

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 2 July 2012.

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

25/1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from, G Wright and Borough Cllr Ms E Staples

26/2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2012

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

27/3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 It was reported that vegetation on the Close Bank and Chatsworth Drive to Ludgate Street footpaths needed to be trimmed back. The clerk was instructed to arrange for Mr Hollis to carry out the work.
- 3.2 Comments on the revised settlement hierarchy matrix had been returned to the Borough Council.
- 3.3 A letter had been received from the lighting and ITS manager at the County Council explaining the diming of street light proposals in the parish and elsewhere.

28/4.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

4.1 There was no report from County Cllr Fraser; Borough Cllr Smith arrived later in the meeting.

29/5.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1 The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Reflex Print & Design	Purchase of Jubilee Mugs	589.68
J L Powell	Secretarial services	45.00
Aucuba Landscapes	Churchyard contract	190.00
James Hollis	Bus shelter/street cleaning/caretaker contracts	465.00
S Powell	Salary & expenses	2022.44
HMRC	Tax & NI payment	581.21

5.2 Cllr W Crossley reported that the mugs had been distributed to local children

30/6.0 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 The following applications were considered:

P/2012/00658/JI – Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 11 Portway Drive

Comment: - The design was inconsistent with adjoining properties; the road name on the location plan was incorrect.

It was reported that work had commenced on this application with access being obtained by the contractor through the adjoining play area. The Clerk was asked to enquire if permission for access had been given by the borough council.

P/2012/00629/CLF - Erection of a detached garage at 40 Portway Drive

Comment: - No objection

P/2012/439/JM Erection of detached dwelling at Cherry Tree Farm Cottages Fauld Lane, Fauld.

Comment: - The council objected to this proposal. As with previous applications at the camp, there were concerns about the lack of development brief for the area, the poor quality of infrastructure, which in the case of internal roads continued to deteriorate and the non compliance with sustainability criteria.

- 6.2 Cllr W Crossley referred to the proposed housing development on the former Technical College playing fields at Rolleston. He drew members' attention to the Secretary of State comments advising against approval of large housing sites prior to the completion of the local plan/core strategy process. This together with the inconsistent application of saved Local plan policy NE1 and the apparent non conformity the Borough Council's green field land release document provided sufficient grounds to object to the proposal. A letter of objection was to be sent to the Borough Council.
- 6.3 Cllr Morris stated that the Burton Road development might well have an adverse impact on the existing drainage system in Tutbury. Only recently, following a spate of wet weather manhole lids had 'blown' near the changing rooms off Cornmill lane. The clerk was instructed to write to Severn Trent to draw their attention to the problem and to enquire what action could be taken to solve it.
- 6.4 Cllr W Crossley felt that the number of developments being planned in and around Burton indicated that the process was out of control with many people in the borough not wanting more houses in their area, most recently in Branston.
- 6.5 Cllr Smith stated that there were not a lot of empty houses in Tutbury and Georgian Crystal had recently closed. New jobs were being created at Nestles and else ware and there were not enough houses to cater for this. He felt that the Parish council should talk to the developer of the Burton Road site to get more benefits for the parish. Cllr Spencer Smith stated that the Parish Council

had not been consulted by the developer and also asked where the empty houses were in the village.

- 6.6 A discussion followed on the merits of talking to the developers. Cllr Smith wanted to encourage a dialogue with developers to avoid a missed opportunity to achieve community benefits. Some members felt that this was incompatible with the Parish Council's position on the way the Borough Council had handled the application and how it had dealt with the subsequent Parish Council complaint.
- 6.7 The chairman disputed that there was a direct connection between jobs and houses but felt that a dialogue with the developers might be an option. Cllr Guest felt there was a need to talk to the developers about various matters in the Section 106 agreement for the site. Cllr Mrs Adams stated the Parish Council's argument was with the Borough Council not the developer. The Council's current position was to complete the complaint process, options for which were to be considered under a later agenda item.
- 6.8 It was agreed to support a bill being put before parliament to allow an appeal by parish council's against planning decisions by the local planning authority.
- 6.9 Staffordshire County Council had written to explain their position on Parish Council concerns on highway safety stemming from the large new developments planned for the borough. It was planned to create a new lay-by in Harehedge lane to help alleviate traffic congestion there.
- 6.10 Parishioners present at the meeting congratulated the Council for their part in creating a successful Jubilee event.

31/7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- 7.1 The chairman informed members of a consultation inviting comment on a planning committee review being conducted by a scrutiny panel at ESBC. The clerk was requested to convey the council's concerns on a number of aspects on the workings of the committee reflecting their recent experiences.

32/8.0 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- 8.1 Cllrs W Crossley and F Crossley declared interests in this item and left the meeting.
- 8.2 Applications for financial assistance had been received from Tutbury Brownies and Tutbury Gardening Club. It was agreed to award £100 to the brownies and £90 to the Gardening Club. Cheques were signed for the agreed amounts.

33/9.0 PARISH COUNCIL COMPLAINT OPTIONS

- 9.1 Information received from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) explained the principles and procedures involved in a judicial review (JR). An overview on a judicial review, its processes and costs was awaited from planning solicitors. ESBC's complaints procedures were not legal documents but a matter of good practice; further information was being sought via NALC to establish the national picture. The position with the ombudsman meant that the Parish Council itself could not ask for a review of the actions of the Borough Council; this was only open to individuals who would have to go through

ESBC's complaints procedures first. The Standards Board was now defunct with responsibilities passing to the Monitoring officer at the Borough Council. He/she was only able to investigate complaints against individual members rather than the actions of the council as a whole.

9.2 It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda for further consideration

34/10.0 REVIEW OF ESBC'S CAR PARK TARRIFFS

10.1 The Borough Council were carrying a consultation on the car parking charges levied in the Borough. Members noted the contents of the consultation

35/11.0 STANDARDS REGIME AND COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1 Recent legislation had made changes to the ethical framework for members necessitating the adoption of a new code of conduct. Three versions of a new code were available, the last version published by NALC on 29 June. The NALC code was supported by guidance and definitions of pecuniary interests which might require members to amend their entries in the council's register. The adopted code would need to be published on the internet and ESBC notified. The required adoption date of 2 July could not be met given that the background information had not been made available in time. Notwithstanding this, the council were minded to adopt the NALC code of practice at their next meeting.

36/12.0 REQUEST TO PLANT A TREE ON THE TRIANGLE

12.1 A request from the Civic Society to plant a tree on the Triangle, Castle Street in memory of Mike Shenton a former Chair of the Society had been received. Members felt that marking the passing of Mr Shenton with the planting of a tree was appropriate, however it was felt that the Triangle was not the best place for it. Alternative sites suggested were the Churchyard or the Millennium Wood. The clerk was instructed to advise the Civic Society accordingly.

37/13.0 TOWN TWINNING

13.1 Cllr W Crossley informed members that 33 visitors from Ollainville were to be accommodated by people in Tutbury. The Mayor of Ollainville was to attend an evening event at the village hall on Saturday 7 July. On Sunday guests were to be taken to the music festival being held at the Castle. This was to be followed by a 'goodbye' gathering at Castle Hayes Farm on Sunday evening. The visitors were to depart for France early Monday.

38/14.0 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

14.1 The Chairman thanked all those that were involved in the organisation of the event for what turned out to be a successful celebration. The photo shoot and walk started a series of events that culminated in a street party on the Monday which was not adversely affected by the recent inclement weather. The Mayor of Karrick Fergus presented a plaque to the chairman to mark the event. A

reciprocal gesture was to be considered at the next meeting. Members thanked the chairman and the scouts for the considerable effort that he and they had put into the organisation which contributed to its success.

39/15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 The contents of the following were noted:

A letter of thanks from the Reverend Ganz for the seat placed in the Churchyard marking his service at St Mary's Church

An estimate from Norclean to clean the changing rooms at the Cornmill Lane Playing fields. This work was to be carried out after other maintenance work had been completed.

A copy of an agenda for a recent meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

A request from the Parish Charities to ascertain if the wall adjoining the charity office was safe. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Borough Council.

An invitation from Trent & Dove Housing to nominate individuals and agencies who have in their words 'made a difference to peoples lives' in the community.

40/16.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16.1 None other than those recorded elsewhere.

41/17.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 Monday 16 July 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.