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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs M Pengelly, L Denyer, S Cooper, K Tolley, and P Whittaker

In Attendance: M Ryan, Conservation Officer, County Cllr E Moffett, two members of the public and the Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** None received.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests, and

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature, and

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:

Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.

Cllr P Whittaker:

(i) planning items as he is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee:

(ii) Network Rail Redditch Branch Enhancement: rents a field affected by the proposals

(iii) Planning Application 12/0976: Cllr Whittaker left the room for this item.

3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2012 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Denyer Seconded: Cllr Cooper; All in agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk: Noted.

Chairman: was covered in the agenda.

District Councillor: With the duty for adjoining councils to co-operate, it is likely that Redditch's additional housing allocation (up to 3,000 units) could be built on land within Bromsgrove.

County Councillor: Discussed the role of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPS).

Footpath Warden: Submitted his written report. Clearance of the footpath from Grange Lane to Alvechurch had been carried out. He hoped to submit his expenses next month approx. £200.

Tree Warden: Nothing significant to report.

Community Hall Representative: No meeting had taken place

Charities Representative: Nothing to report.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

6 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications for Consideration:

12/0979 10 Tutnall Grange: infill work to create closed area in existing walk through.

Resolved to comment that Members would not support the application if it interfered with any neighbours' rights which the council understood to be the position.

12/0976 Stoney Lane Farm: erection of agricultural building.

Resolved to comment that Members had no objection to the application.

12/000078/CM Brockhill Lane: Severn Trent Water Ltd: a new kiosk to house a solar powered outstation for tor telemetry equipment and a new turning point along Brockhill water treatment works access.

Resolved to comment that Members had no objection to the application.

Approvals: None received.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters:

The Proposed Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd (Redditch Branch Enhancement) Order (Application Reference TR040005). An invitation from the Planning Inspectorate to attend the preliminary meeting on 7 January 2013 at Alvechurch Village Hall.

- 7 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL:** Deferred to next meeting.
- 8 **CHURCHYARD FOOTPATH:** Plainings provided by WCC would be delivered on 14 December. The County would submit a modification order for the new line.
- 9 **RAILINGS TO THE PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** No further information was available.
- 10 **DUSTHOUSE LANE BENCHMARK RESTORATION:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 11 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** The Footpath Warden would check whether a leaning tree, covered in ivy, on Hewell Lane needed to be removed.
- 12 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** The County Council may be able to provide plainings for the PC to carry out works.
Brockhill Lane: collapsed culvert to be reported to the Hub again.
- 13 **BROAD GREEN FLOWER BED:** Members to decide at the next meeting whether shrubs should be planted or the area reseeded. If replanted, the weeding could be done by the grass contractor or the area could be mulched.
- 14 **TARDEBIGGE CHARITIES REPRESENTATIVE:** M Ashwin was happy to remain the Council's representative. All in Agreement.
- 15 **TREE PROTECTION AT THE ORCHARDS AND BROAD GREEN:** It was noted that the police were unable to take action against tree damage. An injunction could only be taken out by the owner of the land. All agreed that 17 horses were too many for the area. Tree re-growth would take 2 - 3 years and there would be no fruit for some time. The Chairman had hyperlinks on government papers on enforcement guidance and these would be circulated.
- 16 **BROAD GREEN FLAG POLE:** Protocols for flag flying would be circulated and discussed again at the next meeting.
- 17 **CO-OPTION VACANCY:** The closing date for applications was agreed as 12 February 2013.
- 18 **FINANCE: to consider:**
The granting of dispensations up until the next ordinary election to all parish councillors who live within the parish to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept was agreed.

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| a) | Bank Balances: as at 30 November 2012 | Current Account | £ 7,213.16 | |
| | | 31 December 2011 | Deposit Account | <u>£ 3,797.41</u> |
| | | | Total Balance | £11,010.57 |
| b) | Receipts: | Co-op Bank: Interest 5 November 2012 | £ 0.77 | |
| | | Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme | | |
| | | £182 Burcot: £380 T&C | <u>£ 562.00</u> | |
| | | Total: | £ 562.77 | |
| c) | Payments for Approval: | | | |
| | S Skyes: was under-paid by £50 last month; the clerk incorrectly | | | |
| | Totalled the amount due stating it was £626 when the payments | | | |
| | actually totaled £676 | | £ 50.00 | |
| | L Denyer: Horse Chestnut for Broad Green | | £ 45.99 | |
| | H Davies: Clerk's Remuneration: | | | |
| | Salary £648.59; expenses £218.38 | | £ 866.97 | |
| | HMRC: | | <u>£ 162.15</u> | |
| | | Total | £1,125.11 | |
| d) | Unpresented Cheques: | None | | |
| e) | Draft Budget 2012/13: | noted | | |
| f) | Finance Items - Proposed: Cllr Whittaker and Seconded: Cllr Tolley. All in agreement. | | | |

19 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Geoff Whitehouse thanked Members for the horse chestnut which he planted on Broad Green, it was 'one of the nicest things that had happened to him'.

The Chairman and Members thanked Mike Ashwin for all his work over the years. Mike expressed his regret about standing down but felt that he could not give his full commitment to the Parish Council due to an increased workload.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting at 7.20pm on Tuesday, 8 January 2013 in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

Signed: Chairman

8 January 2013

Notes on Public Question Time:

Whitegates and Little Whitegates, Tutnall Lane: Stansgate Planning, acting for the new owner, outlined details of a planning application which will be submitted shortly. It is planned to demolish the buildings and convert back to two dwellings. There would be similar facades with materials being reclaimed were possible. A site meeting was agreed for the following week.

Damage by travellers' horses Alcester Road: A member of the public questioned what action could be taken to mitigate damage and address health and safety issues of having to walk in the road when the horses grazed near the footway.