planning authority, the Chairman was unable to consult with other Members before his letter of 28 January was sent.

Awards for All Application for a projector: Members signed their section of the application and Emma Moffett's offer to be the project sponsor was accepted.

- 8 **COMMUNITY HALL TRUSTEESHIP:** It was acknowledged that if Members became trustees they would be unable to be involved in the running of the Hall and it would not be possible for Cllr Denyer, who represents the Parish Council, to be on the Community Hall Management Committee. Members noted that at present they can support, guide and monitor the Community Hall Committee but this would not be permitted if they became trustees and, as such, it was felt this would not be in the best interests of parishioners.

Proposal: On the basis of the approach made to Cllr Denyer it was proposed Members become Trustees of the Community Hall.

In Favour: None

Against: Unanimous, for the reasons given above.

- 9 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** The Lengthsman to be asked to:

- o Remove the guards on trees near the Bowling Club, Holyoakes Lane.
- o Clear out ditch near canal bridge, Brockhill Lane.
- o Discuss overhanging branches adjoining the animal sanctuary, Stoney Lane.

- 10 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Brockhill Lane - a petition with 155 signatories to date had been collected. Cllr Tolley had salted the lane for a week; the police had closed the road at one stage due to the icy conditions.

Cobley Hill - the potholes previously filled near Cobley Hill Farm / Cottage have reopened - to be reported to the Hub.

Stoney Lane - overgrown hedge adjoining the animal sanctuary is causing vehicles to come out into the middle of the road - a letter is to be sent to Highways.

- 11 **WEBSITE:** It was agreed that the minutes, photos and information on the parish be posted on the website. The school and vicar are to be contacted to see if they wished their details to be shown.

- 12 **FINANCE:**

a) Bank Balances: as at 30 January 2009	Current Account	£6,237.12
23 December 2008	Deposit Account	<u>£3,782.86</u>
	Total Balance	£10,019.98

b)	Receipts:	Co-op Bank: Interest 5 January 2009	£	0.66
		Ashlyn Groundworks Ltd: Newsletter advert	£	10.00
		Worcestershire County Council: Lengthsman	£	174.00
		Worcestershire County Council: Lengthsman	£	342.00
		Bentley Pouncefoot: Newsletter contribution	£	<u>125.00</u>
		Total:	£	651.66
c)	Payments for Approval:			
		Simon Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme	£	168.00
		SLCC-CiLCA Management: resit fee for Clerk's portfolio	£	<u>55.00</u>
		Total:	£	223.00
d)	Un-presented Cheques:	Worcs CALC	£	10.13
e)	Finance Items - Proposed:	Cllr Whittaker and Seconded: Cllr Ashwin; All in favour.		

13 **ENFORCEMENT: OLD WHARF, WHARF LANE:** The Enforcement Officer had made a couple of weekend visits; there was no-one on site or any evidence to suggest residential use. An evening weekday visit is to be made and an update will be available for the next meeting.

14 **BROAD GREEN MOWING TENDER:** Six tenders had been received and were opened at the meeting.

Proposed that the lowest tender be accepted from Brookfield Contract Services.

Proposed: Cllr Whittaker **Seconded:** Cllr Orr-Cooper Proposal carried.

It was noted that Cllr Denyer felt an alternative contractor should have been chosen to give a comparison on the quality of work being carried out.

15 **BROAD GREEN FENCING TO HEWELL LANE:** Due to the presence of water mains under the area proposed for fencing it was agreed that monitoring would continue and that the matter would be brought forward in three months.

16 **PIG ROAST FOR TARDEBIGGE MAY DAY FAIR:** Members agreed to support this event. The Clerk to obtain quotes for the next meeting.

17 **ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS:** Covered in the Chairman's report.

18 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Nothing significant to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT: A Parish Path Improvement Plan was being drawn up with £4,000 - £4,500 worth of work being discussed with the Area Countryside Access Officer. The Access Officer is contacting land owners for permission for the work to be carried out. There are a number of contentious issues - a request from the church to upgrade the path from the canal and the path from the car park to the canal; crossing the dual carriageway and it is likely

that alternative funding may be sought for these projects. County Council contractors will carry out the proposed work in 2009.

In addition, the P3 scheme is being split into two, one scheme for councils using contractors and the others using volunteer groups. The Footpath Warden advised that the parish falls into both camps.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT: The Tree Warden was still waiting to hear back from Wade Muggleton, Senior Wider Countryside Officer, Worcestershire CC.

COMMUNITY HALL REPORT: Clerk to contact the school to see if parents are still dropping-off children outside the school as opposed to using the new car park. If there is still a problem the CSO J Tilt will be asked to monitor.

CHARITIES REPORT: No report as a meeting had not been held.

19 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Tree planting on land adjoining Holyoakes Lane and the land opposite to be included on the next agenda. The Tree Warden to check with Wasely Hill Countryside Centre to see if they still supply trees.

May Day Fair: Books, CDs and DVDs needed by Cllr Denyer for the stall.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 10 March 2009.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

Signed :Chairman

Date :