

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs G Whitehouse, L Denyer, P Whittaker, S Cooper, and M Ashwin

**In Attendance:** M Pengelly, C Hicks, County Cllr E Moffett and the Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr K Tolley (lambing): 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.791 - P794**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer;  
Seconded: Cllr Ashwin; All approved.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

**Clerk:** The Clerk's report was noted.

**Chairman:** The Chairman's comments were covered in the agenda.

5 **POLICE REPORT:**

CSO John Tilt was unable to attend due to operational requirements but had emailed his report:  
10 December: London Lane: Report of a large black cat similar to a puma. A search failed to locate the cat; wildlife officers had been made aware of the report.  
14 December: Broad Green Island: Holly trees cut. House to house enquiries failed to identify the culprits.

6 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All items received were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and were Noted. Additional Items brought to the attention of Members:  
Worcestershire CC: Hewell Lane/Alcester Road closure for two days from 11 February for the renewal of BT poles and cable works.  
Bromsgrove DC: Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January.  
Bromsgrove DC: Local Development Framework Working Party 21 January.

7 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a) **Applications for Consideration:** 09/0956 Brockhill Pumping Station, Brockhill Lane: Erection of a new GRP Fluoride bulk storage and dosing kiosk.  
**Resolved:** to comment there were no objections to this application.  
The Conservation Officer agreed to research the toxicity and effect (if any) of chemicals used on site.

- b) **Approvals:** Verbal report to be itemised in next month's agenda.
- c) **Refusals:** None received.
- d) **Planning Matters:** See Item 19.

8 **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Terms of Reference were approved.

9 **CASUAL VACANCY:** Members approved the co-option of Mike Pengelly to the Council and Caroline Hicks as Conservation Officer. Acceptance of Office forms were completed. It was agreed that the Council would continue to pursue the formal increase in the number of Councillors.

10 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

Hewell Lane: Siding out from Tack Farm to be given a higher priority.

Woodlands, Brockhill Lane: The County Cllr had obtained £200 additional funding to carry out flood alleviation works and was thanked for her help in obtaining funds.

Burcot Village Hall: Meeting to be arranged with the Lengthsman, Clerk and Burcot representatives.

11 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Hedges: Plymouth House hedges had still not been cut; Clerk to send another letter.

Grit Bins: The County Cllr was still pursuing the provision of grit bins but was becoming increasingly frustrated with procedures.

A448 surface noise: It was acknowledged there was little the PC could do; matter deferred until the Spring.

12 **FINANCE:**

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| a) | <b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 31 December 2009  | Current Account                  | £5,587.81        |
|    |   | 31 December 2009 Deposit Account | <u>£3,790.31</u> |
|    |   | Total Balance                    | <b>£9,378.12</b> |
| b) | <b>Receipts:</b>  |                                  |                  |
|    | Co-op Bank: Interest 4 Dec 2009   |                                  | £ 0.80           |
|    | P Whittaker: Newsletter advert  |                                  | <u>£ 10.00</u>   |
|    |   | Total                            | <b>£ 10.80</b>   |
| c) | <b>Payments for Approval:</b>   |                                  |                  |
|    | New College: Newsletter printing £303 + £45.45 VAT  |                                  | £ 348.45         |
|    | S Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme: December invoice  |                                  | <u>£ 168.00</u>  |
|    |   | Total                            | <b>£ 516.45</b>  |
| c) | <b>Un-presented Cheques:</b>  | none                             |                  |
| d) | <b>Precept Budget:</b> It was agreed that the precept for 2010 /11 would be retained at last year's level of £7,280.  |                                  |                  |
|    | It was noted that County Council P3 funding was unlikely; the Footpath Officer's suggestion that a budget of £300 would meet parish obligations for 2010/11 was agreed. |                                  |                  |
| e) | <b>Finance Items - Proposed:</b> Cllr Whittaker <b>and Seconded:</b> Cllr Denyer; All approved.   |                                  |                  |

- 13 COMMUNITY HALL & MAY DAY FAIR:** As the Community Hall Committee had not met, this item was deferred to next meeting.
- 14 BARN DANCE 2010:** It was agreed that Members would support this event in a personal capacity.
- 15 BROAD GREEN ISLAND MOWING TENDER:** It was noted that undulations in The Green cause problems in mowing and this needed to be taken into consideration when assessing the work done. The Schedule of Works was agreed. Tenders would be opened at the next meeting.
- 16 REQUESTS FROM THE PARK:**  
Neglect: Members were updated with the legal position of The Park's infrastructure. It was felt improvements could only be made by householders re-forming a resident's association and would be contacted on this basis.  
Japanese Knotweed: The legal position was noted.
- 17 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:** An interesting presentation was given by E Thompson, BDHT, A Coel, BDC and I Troup, Architect, on the Hewell Close site. The proposal was to sell two units on a shared ownership basis and rent the remaining two units both subject to meeting local criteria. Members preferred to support three rented and one shared ownership option, which better reflect local demand. It was noted that the private sewer was working to capacity.
- 18 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**  
**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The District Councillor reported on recent Standard's Committee referrals and procedures.  
**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Had been covered in Items 10 and 12.  
**FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT:** The Footpath Warden expressed his disappointment at the current lack of support from Countryside Services and advised it was unlikely P3 funding would continue. Due to his health issues there may be a greater reliance on using contractors.  
**TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**COMMUNITY HALL REPORT:** Nothing to report.  
**CHARITIES REPORT:** No meeting had taken place since the last report.
- 19 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:** Gritting liabilities in respect of the recent snowy weather. Clerk to find out about Permitted Development rights in respect of The Grange, with particular reference to conservatories.
- 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 9 February 2010 at 7.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, with a particular welcome to Cllr Pengelly and C Hicks, and closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m.

Signed : .....Chairman

Date : .....