

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH

Held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

1 WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2009

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 12 May 2009 were approved subject to the amendment of item 5 'pig roast raising £966' was changed to £696: proposed Cllr Ashwin, seconded Cllr Cooper. All were in favour.

3 COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

4 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman reported on the successful involvement of the parish council at Tardebigge Wharf and thanked Cllr Cooper and the Clerk for their time and effort and for Cllr Cooper involving the MP. Thanks also to Cllr Cooper for the fruit tree planting between The Tardebigge and Holyoakes Lane. The council had lost Lynn Hakesley and but was pleased to welcome Cllrs Pengelly and Hicks.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY HALL OFFICER:

Solar panels and a ground source heat pump had been installed at the end of June. It is hoped that between 4,500 - 5,000kw electricity will be fed into the national grid earning 12p per kw (from 5 April 2010 35p per kw). Electricity is now supplied by Ecotricity. The ground source heat pump provides the energy for all the hot water and heating. A carbon dioxide reduction project is being worked-up for the children.

Car park works included reseeding. The loan will finish in May 2011. Rental income is satisfactory and there have been some changes in the committee.

May Day Fair: £620 pig roast; with the cake stall and tombola raising £141. Thanks to Cllrs Hicks, J Whitehouse, Cllr and Mrs Tolley for their help on the day; to Cllrs Ashwin and Pengelly for prize donations and C Cooper.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Denyer for all her work carried out on behalf of the Council.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICER:

The Footpath Warden reported that the public footpaths in the parish were in good order and no major problems or obstructions were apparent. Inspections were being carried out as often as possible. The County Council has restructured with Patrick White, Senior Countryside Access Officer, taking responsibility for this area. No major projects were undertaken as a Parish Improvement Plan was implemented by the County. The PIP undertook a wide scope of works but unfortunately, with the financial situation worsening, had to be halted before completion.

The Footpath Warden was not as active as in previous years due to health problems.

£354 had been spent this year and it is hoped the PIP will be completed at some stage.

The brushcutter had been sent for repairs.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Orr-Cooper for all the work he has done on behalf of the Council.

7 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT: The Tree Warden advised it had been a quiet year. The last couple of years she had coordinated school visits to HMP Hewell woods and farm, working with Cllr Pengelly, but with the loss of the Forest School Coordinator there had not been any visits this year. One complaint from a resident of The Park re lleylandi had been received but the Council could not become involved in this instance.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Denyer for all the work she has done on behalf of the Council.

8 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES:

Cllr Tolley advised that it had been an extremely successful year, especially in helping individuals and families in the adverse economic climate and severe winter weather conditions. The vicar had been at the forefront of the distribution of funds. It had been a pleasure to serve on the committee.

9 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:

The Newsletter Editor, Cllr Ashwin, felt the publication was going from strength to strength. He suggested that items about the parish should be collected throughout the year in the form of photos, articles of local news, people in the parish, etc. It was suggested that the parish governor be invited to submit an article.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ashwin and Members for their contributions.

10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CONSERVATION OFFICER:

Cllr Hicks had attended a Climate Change conference. She was monitoring works to the houses at Tardebigge Wharf however as only internal repairs were currently taking place, no British Waterways covenants had been infringed.

11 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: No report was available.

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13 REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: None.

14 COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:

The Clerk felt we had all mastered the transfer from paper to electronic planning applications. Bromsgrove DC now operated two electronic planning systems in parallel - one for the public and one for statutory consultees. However there were teething problems with the new E-hub system. The Lengthsmen Scheme seemed to be working well and it was particularly noticeable how clean and free from vegetation the road signs were.

15 RECEIVE: The Accounts for the Year Ended March 2010:

The Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2010 were approved. Proposed Cllr Hicks and Seconded by Cllr Ashwin. All were in favour.

16 DISCUSS: Any Other Issues Appertaining to and Affecting the Parish:

Visual enhancement of the parish was discussed - suggested locations for improvement include:

- bottom of Tutnall Lane
- land between The Tardebigge and Holyoakes Lane
- land opposite Holyoakes Lane
- flower boxes under gateway signs entering the parish

17 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH ASSEMBLY:

The date of the next Annual Parish Assembly is to be arranged.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed :
Chairman

Date :