

Minutes of Tutnall and Cobley Parish Council Meeting

22nd January 2025 at Tardebigge Community Hall.

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: Cllr M Pengelly, Cllr K Tolley, Cllr M Ryan, Cllr L Denyer, Cllr S Orr-Cooper, Cllr A Wheeler-Vine, Cllr P Whittaker, County Cllr A Bailes

ALSO PRESENT: L Griffiths - Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** none
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr K Tolley and Cllr Denyer with reference to planning application 24/01341/FUL
3. **MINUTES** – the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council on 11th December 2025 were agreed to be a true record. **Proposed:** Cllr Whittaker **Seconded:** Cllr Denyer

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Clerk: advised that she is slowly adding information to the new website

Chairman: none

District Councillor: advised that the District Council were working on 2026/2027 budget. There were also recurrent problems with the works to the A38 near Bromsgrove

County Councillor: discussed A38 improvements and advised that there was a meeting being held on 29th January, where he would raise concerns. He explained that he had raised highways concerns and would chase this up. County Council budget to be set next month, there will be budget cuts but not necessarily from Highways. Redditch train station improvements have been shelved. Highway Liaison Officer resigned, so the County Council were sharing Highways Liaison Officer with Redditch but he was very pushed. Grit bins and routes – he asked for Councillors to let him know if any routes hadn't been gritted. Cllr Whittaker – Stoney Lane, Grange Lane and dual carriageway hadn't been gritted on 14th January. Cllr Bailes said to report it on County Council website. Speed limit policy has been published – won't consider speed restrictions unless there was a serious accident. Should put up slow down signs.

Footpath Warden: has walked most of the footpaths around the Parish and reported blocked drains and put up signage etc. The Chairman advised that he had some finger posts.

Tree Warden: Cllr Orr-Cooper confirmed that he had some walnut trees if needed.

Conservation Officer: none

Community Hall Representative: none

Charities Representative: none

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Bromsgrove District Council: <http://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/> for details on: Planning Committee Minutes and Agendas.

b) Wellbeing in Partnership E-Bulletin - Bromsgrove and Redditch - October 2025 – noted

- c) The Rural Bulletin – noted
- d) CALC update – noted
- e) RSN Rural Funding Digest - -noted
- f)) PCC newsletter – noted
- g) Rural Funding Digest – noted
- k) CALC Health and Wellbeing Newsletter -December 2025 – noted
- l) Wellbeing in Partnership E-Bulletin - Bromsgrove and Redditch - December 2025- noted
- m) West Mercia Police - Economic crime unit - monthly fraud update - November 2025 - noted
- n) Parish Contact Contract – the three priorities were agreed to be fed back to Police.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications for consideration: 24/01341/FUL - Land Lying North Of Brockhill Lane Tardebigge Worcestershire - Installation and operation of a ground mounted solar farm on two separate land parcels with internal access tracks, security fence, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancement – deadline for comments – 25th January 2026. – consultation notice attached

Cllr Tolley left the meeting. Individual members to respond to the planning consultation with their own point of view. Parish Council agreed with the proposed amendments, as long as they adhered with Government Policy.

7. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

It was agreed that the Lengthsman had done a good job down Brockhill Lane and footpath by bus stop on Alcester Road. Councillor had a couple of other jobs to notify him about:

- gulleys from entrance to Brockhill wood to Greensleeves bungalow needed clearing - what3words - puts.jungle.diary towards Redditch.
- Curtis Close into Dusthouse Lane – right hand corner is flooding, drains/gulleys need clearing also branches need cutting back as they are coming into road and hitting motorists and cyclists – paves.casually.companies – what3words.

Agmore Lane on double bend there is a grip that leads to drain -it has grown over again. Cllr Bailes to look into it.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Leylandia hedge over the walled garden was mentioned. The Chairman advised that it was the landowners' responsibility – Ministry of Justice. Obstruction to a footway to be reported on Worcestershire County Council portal by the Chairman.

Cllr Whittaker had an email from a resident of Tutnall Grange complaining about how dangerous Hewell Lane by Broad Green is, due to a number of accidents. She would like roundabout or traffic lights put in. It was agreed that Visibility was not good.

9. FINANCE

To consider:

a)	Bank Balances:	as at 31 st December 2025 Current Account	£ 5,641.47
		as at 31 st December 2025 Deposit Account	<u>£ 9,239.96</u>
		Total Balance 31 st December 2025	£ 14,881.43

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b)	Receipts:	£195.00 Worcestershire CC
		£97.35 Worcestershire CC
		£60.40 Interest

c) Payments for Approval:

L Griffiths: Clerk's salary for December 2025	£ 433.49
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Clerk's expenses for December 2025	£ 54.05
Lengthsman duties @£20 per hour	
Tutnall – 14 hours	£ 280.00
Burcot – hours	£
Website regular monthly direct debit payment	£ 11.99
Gov.uk email account monthly direct debit payment	<u>£ 2.99</u>
Total	£ 782.52

Unpresented Cheques: £100

d) Outstanding Invoices: None

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

10. PARISH PRECEPT FORM – it had been agreed to ask for the same amount of precept as 2025/2026 at the meeting in November for 2026/2027 - the form was signed by Chairman and Clerk

11. BUS SHELTER Cllr Bailes has looked into it and has some figures and designs. The cost estimate for westbound shelter and dropped kerbs (which were required) was £12,500. County Cllr would be able to contribute some funds as a grant. Parish Council might need to contribute £1000. Eastbound estimate is £15,000. It was thought that if Parish Council decided to erect the shelter, they could ask Highways if they could put the base in and the Parish Council could build the shelter. However, due to liability issues, it was thought that Highways should be requested to do the job. It was thought that the best solution initially was to procure a bus shelter for westbound journeys only. A bus shelter for eastbound journey to be revisited at a later date. Parish Council agreed to donate £1000 towards this. County Cllr to liaise with Highways.

12 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

None

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th February 2026

Signed: Chairman