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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 14 July 2015 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs M Pengelly, L Denyer, P Whittaker, M Ryan, A Wheeler-Vine and S Cooper.

In Attendance: County Cllr K Taylor

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 Treasurer of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.
Cllr P Whittaker who is a member of Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Wheeler-Vine.

3 MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Cooper; Seconded: Cllr Whittaker; All in Agreement.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:
Clerk: Noted.

Chairman: Nothing significant to report.

District Councillor: Cllr Whittaker had spent two days in June attending the public enquiry on the Foxlydiate cross border growth housing issue. On adjourning the enquiry last September it had not been reconvened in December as originally proposed. The Inspector had asked Bromsgrove and Redditch councils to reconsider the areas they had previously discounted but he was not impressed with Redditch BC's sustainability proposals as evidence for their proposals could not be substantiated.

County Councillor: With the enquiry having stalled, Bromsgrove will now need to run the district plan in parallel with a cross boundary review. The two main housing sites being considered are Foxlydiate / Tack Farm and Boardsley. Bromsgrove DC will need to choose to develop either with Birmingham/Worcester or Redditch. An update seminar on the enquiry will be held on 21 July for Bromsgrove district councillors. Bromsgrove DC will need a green belt review.

Gypsy incursions: There have been problems at Buntsford Hill, Lickey End and yesterday on the residential estate near the Hanbury Turn which was blockaded by residents. The district council is using s61 - whereby the gypsies would have to vacate within 4/5 hours or risk having their vehicles impounded. Cllr Taylor is hoping to obtain a blanket injunction for the whole of Bromsgrove.

Footpath Warden: Had been slashing brambles and nettles.

Tree Warden: Had planted eight trees on Alcester road to the north of the canal bridge.

Conservation Officer: Nothing significant to report.

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Community Hall Representative: Had applied to the county councillor for funding to paint the outside of the hall.

Charities Representative: Cllr Tolley had attended the last meeting and submitted the name of a resident know to Members who might be in need of assistance.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Items were noted.

6 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications for Consideration:

15/0258 and 15/0420 Listed Building Consent: Apple Barn, Dusthouse Farm, Dusthouse Lane: Extension to existing barn conversion and demolition of an existing building. A 'no objection' response had been lodged on 11 June.

Approvals: None received.

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters:

15/0379 The Bridges House, London Lane: Relocation of the access track from London Road, across the paddocks to the land to the East of the Bridges House. Following an email consultation with Members a 'no objection' comment had been submitted.

15/0511 Linthurst Rise, Linthurst Newtown: Proposed garage: Certificate Proposed Lawful Use/Development.

2013/0179/ENF Land at Wharf Lane: field approx. half way down with a sign outside 'Wharf Paddock'. About half a dozen buildings have been erected, one of which is allegedly being lived in. Enforcement closed - notice complied with.

7 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** Broad Green and Pocket Park needed urgent mowing - the Lengthsman to be contacted to progress.

8 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** The Hub had refuted any problems with overgrown hedges on Alcester Road or verges pushed into ditches on Grange Lane so Cllr Whittaker will personally show the local Highways engineer these areas. The substantial bump in Stoney Lane following a water leak repair will also be pointed out.

Japanese knotweed on Brockhill Lane and the Alcester Road / Tutnall Lane junction should be dealt with over the next few months.

9 **P3:** Six wooden finger posts and nine directional arrows have been requested from Countryside Services, to be delivered to the Footpath Warden.

10 **WINDPUMP:** No reply had been received from the executors of the land owner's estate.

11 **RAILINGS TO EARL OF PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** A revised quote from the contractor has been requested.

12 **DOLAN PARK HOSPITAL DISCHARGE:** It was agreed the Environment Agency would be asked why, in the light of the seemingly unreliable nature of the hospital's pumping equipment an establishment of this nature didn't have a contingency plan in place to deal with the pump's failure. Most businesses require a back-up plan approved by the Environment Agency. The failure has occurred several times before each time resulting in the watercourse being polluted.

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13 **CHINESE LANTERNS:** The police had confirmed it was legal to own and light lanterns. An article would be included in the newsletter to highlight the dangers to livestock and property.

14 **HONORARIUM FOR BROAD GREEN FLAG FLYER:** The Clerk to check it was legal to make a payment. Concerns were expressed about setting a precedent i.e. making a gift to a volunteer.

15 **FINANCE:**

a)	Bank Balances: as at 30 June 2015 Current Account	£8,880.74
	31 December 2014 Deposit Account	<u>£3,808.10</u>
	Total Balance	£12,688.84

b)	Receipts: Co-op Bank: Interest June 2015	£ 1.06
	Worcestershire CC: 14/017 + 14/018	<u>£919.50</u>
		£920.56

c)	Payments for Approval:	
	H Davies: Clerk's salary for June 2015	£300.17
	Worcestershire CALC: Councillor training (M Ryan) on 8 & 10 June @£25 + VAT / session (£10 VAT)	<u>£ 60.00</u>
	Total	£360.17

d)	Unpresented Cheques: S Skeys: Lengthsman + grass cuts	£ 613.50
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e)	Outstanding Invoices:	
	Worcestershire CC: Lengthsman Scheme:	
	15/01 T&C	£369.50
	15/002 Burcot	£171.00

f) **Annual Return:** The auditor's report is attached; the Notice of Conclusion of Audit was put up on the two main notice boards on 8 July 2015.

g) **Finance Items - Proposed:** Cllr Whittaker; **Seconded:** Cllr Cooper; All in Agreement

16 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**

Worcester Regulatory Services: Cllr Cooper thanked Cllr Whittaker for his assistance in contacting the WRS on his behalf.

Training: Cllr Ryan had attended two CALC training sessions and Bromsgrove DC's recent Code of Conduct seminar. Members were reminded that a Dispensation Request From needed to be completed and received by the Clerk prior to the meeting to cover any Other Disclosable Interests.

17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.20 pm on Tuesday, 11 August 2015, in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Signed: Chairman

11 August 2015