Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council

THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Tardebigge Community Hall

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

1 **Apologies for absence:**, Cllr Orr-Cooper,

2 **DECLARATION 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:
Cllr L Denyer who is Treasurer of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.
Cllr M Ryan who is on the Committee of the Community Hall

Cllr P Whittaker and Cllr K Tolley declared interest in planning application 24/01288/CUPRIO

3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2024 were agreed to be a correct record. **Proposed:** Cllr Denyer, **Seconded:** Cllr Wheeler-Vine. Cllr Pengelly clarified that the daffodils were free but not the roses. Highway matters – Tutnall Close will contact Cllr Cooper later

4 **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Clerk:. none

Chairman: advised he had distributed the newsletter. The feedback had been positive, stating that there were some interesting articles. He has been digging at Broad Green to plant the rose bushes.

District Councillor: Cllr Whittaker advised that the District Council were appraised of the new national planning policy framework. The Government's proposed Devolution will mean the abolition of District Councils. Worcester County Council have replied that they agree to devolution and request postponement of County Council elections scheduled for May. NPPF – Bromsgrove's requirement for housing has gone up to 713 per amnum. Re-organisation of refuse collection service. Had thought wheelie bin collection would work but vehicles were unreliable. Have been replacing vehicles with industry standard. Replace all diamond lift wheelie bins with cone lift ones. Environment Act 2021 – compelled local authorities to have a separate collection of food waste by March 2026 – hasn't started yet- no anaerobic facilities in Worcestershire as there is no funding. Decision re Foxlydiate Hotel has come through and been forwarded to Councillors.

County Councillor. Opposition groups in Worcestershire CC have been unhappy about devolution – no chance to consult residents. New political structure across County and

country. Parish Councils will have more responsibility. He urged everyone to read the White Paper regarding this. Budget meeting in February – money is being cut and going to metropolitan areas - mending pot holes etc. Application for anaerobic waste plant near Hindlip Hall.

Footpath Warden: Cllr Ryan explained he was in training. Meeting Patrick White next week.

Tree Warden: A lot of trees came down in the recent storms, has some more to plant.

Conservation Officer: none

Community Hall Representative: should be finishing extension for tables and chairs this month.

Charities Representative: Chairman explained function of the Charities Committee

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Bromsgrove District Council: http://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/ for details on: Planning Committee Minutes and Agendas.
b) Wellbeing in Partnership newsletter – noted
c) The Rural Bulletin – noted
d) CALC update – noted
e) RSN Rural Funding Digest - - noted
f)) PCC newsletter – notled
g) Natural Networks – funding for your project – noted
h) Rural Funding Digest – noted

6 PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications for consideration: **24/01281/FUL -** Gorse Meadow Cottage , Hewell Lane, Tardebigge, Worcestershire - Two storey side extension to the existing dwelling – deadline for comments – 11th January 2025 – The Parish Council support this application.

24/01288/CUPRIO - Cobley Hill Farm, Cobley Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire - Proposed change of use of building R at Cobley Hill Farm to 6 dwelling houses deadline for comments – 11th January 2025 – the Parish Council does not support this application due to residents' concerns.

Refusals: none

Appeals:. none

Withdrawn: none

7. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME: the Councillors were urged to let the Clerk know of anything that needs to be referred to Lengthsman.

8. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**:, overgrown hedging near prison at Hewell Lane . Cllr Whittaker will ask someone to do this. Dusthouse Lane has ice as drains are never suctioned out. County Cllr Taylor to look into it. Hewell Lane is getting really bad – sides of road breaking away.- Broad Green to vigo. Fox Hill Lane floods constantly – Cllr Taylor to have a walk round.

9. **FINANCE: To consider**

Bank Balances: as at 31st December 2024 Current Account £ 5,635.16
as at 31st December 2024 Deposit Account £ 9,111.28
Total Balance 31st December 2024 £ 14,746.44

b) Receipts: 24/12 443.70 Worcestershire CC
24/12 187.96 Worcestershire CC

c) Payments for Approval:

L Griffiths: Clerk's salary for December 2024		£ 359.00
Clerk's expenses for December 2024		£ 57.54
Lengthsman duties @£20 per hour		
Tutnall –	hours	£
Burcot –	hours	£
Total		£416.54

Unpresented Cheques: none

d) Oustanding Invoices: None

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

10 **DRAFT BUDGET** – The draft budget was approved.

11 **2025/2026 PRECEPT** – it was agreed that the Parish Council would request the same amount of precept as 2024/2025, which was £7600 for the year.

12 **PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA –** it was agreed that this would be adjourned to the next meeting

13. **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**: - the projector had worked well. If the Community Hall decided to purchase a screen – the Parish Council might be able to help. Cllr Tolley – end of road by Hewell Road and canal -hedge needs cutting back – Cllr Taylor looking into it. Cllr Denyer enquired as to whether the boundaries had changed and was advised that they have.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 13th February 2025'

Signed: …… Chairman Thursday 13th February 2025