

# Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

**Present:** Cllrs G Whitehouse, K Tolley, L Denyer, P Whittaker, M Pengelly, S Cooper and C Hicks

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

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ashwin (holiday): Apology was 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.853 - P856**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2011 were approved. Proposed Cllr Denyer; Seconded Cllr Pengelly. All in agreement.

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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

**Chairman:** The Chairman's report would be covered in the agenda.

**Police:** CSO John Tilt's emailed report was noted.

**District Councillor:** Nothing significant to report.

**County Councillor:** Planning - is there enough consultation? For example, charging schedules, attached to s106 agreements, are the correct funds being levied?

Localism Bill - as yet, an unknown quantity. There are a number of consultations being carried out e.g. care of the elderly, but no decisions have been made. There are numerous changes at County Hall including staff. A property valuation of the County's assets is being discussed.

Divisional Funds Scheme: Cllr Moffett has £10,000 to spend on local projects; match funding would be preferable.. Suggestions for projects in the Parish, each could receive £250, included the churchyard footpath, planting two orchards, community hall steps. A form will be provided for the Parish to bid for funds. There is an additional budget of £4,500 for highways in the Ward.

**Footpath Warden:** Has taken advantage of the numerous road closures to clear footpaths. It was agreed a letter would be sent to the Golf Club to express disappointment that the gate, supplied free of charge, had not been replaced.

**Tree Warden:** Had been trying to contact the County Council to see if free trees were available to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee.

**Community Hall Representative:** The September car boot sale had not materialised. The cleanliness of the Hall was still an issue. The Parish Council may be granted a 'rent holiday' in recognition of the cost of the providing the steps. Outstanding issues include a new post code, new kitchen, solar light and lock for the gate.

**Charities Representative:** Nothing to report as the Committee had not met.

**Conservation Officer:** Nothing significant to report.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE:** p858

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

**6 PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications for Consideration:**

11/0612 and 11/0680 Tutnall Hall, Tutnall Lane: Proposed demolition and reconstruction of single-storey conservatory. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0709 Wharf Cottage, New Wharf: Amendment to 11/0266 to include demolition of unsafe half brick gable wall and reconstruction to Wharf Cottage - Listed Building Consent.

**Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0705 Hewell Social Club, 5 The Drive: Proposed conversion of existing former social club into 4 residential dwellings. **Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0718 Weights Farm, Weights Lane: Steel portal framed building for storage of fodder for winter feed for cattle retained on farm due to TB restrictions.

**Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/0682 Gorsey Lane Farm, Scarfield Hill: Erection of new conservatory.

**Resolved** to comment there were no objections to the application.

11/000048/CM Lye Bridge Depot, Redditch Road, Alvechurch B48 7RT: Change of use of part of depot for the storage, treatment and export of 1,000 tonnes per annum of gully waste. Noted

**Approvals:**

11/0465 Malt Shovel Cottage, Hewell Lane: First floor extension and replace roof window with dormer window.

11/0266 & 0268 Wharf Cottage & Warehouse, Alcester Road: Refurbishment and extension of Wharf Cottage and conversion of warehouse into 2 dwellings with removal of modern lean-to and internal staircase.

11/0398 Gorsey Lane Farm, Scarfield Hill: New entrance lobby and bed sitting room annex.

11/0541 Whitegates, Tutnall Lane: Change of use from D1 to residential dwelling.

**Refusals:**

11/0436 Meadow Barn, Tack Farm: Part loft conversion to provide bedroom and ensuite.

**Planning Matters:**

11/0613 The Dusthouse, Dusthouse Lane: Condition 1 of Planning Permission B/94/0257 has been complied with. With reference to application 10/0562 evidence has been supplied to show that a substantive start was made within one year of planning permission being granted under reference B/94/0257. By way of the construction of a new structural wall and the re-tiling of the roof over: Certificate of Existing Lawful Use / Development.

11/0604 Weights Farm, Weights Lane: Steel portal framed building: Agricultural Notification. Decision issued 10 August - PRRQD.

2011/0127/ENF Sawmill House, Hewell Lane: Alleged Breach: Change of use from domestic to retail unit. Members had no knowledge of this property; Clerk to check with planners.

- 7 **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP:** It was agreed that the Worcestershire CC P3 contract would be endorsed. The Council's contractor's invoices would be submitted to WCC so the payments for the works agreed in the schedule could be reclaimed.
- 8 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL:** It was noted that the landowner was keen to have the windmill put back up. Cllrs Whittaker and Pengelly offered to become involved in the project.
- 9 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 10 **CHURCHYARD FOOTPATH:** It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Church confirming that the Parish Council could not undertake this work on behalf of the Church. The letter would advise that a contribution of £250 may be available from the County Cllr's Divisional Funds Scheme.
- 11 **ILLEGAL & UGLY SIGNS:** It was agreed the large haberdashery sign on Hewell Lane, opposite Alcester Road, be reported to the Hub.
- 12 **THE BROCKHILL ACTION GROUP (Save the Green Belt):** The Clerk was asked to check the Redditch BC website ascertain the outcome of the planning application heard on 7 September and advise Members. The item would be discussed again at the next meeting.
- 13 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** It was agreed a letter would be sent to the Golf Club requesting that the overgrown hedge to Agmore Road be cut back so the Lengthsman can side-out.
- 14 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** Instead of buying grit bins, it was agreed the best solution was for Cllrs Whittaker and Tolley to be supplied with grit so they can distribute locally.
- 15 **BOLLARD INSTALLATION AT THE ORCHARD:** It was agreed that the currently installed bollards would be removed and all the bollards would be recycled e.g. made into benches, etc. More trees, together with posts, would be purchased with staggered planting to deter caravan encroachment. Brookfield Contract Services would be asked to remove the bollards, cut the brambles and help with the orchard planting. Cllrs Cooper and Pengelly agreed to carry this project forward.
- 16 **FRUIT TREE PLANTING OPPOSITE THE ORCHARD:** It was agreed, subject to Highway's approval, another orchard would be planted at this location.
- 17 **BROAD GREEN:** It was agreed Brookfield Contract Services would be instructed to install a gate, two posts and a rail, to deter traveller encroachment. The flower bed would be planted with autumn bedding and monitored. It was noted the bench seat rails needed replacing
- 18 **RAILINGS TO PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL:** It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Lord Plymouth to express Members delight and gratitude for his agreement to fund the costs for like-for-like replacement. The Church would also be advised.
- 19 **NEW PATH TO FRONT ENTRANCE OF COMMUNITY HALL:** Cllr Whittaker tabled the plan for the works. The plan would be shown to the Community Hall Committee next week. The Committee had to satisfy itself that it was happy with the proposal. Members were only prepared to fund the project on the basis of the plan presented to this meeting. The Community Hall's comments would be discussed at the next meeting so Members could make a

- 20 **NEWSLETTER:** Articles to be brought to the next meeting.
- 21 **PRISON UPDATE: Closure of Brockhill:** Members were advised that the prison would close by the end of September. The buildings could not be used as a detention centre as they were not fit for purpose and would be demolished.

22 **FINANCE: to consider:**

a)	<b>Bank Balances:</b> as at 31 July 2011 Current Account	£5,819.39
	as at 31 August 2011 Current Account	£6,044.32
	31 December 2010 Deposit Account	<u>£3,793.86</u>
	Total Balance	£9,838.18
b)	<b>Receipts:</b> Co-op Bank: Interest 5 July 2011	£ 0.75
	Worcestershire CC: Invoice 11/002	£ 94.00
	Worcestershire CC: Invoices 11/003 & 004	£ 441.00
	Co-op Bank: Interest 5 August 2011	£ 0.64
	HMRC: VAT refund	<u>£ 224.29</u>
	Total:	£ 760.68
c)	<b>Payments for Approval:</b>	
	Helen Davies: Clerk's Remuneration 1 June - 31 August 2011	
	Salary: £574.59 Expenses: £172.91	£ 747.50
	HMRC:	£ 143.64
	Simon Skeys:	
	Broad Green cuts £41.50 x 3	£124.50
	Lengthsman Scheme: T&C: July	£176.00
	August	£176.00
	Burcot: July	<u>£ 77.00</u>
		£429.00
	Total	<u>£ 553.50</u>
d)	<b>Unpresented Cheques:</b> none	
e)	<b>Annual Return:</b> An unqualified report had been given. Fixed assets needed to be shown at cost and a revised schedule would be needed for 2012.	
f)	<b>Finance Items - Proposed and Seconded:</b>	

23 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:**

The Clerk was asked to contact Webbs to see if free bulbs were available.

24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Resolved:** There will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.20pm on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.33 p.m.