

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH

Held at 7pm on Tuesday 4 May 2021 via zoom

Present: Cllr M Pengelly, Cllr M Ryan, Cllr K Tolley, Cllr S Orr-Cooper, Cllr L Denyer, Cllr P Whittaker, Cllr K Taylor, County Cllr K Taylor, John Ankrett

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

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 May 2019**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 14 May 2019 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Denyer; Seconded: Cllr Whittaker; All in Agreement

3 **COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

None

4 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** mentioned that during the last year all 11 Parish council meetings had been conducted via "zoom" which had been a new experience. He felt that the novelty had worn off and most were looking forward to having normal meetings again.

However, the Parish business had managed to be conducted and the issues brought to the council had been discussed. Although in the middle of a pandemic, the Parish Council received a similar number of planning applications. Highway issues, particularly, had increased for several reasons; the volume and speed of vehicles, coupled with an increase in the number of cyclists and walkers using the parish roads had become quite a serious issue. The Parish council and residents, along with our District and County councillors, managed to get the local police involved to try to address the problems. In addition, the large housing developments surrounding our parish had not helped the situation on local roads.

With the aid of our new Foot path Warden, the Parish Council had identified some rights of way issues and now slowly were able to take the necessary action. The pocket orchards on Alcester Road had been cut this Spring by two of our councillors and were looking very well, with just a few trees to replant in the autumn.

The wind pump had been progressing, with considerable speed of late, and was due to be completed this Summer.

5 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TARDEBIGGE COMMUNITY HALL REPRESENTATIVE:** The hall has been closed since March 2020 to hirers. Tardebigge school started using it from September onwards. Any information is available on Tardebigge Community Hall website.

6 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH WARDEN:** Only appointed in March 2021. Since then he has inspected all footpaths. Two stiles had major repairs and bridge repaired, a few stiles have nails. Blackwell railway path was still closed. Hoping to get steps to road from Worcester CC. Had some rights of way issues and has raised it with County Council. Most of the footpaths are in really good condition.

7 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREE WARDEN & CONSERVATION OFFICER:** Hasn't had a lot to do during Pandemic. Planning applications will be going in regarding Plymouth House.

- 8 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES:** There had been 4 zoom meetings, had had some issues regarding lack of financial information. Cllr Wheeler-Vine had phoned and since then information had been more forthcoming.
- 9 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Another very successful newsletter thanked everyone for their contributions.
- 10 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Continued privilege to represent the parish, Covid restrictions have been challenging at the Council. Money from Exchequer has been distributed by the Council. Planning Committee had kept him busy most of the year, a lot of big applications. There had been some controversial decisions and have been let down by Highways. District is having strategic transport assessment
- 11 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** More money being spent on the roads. Especially pot holes and gulleys. Lots of businesses have been supported by County but some businesses have also slipped through the cracks. Hopes to help businesses that might've been let down. Lots of litter being picked up by volunteers.
- 12 **REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**
- 13 **COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:**
The Clerk reported that there had been more correspondence than normal from Parishioners
- 14 **DISCUSS: Any Other Issues Appertaining to and Affecting the Parish:** None
- 15 **DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH ASSEMBLY:**
The date of the next Annual Parish Assembly will be 10 May 2022.

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

Signed: Chairman

Date: 10 May 2022