

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 16 January 2012.

Those present were Cllrs P Steadman (Chairman), Mrs S Adams, F Crossley, A Allen, G Wright, Mrs J Taylor, D Morris, T Spencer-Smith, and W Crossley. In attendance S Powell (Clerk).

152/1.0 APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Ms M Guest and Borough Cllrs Ms E Staples and S Smith

153/2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2011

- 2.1 The minutes were approved as a true record subject to minor amendment and signed by the Chairman.

154/3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Mr J Croxall had provided an estimate of the cost of siting the seat in the churchyard. The clerk was requested to obtain a further quotation for the work.
- 3.2 The £700.00 contract for the maintenance work on FP 7 had been given to Mr W Croxall following consultation with the Chairman and Cllr W Crossley. The Duchy was advised of the need to carry out the work as soon as possible.
- 3.3 It was noted that a request for a meeting with chief officers and members at ESBC was to be made in the absence of a response to the Parish Council Alliance's submission to the borough council's core strategy.
- 3.4 No reply had been received other than an acknowledgment, to the parish council's third letter of complaint on the Burton Road development. It was agreed to request an early response. Cllr W Crossley noted that the planning department at the borough council had received approximately 150 complaints over the past year. He felt that this was in part due to the limited number of staff now available in the department.
- 3.5 It was reported that the container at the Cornmill Lane playing field had been cleaned out by one or both football teams.
- 3.6 A contract of £105.00 had been awarded to T H Heath contracts Ltd to trim the boundary hedge at the Ferrers Avenue playing field. Cllr Morris questioned why the council only had a short lease on the play area. Cllr Mrs Adams felt that there may be some legal protection attached to the long standing tenure that the parish council had enjoyed in respect of the lease. It was agreed to seek legal advice on the matter.

155/4.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 4.1 There were no reports from Borough or County Councillors.

156/5.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1	The following accounts were passed for payment:		£
	S Powell	Printing & Stationery	21.79
	T H Heath Contracts Ltd	Hedge planting & trimming at Cornmill Lane playing field	588.00
	Firs Farm Nurseries	Purchase of Christmas Tree	72.50
	Tutbury Band	Grant	100.00
	Tutbury Museum	Grant	125.00
	Tutbury Parish Charities	Rent – Charity office & Cornmill Lane playing field	400.00
	J L Powell	Secretarial services	45.00
	James Hollis	Bus shelter/street cleaning/caretaker contracts	465.00
	Aucuba Landscapes	Churchyard contract	190.00
	Community Council of Staffs	Best Kept Village entry fee & leaflets	18.40

157/6.0 BANK MANDATE SIGNATORIES

- 6.1 Updated details and accompanying identification for the signing of cheques and had been received from most councillors. It was agreed to complete the process with the bank; those signatures outstanding would not be included in the bank mandate.

158/7.0 PLANNING MATTERS

- 7.1 The following comments were made on a recently received application:

P/2011/01501/CLF – Felling of three conifer trees and one damson tree at the Congregational Church Monk Street

Comment: No objection

- 7.2 Recent determinations made by ESBC on planning applications in the parish were reported to members.
- 7.3 The decision notices for the Burton Road applications had not been issued by the borough council and it was likely that the discussions over the Section 106 agreement had not been concluded. Concern was expressed about the impact of the development on the existing drainage infrastructure given previous instances of flooding in Bridge Street. After some discussion, it was agreed to contact Severn Trent and if necessary the Environment Agency to ensure that that the developer's drainage proposals would not lead to flooding problems in the village.
- 7.4 It was agreed that Cllr W Crossley or Cllr Mrs Adams would attend a meeting in the Trinity Room at Anslow Church where the impact of new development on the local highway network was to be discussed with county highway officials.
- 7.5 A letter had been received from Cllr Ms Staples, cabinet member at the county council for education and skills, on the need for the new schools in the borough. Members were concerned about the siting of a new school off

Tutbury Road, questioning how it was to be financed and operated and that it was in the wrong place with children having to be transported to it from elsewhere. The clerk was instructed to write to Cllr Staples outlining the parish council's concerns.

159/8.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

- 8.1 A presentation by Navigus Planning on the production of a neighbourhood plan and advice on the Burton Road complaint was to be held in the Charity Office Duke Street on Thursday 19 January.

160/9.0 SCHOOL TRANSPORT PROVISION

- 9.1 The chairman summarized the response from county councillors on the provision of free school transport for children. He felt that the policy was not correct; the assertion that it was the parents' responsibility to get their children to school was harsh and not eco friendly. Cllr Spencer-Smith was very disappointed with the response from the county councillors. He felt that it was a great pity that one more child could not be helped when there was probably a vacant seat available on the bus at no extra cost. Members felt that parishioners' interests were not being represented particularly as Cllr Fraser was chairman of the governors at de Ferrers School. It was agreed to write to the county councillors expressing the parish council's deep concern on the situation.

161/10.0 PLANTERS IN THE HIGH STREET

- 10.1 Two quotations had been received for the supply of four additional planters in the High Street and the maintenance of them and the four existing ones. Cllr Ms Staples had indicated that there may be some funding available from the borough council's 'Wasp' scheme and that an application needed to be made by 25 January. It was agreed to make the application for funds to purchase and install the planters.

162/11.0 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- 11.1 It was agreed to enter this year's competition and to write to local organisations seeking their co-operation and help to improve on last year's performance.

163/12.0 DUMPING OF TREE CUTTINGS ON THE FERRERS AVE PLAYING FIELD

- 12.1 A report from a parishioner that conifer hedge cuttings had been dumped on the playing field had been confirmed. Information had been received indicating from where the cuttings had originated and it was agreed to write to the residents concerned requesting that they be removed.

164/13.0 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIVE TRUSTEES TO THE PARISH CHARITIES

13.1 It was agreed to re-nominate Mr O Dyke and Cllr F Crossley and to inform the clerk to the charities accordingly.

165/14.0 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

14.1 Tutbury Senior Citizens had indicated the use to which the funds would be put. It was agreed to award of £125.00 to the senior citizens.

14.2 It was agreed in principle to grant 'Local Vocals – Tutbury Community Choir' £150 to help with the setting up of a web site subject to a check on the status of the organisation.

166/15.0 ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION

15.1 This item was deferred to a future agenda

167/16.0 CONTACT DETAILS FOR COUNCILLORS

16.0 It was agreed to publish on the council's web site cllrs telephone numbers and the streets that had been allocated to them.

168/17.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

17.1 The meeting was to be held in May in the Richard Wakefield School; suggestions for a guest speaker included the Head Teacher at de Ferrers School or a representative from Tutbury Museum. It was agreed that the matter be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

169/18.0 REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONTRACTS

18.1 It was agreed to offer to extend the following contracts for a further year taking into account inflation:

1. Changing room caretaker,
2. Bus shelter & street cleaning
3. Churchyard mowing
4. Playing field mowing (with the addition of hedge trimming at both play areas)

170/19.0 CORRESPONDENCE

19.1 The contents of the following were noted:

Notification of changes to the electoral role.
Information from Mr Rick Nuth on a Tutbury war memorial project and sources of funding for war memorial renovation. The clerk was instructed to advise Mr

Nuth that the condition of the war memorial in the churchyard was to be kept under review.

A copy of the agenda and minutes for a recent meeting of Rolleston Parish Council.

Information from the Electoral Registration Officer on election procedures and a request to place information in local magazines. It was agreed to refer the request to the publishers of the village news and the church magazine.

Information from Cllr Mrs Adams that a salt box had been moved in Holts Lane and that it might be empty. It was agreed to contact the county highways department to investigate the matter.

171/20.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

20.1 Town twinning, the Jubilee celebrations and those recorded elsewhere.

172/21.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21.1 Monday 20 February 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.