

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs G Whitehouse, L Denyer, P Whittaker, K Tolley and M Ashwin

**In Attendance:** County Cllr E Moffett, J Turner, Clerk and one member of the public.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Cooper: Ill (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.779 - P782**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer

**4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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

It was agreed that a thank-you letter be sent to Lynda Hakesley for her contribution to the Council over the years.

**Chairman:** Reported that he had been contacted by a resident of Brockhill Lane regarding the poor repairs / lack of instruction been given to the County road repair unit.  
Parish Council Forum - the Chairman reported that this had been a very good meeting. The presentation by the Older Peoples' Task Group indicated that this was a proactive body and wondered whether Members wanted to ask Hugh Bennet, Assistant Chief Executive, Bromsgrove DC, to a meeting.

One aspect of concern which, became obvious at the Forum, was the conflicting signals being given by the Leader of the Council regarding planning applications for social housing. One parish had been turned down three times for promoting social housing yet the Leader stated the district council was trying to get social housing built by sidestepping planning legislation where possible and had been fined by the ombudsman for their endeavours.

Community Hall - had received grants for all but £2,000 for the solar / ground source energy projects and were selling electricity back to the grid.

**5 POLICE REPORT:**

CSO John Tilt was unable to attend for operational reasons but had emailed his report:

27 September: Hewell Cricket club: criminal damage to main gate.

28 September: Tardebigge Tunnel: antisocial behaviour with report of naked man above the tunnel entrance. An offender has been identified and is being dealt with.

6 October: Old Wharf: break in and burglary to a shed.

In addition there were 4 items relating to incidents at HMP Hewell, which included drug offences and assault - details are available from the clerk.

**6 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**7 PLANNING MATTERS:**

**a) Applications for Consideration:**

09/0704 and 0705 Plymouth House, Alcester Road: Proposed demolition of existing kitchen/utility and proposed three storey extension and conservatory; including Listed Building consent. Following discussion of Cllr Cooper's notes it was:-

Resolved: To comment the Council had no objections to the application subject to clarification on the adequacy of the sewerage disposal system. If the proposal increases the occupancy rate then Members feel that the already inadequate system will be exacerbated. The smell from the system is particularly noticeable in the summer.

**b) Approvals:** None received

**c) Refusals:**

09/0493 2 Tutnall Grange: Proposed second floor external balcony to front elevation and two first floor balconies to rear.

**d) Planning Matters:**

08/0727 Sheltwood Range Appeal: Inspector's decision was imminent.

**8 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES:** Joe Turner, Principal Planning Officer, Development Control, BDC, outlined his role. The valued input of parish councils was acknowledged, as it was difficult to cover enforcement issues in such a large area of green belt with three staff. The new permitted development rights had put additional pressure on district councils; having the opposite effect envisaged by government.

**9 TARDEBIGGE NEW WHARF:** The Chairman thanked Cllr Cooper for meeting residents and involving the MP in this issue. It was felt that British Waterways, as a public body, should have consulted with the tenants more openly. Following two meetings, British Waterways had agreed that the properties could be sold to tenants at book asset value or to a landlord who would honour the existing tenancy agreements.

**10 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

Additional items:

Hewell Lane: 'grips' near Broad Green and Stoney Lane to be cleared.

Spraying of kerb tops and gutters on Tack Farm section.

**11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Hedges: Site meeting with Cllrs Whittaker and Denyer and the clerk still to be arranged so letters can be sent to residents requesting that overhanging vegetation be cut back. Second letters to be sent to Plymouth House and Forge Cottage advising overgrown hedges was a PACT priority and that the Parish Council will put in hand the work and re-charge.

Brockhill Lane: Woodlands - flooding - Cllr Tolley to investigate.

High House Lane: potholes to entrance to Community Hall to be reported to the Hub.

**12 FINANCE:**

a)	<b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 30 September 2009	Current Account	£5,353.71
	23 December 2008	Deposit Account	<u>£3,782.86</u>
		Total Balance	<b>£9,136.57</b>
b)	<b>Receipts:</b> Co-op Bank: Interest 4 Sept 2009		£ 0.70
	NALC Clerk's Bursary:		£ <u>50.00</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 50.70</b>
c)	<b>Payments for Approval:</b>		
	Steve Cooper: P3 expenses		£ 139.00
	Brookfield Contract Services: Broad Green Mowing £495.00		
	: Bus Shelter repairs £ 25.00		£ 520.00
	Simon Skyes: Lenghtsman Scheme		£ 157.50
	The Society of Local Council Clerks: Subscription renewal		<u>£ 82.00</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 898.50</b>
c)	<b>Un-presented Cheques:</b> G Whitehouse		£ 96.34
d)	<b>Budget:</b> Year to date was presented to Members with the request to consider items for inclusion for 2010/11 budget.		
e)	<b>Quarterly Audit:</b> Finance Oversight Group had no problems to report.		
f)	<b>Internal Auditor:</b> It was agreed to renew the appointment of Patricia Butts for 2009/10 accounts using letter of appointment produced by Clement Keys.		
g)	<b>Finance Items - Proposed:</b> Cllr Denyer and <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Ashwin, all approved.		

**13 MAY DAY FAIR:** A meeting was to be arranged with representatives of the Community Hall, School, Clerk, Cllrs Whitehouse and Denyer to ascertain the format of any future events.

**14 BARN DANCE PROCEEDS:** It was agreed the profits would be split 50:50 between the School and Community Hall. However the disappointing turnout from both organisations was noted.

**15 CASUAL VACANCY:** It was agreed applications would be considered before the start of the next meeting.

**16 BORDLESLEY PARK HOUSING SCHEME:** The West Midlands Regional Spacial Strategy report had now been published. Bromsgrove DC's green belt was strategic. 3,000 houses were needed in the Bromsgrove district but these would only be built when Redditch had completed building their allocation. The RSS has left the decision to BDC as to where they build so the Boardesley Park development has effectively been 'squashed'. The preferred housing areas now appear to be in Foxlidiat and Webheath.

- 17 **PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER:** Draft document to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 18 **NEWSLETTER:** Front cover photo to be of Tardebigge New Wharf.
- 19 **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:** When submitted, Members wished to consider the plans themselves. If required, BDHT would be invited to a future meeting to answer any queries.
- 20 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**
  - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The new Pay-on-Foot car parking arrangements were outlined.
  - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Older People - PSI (Postural Stability Information) funds are available to help older residents stay more mobile and in their own homes. A scheme is being piloted in St Godwalds. Information to be included in the newsletter; the possibility of including a questionnaire was also discussed.  
Severe budget cuts would take place as £5m a year budget reductions will be implemented.
  - FOOTPATH WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.
  - TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:** Nothing significant to report.
  - COMMUNITY HALL REPORT:** 5 December National Tree Planting Day between 11 - 12am. Cllr Denyer will be organising refreshments.  
Access road: holes need dealing with and grass topped-up; still to be done by contractor.
  - CHARITIES REPORT:** There had been a significant improvement in funds. The vicar had made allocations to families for the provision of school uniforms and at the Brambles at Webheath for decorating.
- 21 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**
  - Agenda Items for next meeting: Barn Dance 2010.
- 22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
  - Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Tardebigge Community Hall on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 7.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m.

Signed : .....Chairman

Date : .....