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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Cooper: Ill: approved

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 Planning Committee.

3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2016 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Ryan; Seconded: Cllr Denyer; All in Agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk: Noted

Chairman: Covered on the agenda.

District Councillor: Nothing significant to report.

County Councillor: No report.

Footpath Warden: Nothing to report.

Tree Warden: Nothing significant to report.

Conservation Officer: No reply has been received from The Canal & River Trust about the high degree of brightness of their new lighting on New Wharf.

Cllr Whittaker was very pleased to report that he had a barn owl roosting in one of his buildings.

Community Hall Representative: A successful working party had been held on 5 March and Cllrs Whittaker and Ryan were thanked for their help. Together with Cllr Denyer they had replaced lights and re-hung curtains. Work on the reed bed and outside maintenance had also been undertaken. 20 people took part.

Charities Representative: Had met on 11 February. Christian Aid were helping with food parcels. Financial aid is being provided on a short term basis e.g. electric and phone cards. There is a fund for 'first night homeless' donating a maximum of £50 per claim. No cash is handed out.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

d) Grimley Parish Council: Tackling DEFRA's lack of initiative on litter and waste: Members agreed to use the template letter to write to Bromsgrove DC.

f) Tower Mint Ltd: HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils. If the school was buying medals for the children then the Council would make an allowance for the children in the parish. The clerk will contact the school if they are participating and find out how many children live in the parish.

Additional Items:

g) Tree Planting Project: Worcestershire CC with the Woodland Trust: Centenary Wood for the fallen of the First World War.

- h) BBC Countryfile featuring SheepWatch UK: collecting data on sheep killed by pet dogs.
 - i) National Flood Forum: Audit of Flood Action Groups: the Parish does not flood and we are not aware of any groups locally.
- Items noted.

6 PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications for Consideration: 15/1032 Hollow Tree Barn, Hollow Tree Lane: LBC for internal alterations to windows and doors in existing building and external alterations to doors to swimming pool building. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to this proposal.

Approvals:

15/0895 2 New Wharf: Additional lean to roof and dormer above flat roof rear extension.

15/0888 Lady Bird Crane Hire: Brockhill, Hewell Lane: resiting proposed workshop 2m to south

Refusals: None received.

Planning Matters: No additional items.

- 7 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** February worksheet was approved. Footway from The Tardebigge to the prison will be sided out and overhanging vegetation cut back. Blackwell Road - ditch near the golf course will be cleared out.

Brockhill Lane: A digger will be used to clear the ditch near the canal.

8 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Wharf Lane between Hewell and Brockhill Lanes: litter complaint has been lodged with Bromsgrove DC.

Curtis Close: missing road sign lodged with Bromsgrove DC. Will need to be re-logged with Worcestershire CC.

Fly tipping: would it be more cost effective to allow commercial contractors free access to waste disposal sites as opposed to Bromsgrove DC funding fly tipping clearance? Cllr Whittaker will raise the question with council officers.

- 9 P3:** The grant application for 2016/17 for £500 had been received and would be completed on the same basis as last year. The contractor will be asked to confirm he can complete the work.

- 10 WINDPUMP:** No reply had been received from the executors' solicitors.

- 11 RAILINGS TO EARL OF PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** The railing template had been given to Cllr Cooper.

- 12 BROAD GREEN BENCH:** The wood had been cut.

- 13 CLERK'S RECRUITMENT:** Two candidates were interviewed on 29 February and an appointment had been made. References were being taken up and it was hoped the new clerk could start on 1 April 2016.

- 14 DOG MESS ON THE PARK ESTATE:** Cllr Whittaker will see if Bromsgrove DC can provide a dog waste bin. Members will see what else can be done and the parishioner will be advised accordingly.

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15 POCKET PARK ORCHARD MOWING: It is hoped the prison will take on the mowing as part of a community project.

16 FINANCE:

a)	Bank Balances: as at 29 February 2016 Current Account	£8,971.27
	31 December 2015 Deposit Account	<u>£3,811.69</u>
	Total Balance January 2016	£12,782.96

b) Receipts: None

c) Payments for Approval:

H Davies: Clerk's salary for February 2016	£300.17	
Expenses December 2015 - February 2016	£147.92	£448.09
Bromsgrove & District Citizens Advice: donation		£ 50.00
S Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme @ £11 per hour:		
T&C Dec 2015 20 hours	£220	
Jan 2016 17 hours	£187	
Feb 2016 25 hours	£275	£682
Burcot Dec 2015 6 hours	£66	
Jan 2016 9 hours	£99	
Feb 2016 9 hours	£99	£264
	Total	<u>£946.00</u>
		£1,444.09

d) Unpresented Cheques: None

e) Outstanding Invoices:

Evesons Fuels: 15/011	£ 25.00
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f) Internal Audit: Nov 2015 - January 2016 verbal report - no problems found.

g) Finance Items - Proposed Cllr Whittaker, and Seconded Cllr Denyer: All in agreement.

17 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Brockhill Lane litter: covered.

Brockhill Lane: Brown leisure sign for fisheries at Brockhill Farm is being considered.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.20 pm on Tuesday, 19 April 2016, in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Signed: Chairman

19 April 2016