

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury, on Monday 19 August 2013.

Those present were Cllrs F Crossley (Chairman), P Steadman, W Crossley, A Allen, T Spencer-Smith, Mrs. S Adams, G Wright. In attendance, Mr S Powell, clerk.

57/1.0 APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Borough Cllrs Ms E Staples and S Smith

58/2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8 AND 15 JULY 2013

- 2.1 The minutes were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

59/3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 It was reported that no responses to queries raised by the Parish Council about the development off Burton Road had been received from ESBC planning officers. The Clerk was requested to raise the matter with the chief executive.
- 3.2 Cllr W Crossley stated that there appeared to be some confusion in the calculation of ESBC's five year land supply. The matter had been raised By Mr Barry Edwards who had pointed out to the Borough Council, some inconsistencies with their figures and the reply he received did not fully explain the situation. The clerk was requested to forward the exchange of correspondence for consideration by members.
- 3.3 Following a meeting with Castle representatives, Mr Wainwright at ESBC had reported that parking and other issues had been discussed and a traffic management plan was awaited. Consideration was also being given to the deployment of enforcement officers during major events. Cllr W Crossley stated that parking facilities in the village were inadequate and that no solutions were forthcoming from the Borough Council.
- 3.4 At a recent site meeting an ESBC officer was informed of the Parish Council's concerns about the structural integrity of a building in Lower High Street that had recently undergone renovation. The officer confirmed that a further examination of the building would be undertaken and that the use of 'tell tales' would be explored to detect any further movement.

60/4.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- 4.1 There were no reports from Borough and County Cllrs. Cllr W Crossley stated that Borough Cllrs expenses had recently been published in the local newspaper. He could not understand the methodology for the payments which he felt threw up some inconsistencies in the payments made to Cllrs.

61/5.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1 The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
J Hollis	Bus shelter/street cleaning & caretaker contracts	465.00
Aucuba Landscapes	Churchyard contract	193.80
J L Powell	Secretarial Services	45.00
Initial Water Facilities	Legionella control; changing rooms	303.92
Tutbury Parish Charities	Playing field and Charity Office rent	400.00
S Powell	Stationery and Printing	22.80
Midland Tree Surgeons	Tree Survey	216.00
Staffordshire County Council	Hire of Hall	20.00
Tutbury Womens's Institute	Grant	100.00

5.2 Cllr W Crossley advised members that the annual pensioners' bingo organized by the Women's Institute was to be held shortly, this was normally supported by the Parish Council with a grant of £100.00. Members agreed to award the grant to the Institute on receipt of an application form.

5.3 A four monthly financial monitoring statement had been circulated to members who noted its contents.

62/6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

6.1 The Chairman reported that Mr Frank Brown, landlord of the Cross Keys public house had recently died. The Parish Council was sorry to learn of this and it was agreed to send condolences to the family.

6.2 Mrs Minchin Clerk to the Parish Charities had written to inform the Parish Council that following recent resignations of some nominated trustees and clarification of the successor to Reverend Mann at St Mary's church, three new nominations were required. It was agreed to ask the church's views on a successor to the Reverend Mann and to place the matter on the next agenda.

6.3 A concrete retaining structure at the rear of a property in Portway Drive and protruding into Elm Lane had recently been constructed. It was agreed to ask ESBC enforcement officers if planning permission was required for this engineering work.

63/7.0 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 The following applications were considered:

P/2013/00887 – Felling of 1 Leylandii tree and crown raising of 1 Yew tree to 2 metres above the lawn at 6 High Street (already determined)

Comment: No objection

P/2013/00926 – Erection of a single storey front extension at 12 Hillcrest

Comment: No objection

P/2013/00950 – Erection of single storey rear and side elevations at 5 Lodge Hill

Comment: No objection

P/2013/00989 Erection of a detached bungalow and construction of a vehicular access at 149 Ferrers Avenue

Comment: No objections in principle, however the proposed drains from the dwelling appeared to run under a neighbouring property; see also comments below.

- 7.2 It was reported that a two metre high fence had been erected, adjacent to the highway on the adjoining property that had recently been granted permission. It was agreed to enquire if the fence required a separate planning permission to that of the original dwelling and if so had permission been sought or given.
- 7.3 A copy of a prior notification and a number of recent planning decisions in the parish were reported to members.
- 7.4 The County Council had given notification of the receipt of four planning applications to vary the conditions on previous permissions for the extraction of Gypsum at the Fauld Mine. The variation related to the time limit on each permission and not the extent of extraction. Members noted the consultation.
- 7.5 Copies of the proposed neighbourhood plans for Anslow and Rolleston had been received from the respective Parish Councils.

64/8.0 TRANSFER OF PART OF THE PARK PALE ANCIENT MONUMENT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

- 8.1 Members were informed that the transfer of the land from the Civic Society was not yet complete. A complaint had been received via ESBC from a householder in Ironwalls Lane alleging that a dead tree was situated on the land being transferred and needed removing. A site inspection had been made and it was not clear on whose land the tree was sited and that Russian Vine had spread from the area onto land being transferred to the Parish Council. It was agreed to ask the Borough Council if they could assist by the removal of the offending vegetation.

65/9.0 CORNMILL LANE PLAYING FIELDS

- 9.1 Various matters were reported to members including:
 - A surcharge of the public foul sewer at a manhole near to the multi use games area. Severn Trent had dealt with the aftermath
 - A price was awaited for the re-marking of the tennis and other courts
 - Hedges, grassed edges, and other vegetation around the changing rooms had been trimmed and the car park sprayed with weed killer
 - A legionella annual risk assessment had been carried out and a report was awaited
 - Work was shortly due to start on a handrail to the pedestrian entrance, re-stoning of the drive, the removal of barbed wire off a section of boundary fencing and the re-attachment of a tensioning wire to the fencing around the multi use games area.

- The electrical energy supply to the changing room had been renewed with Eon
- Three matches had been recently been played by football teams each paying a one-off charge
- The goal posts were yet to be painted by the football teams

9.2 Despite commitments from current users of the facility to remove and clear out unwanted mowers and other materials from the storage container, nothing had been done. It was agreed to give 28 days notice to the football teams that the container would be cleared and the material disposed of with reimbursement sought for the cost of removal.

66/10.0 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

10.1 Following the receipt of the recommendations of the National Association of Local Councils, it was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by £108.00 per annum effective from 1 April 2013.

67/11.0 BURTON ROAD FACILITIES

11.1 Cllr Steadman informed members that a visit to the Scout premises in Rolleston had proved useful but that the building was approximately twice the floor area of the facilities being proposed at Burton Road. Some interesting information was gleaned on how the premises were run and the costs involved; heavy reliance was placed on volunteers and no permanent staff were employed. A further visit was planned to another building in Carver Road, Burton.

68/12.0 HIGHWAY MATTERS

12.1 It had been reported to Cllrs that access to the Burton Road development site via Green Lane was causing problems to nearby residents. Heavy vehicles delivering materials to the site had difficulty manoeuvring at the entrance risking damage to residents' parked cars. Dust from the site and weed seeds from top soil mounds were also drifting into nearby homes. Members were unsure what measures if any could be taken to minimize the difficulties encountered.

12.2 Further concerns had been received about HGV's passing through the village and there a number of pot holes evident in Bushton Lane. It was agreed to report these matters to relevant Borough and County Council officers and members.

69/13.0 TOILET FACILITIES IN THE CHARITY OFFICE

13.1 Cllr Spencer Smith was concerned that the toilet facilities in the Charity office were not functioning and had been that way for some time. The circumstances surrounding the lack of the facilities were reviewed; it was explained that a grant for their reinstatement along with other maintenance work to the building was being prepared. The clerk was instructed to write to the Parish Charities advising them that if the matter was not resolved the Parish Council would consider holding their meetings elsewhere.

70/14.0 REPAIRS TO CHURCHYARD AND LUDGATE STREET TO CHATSWORTH DRIVE STEPS

14.1 There had been no response from County Cllr Fraser on the request for help in dealing with the repairs to the steps. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Fraser again and place the matter on the next agenda

71/15.0 CONDITION OF TREES ON THE TRIANGLE CHURCHYARD

15.1 It agreed to circulate the report on the trees from Midland Tree Surgeons to members and to place the matter on the next agenda.

72/16.0 WINTER SALT/GRITTING VOLUNTEERS

16.1 This item was deferred to the next agenda

73/17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 The contents of the following were noted:

An invitation to join an ESBC citizen's panel

Formal notification of a proposed change to the speed limit in a section of Redhill Lane from the County Council

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

An email from Mr Mason of ESBC that he was to confirm the date in early September for a meeting of interested parties to discuss the condition of the Mill Fleam

A copy of the lease for the Ferrers Ave playing field from Savills

The annual report of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Notification from ESBC that the application for a licence for a micro brewery in High Street was to be referred to the licencing subcommittee

A request from Cllr Prichard from Tamworth Borough Council that Watchman V, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier that was formerly the mascot of the Staffordshire Regiment be granted the freedom of the parish

Notification from Npower that they had submitted a planning application for a gas pipeline to serve a new power station at Willington

A certificate from the Community Council of Staffordshire awarding the village third place in the large village category of the Best Kept Village Competition

A report from a resident of a wasp's nest in Tutbury Churchyard

74/18.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

18.1 None other than those recorded elsewhere.

75/19.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19.1 Monday 16 September 2013 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.