

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council ^{DRAFT}

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH
Held on Tuesday 17 May 2011 in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

1 **WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2010**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 11 May 2010 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Ashwin; **Seconded:** Cllr Denyer. All were in favour.

3 **COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

4 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support throughout the year and felt it had been a good year reflecting a happy and industrious Parish Council.

5 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY HALL OFFICER:**

Cllr Denyer reported that the Committee had had a successful year with the pre-school moving from Bentley and Jan Hillier becoming the regular Chairman. Together with a new clerk and treasurer there were now ten 'solid' members. The usual May Day celebrations had been abandoned as the school did not want to participate and the organiser had left. A new caretaker had been appointed. The short fall in heat being provided by the ground source pump had now been rectified at no cost to the Hall. The solar panels continued to be successful with electricity being sold back to the Grid. Thanks to Highways funding by the County Cllr the entrance ditch hazard had been minimised. A solar LED light would be installed at the entrance gate. The Parish Council was working with the committee to install steps to the front entrance.

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 advised he had not been as active as he would have liked. No Parish Paths Partnership money had been available so residual funds were accessed from previous years' surpluses. He'd had problems with countryside personnel, which culminated with a meeting on 4 April. He's been asked not to channel problems via the County or District councillors.

Cllr Cooper felt county officers did not appreciate that without Footpath Wardens officer input would be appreciable greater. It was noted that the county had done easy jobs such as replacing perfectly good signs, leaving other projects undone. As a consequence the footpath network was not as good as last year.

Problems not resolved by the county include:

Dusthouse Lane to the church - ploughed up two years ago; the width has also been reduced so mowing the footpath is difficult.

Tact Farm: barley is waist high; stile has been replaced by hurdles and passage blocked by post and rail fence and barbed wire.

In addition, the county was creating admin obstacles with onerous form filling requests e.g. a report for pedestrian warning signs on the A448 could take 4 - 5 hours to compile.

It was noted that Blackwell Golf Club had been very helpful in replacing stiles.

The Warden would continue to take an active role but this had been a difficult year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr 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. There had only been one request for assistance - the hedge on Tardebigge New Wharf.

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 the charities' funds were in good order enabling interest only to be used to allocate funds. The vicar had been at the forefront in the distribution of funds and had worked tirelessly to help individuals especially the elderly during the heavy snowfalls. However, not everyone accepted the funds offered.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Tolley and Ashwin for all their work done on behalf of the Council.

9 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Cllr Ashwin, thanked everyone for their written and financial contributions and for the high standard of the articles. He suggested information and photos could be collected during the year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ashwin and Members for their contributions and was proud to be associated with the publication.

10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CONSERVATION OFFICER:

C Hicks had attended a planning training event. She had highlighted concerns about the dilapidated state of the railings to the Earl of Plymouth's grave. In addition she had become involved in the non-compliance of planning permission to 3 New Wharf and concerns about hedge removal at the Wharf.

The Chairman thanked C Hicks for all the work done on behalf of the Council.

11 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Cllr Whittaker reported there had been no major district council issues in the parish. The majority of his time had been taken up with planning and highways, the latter being forwarded to the County Cllr. Cllr Whittaker was congratulated on being re-elected as the District Councillor for Tardebigge Ward.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Whittaker for all the work done on behalf of the Council and felt it was a distinct advantage for the Parish to have a district councillor as a Member.

12 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR: The County Cllr Moffett advised it had been a privilege to represent the division of Bromsgrove East for the last two years. Much of her work concerned highways issues with road resurfacing, patching and drainage. Engineering works included the reinforced raised kerb at Tutnall Corner and a new retaining wall on Hollow Tree Lane. Her report also mentioned gritting, potholes, the Rural Roads Initiative. The County was still waiting to carry out flood alleviation work at the Old Wharf.

The Chairman thanked County Cllr Moffett for all the work done on behalf of the Council.

13 REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: None.

14 COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK: The Clerk was happy to be in a position to be able to deliver a report after her cycle accident in the autumn whilst on Parish business. It had been a busy year, which included attending training organised by CALC and BDC. Her role had also encompassed helping pilot the Community Resilience strategy. The Clerk thanked everyone for all their support throughout the year which has contributed to the enjoyment of her job.

15 DISCUSS: Any Other Issues Appertaining to and Affecting the Parish: None

16 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: 8 May 2012