

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of TUTNALL & COBLEY
PARISH**

**Held at 7.10pm on Thursday 14 May 2026 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.
Cllr M Pengelly

Apologies: Cllr A Bailes

1 WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 May 2025

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 8 May 2025 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Wheeler-Vine; Seconded: Cllr Orr-Cooper; All in Agreement

3 COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

4 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The Parish council met 11 times during the last 12 months. Transport issues have knocked contentious planning applications from the top spot. The housing developments around the parish have generated an increase in traffic, especially on the single-track lanes when road closures are implemented to enable access to the building sites. Potholes, speeding, flooding, fly tipping and the general condition of the surfaces are of increasing concern.

The Parish council has agreed to install bus shelters on Alcester Road at the stop by High House Lane. A simple task one would think!! Allowing WCC Highways to supply and install a second-hand shelter at an unbelievable price. The costs going up with every communication is not good value for money. Taking on the project at the local level is the agreed way forward, if we can overcome the red tape.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TARDEBIGGE COMMUNITY HALL REPRESENTATIVE: Another successful year, the hall is booked out regularly at weekends. A gardener has been appointed. Extension for storage of tables and chairs was completed in December 2025. The floor was also refurbished.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH WARDEN: All the footpaths in the parish have been surveyed and 30 way markers installed. Comments have been received from Redditch Ramblers, so planning to follow up on this.

- 7 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREE WARDEN & CONSERVATION OFFICER:** Hasn't managed to get trees from Councillor Orr-Cooper. Nothing of great contention regarding conservation.
- 8 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHARITIES:** Majority of requests are for white goods. Applications are taken on face value
- 9 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Couple of pages that ran over which spoilt a good effort. Good picture on the cover.
- 10 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Local Government review – County Council and 6 districts within Worcestershire disbanded, there will be 1 or 2 unitary councils. Case has been made to Government and announcement will be made at some point. Local plan review – went to consultation last year and finished in September. 8000 responses, Planning department working their way through responses. Some issues with certain councillors . Government has come up with a new way of planning – 34 months from initiation to plan production – so another new process. Initiation of new plan has to be passed at the next meeting or the Government will step in and run the planning department.
- 11 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** none
- 12 **REPORT FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:** none
- 13 **COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK:** less contentious issues, so not as many parishioners turning up to meetings
- 14 **DISCUSS: Any Other Issues Appertaining to and Affecting the Parish:** none
- 15 **DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH ASSEMBLY:** Thursday 13th May 2027

Signed: Chairman

Date: 13 May 2027