

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 19 March 2012.

Those present were Cllrs P Steadman (Chairman), Mrs S Adams, F Crossley, Mrs J Taylor, T Spencer-Smith, W Crossley, A Allen, A Burdis and Borough Cllr Ms E Staples. In attendance S Powell (Clerk).

192/1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from ms M Guest, G Wright and Borough Cllr Smith

193/2.0 MEETING WITH ESBC OFFICERS DEALING WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

2.0 Cheryl Maxim explained her role with regard to neighbourhood issues in the borough. She felt it was important to build stronger links between the borough and Parish Councils and to this end wanted to develop a dialogue between herself and the council. The outcome of the neighbourhood priorities funding application made by the Parish Council was raised together with the availability of the annual bulb grant. Ms Maxim stated that she would look into these matters and report back to the council.

2.1 William Reid gave a presentation on aspects of emergency planning in the Borough and explained that the Parish Council could also play a role should it choose to do so. Mr Reid produced a template providing guidance on how the Parish Council's role could be developed. The question of snow clearance was raised; Mr Reid stated that measures to deal with unusual weather conditions could be included in the plan. The chairman suggested that the matter could be considered by the council at a future meeting and thanked both officers for their attendance.

194/3.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2012

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

195/4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 At a meeting of the Parish Council's Alliance on 21 February, arrangements for a meeting with chief officers and members at ESBC to consider the Alliance's submission on the boroughs core planning strategy were discussed. Prior to the meeting, the attendance of Cllr W Crossley had been questioned by Mr O'Brien Chief Executive at ESBC as to whether or not it would be appropriate if he attended future ESBC/Alliance meetings. The Alliance had informed Mr O'Brien that Cllr Crossley was Tutbury Parish Council's democratically elected representative and that his input was valued adding that the Alliance would be disappointed if Mr O'Brien did not attend if Cllr Crossley was present. In recalling the above events Cllr Crossley stated that he had not been aware of Mr O'Brien's stance and was somewhat surprised by his comments particularly

as the matter had not been raised with him directly. Members were disappointed to learn of the Chief Executives position; one that they felt was completely unjustified. Cllr Crossleys attendance at future Alliance meetings on behalf of the Parish Council was endorsed.

- 4.2 Following a request from a local football team to use the Cornmill Lane playing fields, Tutbury Tigers FC had indicated that they would like to use two pitches in the future and therefore there might be a clash of fixtures with the other team if they were allowed to play. As a result, the other team had been advised that the facilities would not be available for them to use.
- 4.3 The Staffordshire Parish Council's Association had indicated that there may be some legal protection attached to the long standing tenure that the Parish Council had enjoyed in respect of the lease for the Ferrers Avenue playing field. As the lease expired later this year it was agreed to contact the Duchy's agents to request a further lease of longer duration.
- 4.4 Stickers had been obtained from the county council to place on grit bins to help spread the anti theft message across the parish; these were distributed to Cllrs.
- 4.5 The Parish Council's views on new tourism signs on the Bridge Street and Burton Road entrances to the village had been conveyed to the County Council
- 4.6 ESBC had been advised of the problem of unsightly cigarette stubs outside of the public houses in Ludgate Street. When inspected, the pavement was relatively tidy but the situation was to be monitored. The County Council had concluded that there was a trip hazard on the pavement outside one of the public houses and the owners were to be asked to remove it. The fly tipping on County Council highway land near Belmot Common had been reported to the borough council.
- 4.7 Confirmation from ESBC's of the arrangements for the panel hearing of the Parish Council's complaint in May were awaited.
- 4.8 ESBC had advised that the shop alterations in Lower High Street were Satisfactory. Members questioned this assertion and it was agreed to ask for written confirmation that the building was safe.

196/5.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 5.1 There was no report from the County Councillor.
- 5.2 Borough Cllr Ms Staples informed members that the Olympic Torch would be passing through Burton on 30 June. Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners were to be held on 15 November this year. The Commissioner's powers would include the setting of police budgets, the appointment of chief constables and they would also produce a five year policing plan.
- 5.3 The chairman raised a number of issues related to the proposed new schools in the borough. A discussion followed on the location, operation, quality of education in the new schools and the future role for the county council's support services. Cllr Staples explained the reasons for the approach that the County Council was taking including the constraints within which it was working.
- 5.4 Cllr Spencer Smith asked why a local family had been denied free school transport when an exception had been made on an earlier occasion which Cllr Staples had supported. Cllr Staples stated that she was unable to support a further exception to the County Council's policy. Cllr Spencer Smith was most dissatisfied with Cllr Staples response.

197/6.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1	The following accounts were passed for payment:	£	
	D Stephenson	Reimbursement for Christmas tree fittings	8.90
	CPRE	Grant	100.00
	Aucuba Landscapes	Churchyard contract	190.00
	James Hollis	Bus shelter/street cleaning/caretaker contracts	465.00
	Community council of Staffs	Subscription	22.00
	J L Powell	Secretarial services	45.00
	S Powell	Printing	5.94
	S Powell	Salary and expenses	1948.86
	HMRC	NI & Income tax payment	607.22

198/7.0 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 A copy of a recent planning decision in the parish was reported to members

7.2 The following comments were made on recently received applications:

P/2012/00302/SS – Erection of single storey side and rear extensions at 39 Portway Drive

Comment - No objection.

Proposal: - P/2012/00283/JPM – Construction of new flood embankments, raising of existing flood wall which ties into Tutbury Bridge, construction of new flood embankment, new flood wall around the fire station and raising of existing walls along the Mill Fleam, raising of an existing flood wall adjacent to Tutbury Bridge to tie into one of the bridge abutments including associated works at Scropton and Eggington

Location: - The Fire Station and Mill Fleam, Bridge Street, Tutbury.

Comment: - No objection

Proposal: - P/2012/00284/JPM – Raising of an existing flood wall adjacent to Tutbury Bridge to tie into one of the bridge abutments to form improved flood defences.

Location: - The Fire Station and Mill Fleam, Bridge Street, Tutbury.

Comment:- no objection

199/8.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

- 8.1 It was reported that Rolleston Parish Council were not proceeding with their neighbourhood plan as the borough council had not yet determined how to distribute the government grant it had received for the production of such plans. The matter was referred to future meeting.

200/9.0 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE AND CHANGING ROOM RISK ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Three quotations had been received for the council's insurance

Aon £2023.06 (existing provider)
Came and Company (brokers for Aviva) £1328.79
Zurich £1032.36

Three quotations for the provision of Legionella control at the changing rooms at Cornmill Lane had been obtained.

WET Water Hygiene Services £1301.00
Rentokill Specialist Hygiene £1275.00
Safe and Secure £2064.00

- 9.2 For the insurance, the extent of the cover provided, including exclusion clauses, the amount of excess in respect of a claim, as well as the cost were considered in each case. For Legionella control, the quality of service and comparative costs of each provider were considered. It was proposed by Cllr Burdis seconded by Cllr Mrs Adams and agreed that the Came and Company insurance quote and the Rentokill legionella control quote be accepted to be reviewed after one year.

201/10.0 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENVIRONMENT ACT: DOG CONTROL ORDERS

- 10.1 The Borough Council had written inviting comments on the adequacy of dog control orders operating in the parish. Their review would enable current powers to altered or increased. It was agreed that no change was required to the current controls in the parish.

202/11.0 PLANTERS IN THE HIGH STREET

- 11.1 It was agreed to arrange for the existing planters to be restocked, and to organise a watering regime for them. A further application to ESBC for a grant for additional planters was to be made in the next financial year. It was also agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

203/12.0 COMMUNITY FOOTPATHS BID

12.1 The County council had invited bids for funding of improvements to public footpaths in the parish. It was agreed to seek funds for a new access to FP23 off Owen's Bank.

205/13.0 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

13.1 The chairman updated members on the planned programme for the celebrations. It was agreed to allow a bed of flowers to be planted on the Triangle depicting the Union Jack. There was some unease about the Civic Societies wish to plant trees on the Triangle with concerns about the type of trees to be planted. It was felt that full consideration should be given as to where they could be placed taking into account future maintenance before a decision could be made. The purchase and distribution of Jubilee mugs for local school children was debated. It proposed by Cllr F Crossley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Adams and agreed to provide Jubilee mugs for children in Tutbury.

206/14.0 REQUEST FROM THE CIVIC SOCIETY FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO THE PARISH COUNCIL OF PART OF THE PARK PALE ANCIENT MONUMENT

14.1 Following the Civic Societies request to transfer the land behind Chatsworth Drive (SAM 238) into the council's ownership, the responsibilities of owning and maintaining the ancient monument were reported to members. It was proposed by Cllr W Crossley, seconded by Cllr Spencer Smith and agreed that the council agree to take over ownership of the section of the monument referred to, from the Civic Society. It was agreed to engage solicitors to act on the council's behalf for this and also in respect of the new Lease for the Ferrers Ave Playing field referred in minute 195/4.3.

207/15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 The contents of the following were noted:

An email from a visitor to Tutbury commenting on the amount of litter in the stream on the Mill Site. The email had been forwarded to Borough Cllrs.

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

Notification from ESBC on two consultations for waste storage and collection in new developments and the Uttoxeter leisure site.

Advice from central government on the 'freedom to pray' at council meetings

208/16.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16.1 Town Twinning, Best Kept Village Competition and others recorded elsewhere.

209/17.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 Monday 16 April 2012 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.