

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.20pm at Tardebigge Community Hall

Present: Cllr M Pengelly, Cllr L Denyer, Cllr M Ryan, Cllr A Wheeler-Vine, , Cllr K Tolley, Cllr P Whittaker

In Attendance: The Clerk,

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** John Ankrett, County Cllr K Taylor, Cllr S Orr-Cooper

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests, and
 - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature, and
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature:

L Denyer and M Ryan who are members of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council on 8th December 2022 were considered and agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Cllr Denyer, Seconded by Cllr Tolly.

- 4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Chairman: none
 Clerk: none
 District Councillor: none
 County Councillor: none
 Footpath Warden: none
 Tree Warden: none
 Conservation Officer: none
 Community Hall Officer: none
 Charities Representatives: Cllr Wheeler-Vine and Cllr Pengelly to meet prior to the next Charity meeting.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION** - correspondence has been emailed.
 - a) Bromsgrove District Council: <http://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/> for details on: Planning Committee Minutes and Agendas.
 - b) Wellbeing in Partnership newsletter - emailed
 - c) The Rural Bulletin - emailed
 - d) CALC update - emailed
 - e) RSN Rural Funding Digest - emailed

- f) PCC newsletter - emailed
- g) Help shape West Mercia Police's budget for 2023/24 - emailed
- h) Consultation email on Taxi and Private Hire Age Limits and Safety Inspections - emailed

6 PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications for consideration: none

Approvals: none

Refusals: none

Appeals: None

7. **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** Cllr Orr-Cooper had requested the Lengthsman to trim branches of the tree on the green and holly, prior to the meeting. Cllr Denyer to contact Simon regarding the holly. Cllr Wheeler-Vine enquired regarding the culverts down Dusthouse Lane and who should dig them out. The Clerk agreed to contact North Worcestershire Water Management regarding whether they were responsible for the culvert from Dusthouse Lane/Finstall/Tardebigge to Aston Fields as they require digging out too.

8. REQUEST TO INCREASE LENGTHSMAN HOURLY RATE:

The Lengthsman had contacted the Clerk to request an increase in his hourly rate in line with the cost of living increases. It was agreed that 10% increase would be fair, so the Lengthsman's hourly rate would increase to £16.50 an hour from 1 April 2023

9. **HIGHWAY MATTERS:** The Chairman mentioned that there had been no response from the Canal and River Trust to the letter about the fence and it had deteriorated further Cllr Pengelly agreed to get a picture and the Clerk agreed to contact Canal and River Trust again. The Hedges at Stoney Lane /Wharf Lane still need cutting back - the Clerk to contact Cllr Taylor to see where we are.

10 FINANCE: To consider:

a)	Bank Balances:	as at 31 st Decmber 2022 Current Account	£ 6,787.30
		at 31 st December 2022 Deposit Account	<u>£ 8,861.81</u>
		Total Balance 31 st December 2022	£ 15,649.11

b) **Receipts:** 00,00

c) **Payments for Approval:**

L Griffiths: Clerk's salary for December 2022 £ 308.70

Clerk's expenses for December 2022 £ 70.09

S Keys: Lengthsman duties @£15 per hour

Tutnall and Cobley: 37.5 hours £ 562.50

Burcot: 19.5 hours £ 292.50

Grass cutting £ 44.50

Total £ 1,278.29

d) Unpresented Cheques: none

d) **Outstanding Invoices:** None

e) **Finance Items - Proposed Cllr Wheeler-Vine and Seconded Cllr Denyer**

11 **PARISH FLAG WARDEN:** Cllr Orr-Cooper had proposed a new flag warden. Cllr Wheeler-Vine suggested that flags needed to be audited and a list of flags compiled so that the flag warden would know which flag needed to be flown and when. Cllr Pengelly to contact Cllr Orr-Cooper to try and move this on. It was suggested that a token of appreciation should be given to Ray as a thank you.

12 **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:** Cllr Denyer mentioned amending the newsletter list, as some councillors had needed more copies. The Chairman felt that an overhaul of the routes was needed too, as there was some cross over. It was agreed that the list would be revisited and amended ready for next year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for putting newsletter together.

13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 9th February 2023

Meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Signed: Chairman

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