Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council
MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH
Held at 7.10pm on Thursday 8 May 2025 at Tardebigge Community Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr M Pengelly

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

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 May 2024**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 9 May 2025 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Whittaker; Seconded: Cllr Orr-Cooper; All in Agreement

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

4 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** Several of the 11 Parish Council meetings held during the last year have been attended by numerous residents brining their concerns to the council. Top of the list is again planning applications, ranging from class Q change of use, new houses to the less exciting extensions. Considering each application on it's individual merit, whilst considering residents' concerns and following the guidelines has been challenging to say the least. The Traveller incursion on Grange Lane has become more distressing for the residents due to the lack of progress.

Though some of the issues with the footways and roads have been addressed, many of the more complex issues are still outstanding.

Councillor Ryan has added the role of Footpath Warden to his other responsibilities of Conservation Officer and Tree Warden.

5 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TARDEBIGGE COMMUNITY HALL REPRESENTATIVE:** Another successful year, with the same hirers, which include the Brownies, and jui jitsui.

6 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH WARDEN:** He has been on Parish Footpath Warden training and will be going on strimmer training

7 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREE WARDEN & CONSERVATION OFFICER: Has planted some trees and will be planting more trees.

8 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES: The Tardebigge Relief in Need Charity continues to consider applications and award grants on an individual basis. Most of the applications have been generated through the third-party Redditch Nightstop, for people starting in social housing requiring white goods or carpets. Attendance at some of the meetings has been poor. One of the Redditch councillors for the Batchley ward has yet to attend or supply details required by the Charity Commission. As most of the applications are decided using emailed responses, we can still make awards swiftly without having to rely on attendance to meeting

9 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER: Successful magazine as usual, lots of participation and well received. Another successful year.

10 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Biggest issue has been planning. Following last general election, Government decided that Bromsgrove should have a big target of 12000 houses, 3000 have been allocated, there is a need to find room for 9000 houses. The biggest problem confounding councillors is where the houses are going to go now. No common ground amongst the councillors regarding the local plan. Needs to be ratified before it goes out to consultation. Travellers' situation has been taken out of his hands as they have put in a planning application . It is now down to planning. Sad day to lose County Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Whittaker wanted to extend his and the Parish Council's thanks for all his hard work over the years. Cllr Alan Bale is the new County Councillor, to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

11 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR: none

12 REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: none

13 COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK: More planning applications seem to have come through this year and more attendees to meetings.

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 7 May 2026

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

Signed: …….. Chairman Date: 7 May 2026