

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Those present were Cllrs P Steadman (Chairman), Mrs S Adams, Ms M Guest, W Crossley, A Burdis, F Crossley and A Allen. In attendance S Powell (Clerk).

111/1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from, Borough Cllrs Ms E Staples and S Smith

112/2.0 MEETING WITH MR & MRS NUTH – TUTBURY WAR MEMORIAL

- 2.1 Mr Nuth presented to the Council a book of remembrance commemorating local service personnel who had died in conflicts during World War 1 & World War 2. As a result of his research, the number of names recorded had increased, however the rules for determining what names to include were not clear. Mr Nuth explained his efforts thus far in determining the origins, condition and ownership of the war memorial in the churchyard and sources of funding that might be obtained to renovate it. The chairman, referred to the content of previous correspondence with Mr Nuth explained the Council's position. He stated that ownership was uncertain and recalled the Council's suggestion that Mr Nuth form a committee to investigate options for improvement/renovation of the memorial. Mr Nuth felt that such a committee would have limited status and would, unlike the Parish Council, find it difficult to raise funds; the Parish Council also had powers to carry out work to memorials under a 1923 Act of Parliament.
- 2.2 Cllr W Crossley outlined the Parish Council's past efforts to establish the condition of the memorial and options to improve it. After seeking advice from the War Memorials Trust, a specialist architect had been consulted and a site meeting held where concern was expressed about the memorials delicate construction and the difficulties that might arise if it was found that iron fixings had been used to join stone sections together; a preliminary report on its condition was provided. Enquiries on the availability of grants had also been undertaken and efforts to establish ownership made at the Staffordshire archive and with the Diocesan Registry. The Registry pointed out that a faculty would be required to gain permission from the Church to carry out any work. The architects had prepared the outline of a process and approximate costs to take a repair/renovation project to the tender stage.
- 2.3 Previously expressed views by Mr Nuth on the Council's apparent lack of interest in the memorial were refuted; Mr Nuth stated that he was not aware of the preliminary work that had been undertaken by the Council but felt unable to withdraw his earlier comments. With regard to the setting up of a committee it was suggested that both the PCC and the Civic Society should be involved, however Mr Nuth stated that the PCC had not been contacted and the Civic Society had not indicated their intention to participate.
- 2.4 Any proposal to carry out work to the memorial needed to consider whether or not investigations into its condition would cause irreparable damage which would be worse than leaving it in its current steady state. Three options might

be considered; superficial cleaning, underpinning and intrusive repairs or complete replacement with the likelihood of a funding opportunity for only one of them. The Council felt that the memorial needed to be dealt with sensitively and the Chairman reiterated that a committee as previously suggested to Mr Nuth should be established to consider options. The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Nuth for attending the meeting.

113/3.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2012

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

114/4.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 It was reported that following a meeting on site with Cheryl Maxim from ESBC the Elm Lane project would be carried forward as a Tutbury priority in the coming year. Cllr Ms Guest was to attend the forum where the priorities were to be determined.
- 4.2 The documents for the transfer of part of the Park Pale ancient monument adjoining Chatsworth Drive had not yet been received. A response was awaited from solicitors acting on behalf of the Council.
- 4.3 Cllr W Crossley reported on the exchange of correspondence with officers at ESBC on the loss of high quality of agricultural land as a result of the Burton Road development. Questions remained as to whether or not the original letter sent to ESBC had been received and if the reply to the substantive matters raised in it, dealt with the relevant issues. It was agreed to seek further clarification from ESBC.
- 4.4 It was reported that a framed picture of Tutbury High Street had been sent Carrick Fergus and an account for £64.80 had been paid for packaging and posting.
- 4.5 A Parish meeting to discuss various planning matters had been arranged for 22 November at the Richard Wakefield School.

115/5.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- 5.1 There were no reports from Borough or County Cllrs. Cllr W Crossley commented that he had been advised by a parishioner that there had been an increase in HGV's through the village, which may have included some Trade Team vehicles. It was thought that the HGV's might be not be making deliveries to the village but were possibly enroute via the C91 to a depot at Marchington. It was agreed to raise the matter with Cllr Fraser and Coors breweries.

116/6.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- 6.1 The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Decormount	packaging and posting for picture	64.80
S Powell	Printing & stationery	23.29
James Hollis	Bus shelter/street cleaning/caretaker	

	contracts	465.00
J L Powell	Secretarial services	45.00
Aucuba Landscapes	Churchyard contract	226.00
St Giles Hospice	Grant	100.00
W Crossley	Reimbursement for wreath	19.00
T H Heath (Contracts) Ltd	Mowing contract	2420.40

6.2 The Chairman reported that he had carried out the Council's intermediate audit which was satisfactory.

117/7.0 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 The following applications were considered:

P/2012/01304– Installation of an insulated render system to the front elevations at 17 Burton Street

Comment: The Council objected to this proposal as its appearance would have an adverse affect on the conservation area, set a precedent for others and the same energy efficiencies could be achieved internally.

P/2012/01329 – Retention of a marquee for nine months (1 April – 31 December) per calendar year for a period of five years at Tutbury Castle.

Comment: - No objection

P/2012/01381 – Installation of 80 ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Mayfields Farm, Bushton Lane.

Comment: - No objection

P/2012/01416 – Crown reduction by 3m in height and up to 2m width plane tree (T1), dismantle sections close to ground level of 1 plane tree (T2), crown reduction of lowest branch of plane tree (T3) by up to 2.5m and 3m in height and 2m in width on Hawthorn Grove side only, crown reduction by up to 3m in height and 2.5m width of 1 plane tree (T4), crown raising on road side to give 5.6m clearance and removal of epicormic growth by up to 4m of 1 lime tree (T5), raise crown of 1 horse chestnut tree over Monk Street to give 5.6m clearance, prune back branches to give 1.5m clearance from adjacent properties of 3 no. acacia tree (GB), felling of 1 lawson cypress tree and reduce leylandii tree by approximately one third and clipping back (H9). At The Hawthorns, 43 Monk Street, Tutbury.

Comment: - No objections, however the input of the Borough Council's tree officer would be important on such an extensive operation.

7.2 Copies of recent planning decisions in the parish were reported to members.

118/8.0 PARISH PRECEPT 2013 - 2014

- 8.1 A financial monitoring statement and draft budget for the coming financial year had been circulated to members. Council commitments and areas of expenditure were discussed and Cllrs were minded agree to a proposal for a precept of £35,000 to be confirmed at the next meeting. Enquiries were to be made with Stretton Parish Council on the costs of that parishes new war memorial.

119/9.0 NEW STYLE ON FOOTPATH 23

- 9.1 The County Council had given a grant of £170.00 towards the cost of a new style on footpath 23 at Owens Bank; they were also able to supply style sets and finger posts at reasonable costs. It was agreed to arrange for new style set etc to be purchased and installed subject to confirmation from the land owner.

120/10.0 UPDATE TO COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

- 10.1 Copies of revised standing orders had been circulated to members. The areas revised were confined to the conduct of confidential Council business. It was proposed by Cllr W Crossley, seconded by Cllr Ms Guest and agreed that the revised orders be adopted.

121/11.0 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- 12.1 It was agreed to grant financial assistance for the following organisations:-

- Tutbury & Hatton Scout group £280.00 (the chairman declared an interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was considered)
- Tutbury Museum £140.00
- Jubilee Floodlighting Trust £100.00
- Tutbury Senior Citizens Club £100.00

122/12.0 MANAGEMENT, USE, CHARGES AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CORNMILL LANE PLAYING FACILITIES

- 12.1 The clerk reported that the legionella control work had damaged the pumps operating the showers in the changing rooms. These had been replaced together with a boiler thermopile at a cost of £1076.00 + vat. The legionella control company had agreed to pay for the work which was to be subtracted from monies owed to them by the Council. With the remedial work complete it was agreed to get contractors to deep clean the facilities. It was further agreed to reduce the charge of £350.00 this season by £20.00 for the senior team to compensate for the length of time that the showers had been out of commission and to allow them to pay by instalments.
- 12.2 Tutbury Tigers had not removed their unused equipment from the container and it was agreed to advise them that if it was not removed in the near future the Council would dispose of it for them.

123/13.0 PLAYING FIELDS MOWING CONTRACT

13.1 It was agreed to go out to tender for the contract in the New Year.

124/14.0 CLAIM FOR TORN CLOTHES AT THE CORNMILL LANE PLAYING FIELD

14.1 This item was deferred to the next meeting

125/15.0 TOWN TWINNING

15.1 The likelihood of a visit by the Mayor of Ollainville was discussed. The twinning committee were arranging an event to raise funds for future visits.

126/16.0 THE FORMER GYPSUM CLUB

16.1 Cllr W Crossley stated that the club in Burton Street had been empty for some time and that the ground it occupied might be used for a more beneficial purpose such as a car park. This would help towards the shortage of parking facilities in the village and be of assistance to local businesses. It was suggested that the Borough Council might purchase it as it was the main provider of off street parking. It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

127/17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 The contents of the following were noted:

A request for the Council's views on 'part time street lighting in the parish' from the County Council. The Council were not in favour of part time street lighting.
A consultation of the current gambling policy from ESBC.

An agenda and minutes for a recent meeting of Rolleston Parish Council.

A complaint about the condition of the highway verge and hedge adjoining the allotments in Castle Street. It was agreed to refer the complaint to the County Councillor and the allotments representative.

Notice of a temporary road closure for Tutbury Christmas Festival on Friday 30 November.

128/18.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

18.1 None other than those recorded elsewhere.

129/19.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19.1 Monday 10 December 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.