

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury, on Monday 21 October 2013.

Those present were Cllrs F Crossley (Chairman), P Steadman, Mrs S Adams, W Crossley, A Allen, T Spencer-Smith, Ms. M Guest, D Morris, G Wright and County Cllr R Fraser. In attendance, S Powell, Clerk.

94/1.0 APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from, Cllr Mrs J Taylor; Borough Cllrs Ms E Staples and S Smith. Cllr Mrs Taylor was attending a meeting to discuss the forthcoming 925th anniversary of St Mary's Church.

95/2.0 ESBC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM PROJECTS

- 2.1 Ms Maxim stated that discussions were ongoing between Borough and County Council officers to try and overcome legal and rights of way issues related to the Elm lane footpath but they were having difficulty in making any progress. It was agreed to pass details of the discussions to Cllr Fraser and invite the County Council legal officer dealing with the matter to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 Cllrs Ms M Guest and T Spencer-Smith were nominated to attend ESBC's Neighbourhood Forum in November.

96/3.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

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

97/4.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The recent construction of a retaining structure that had encroached onto the Elm Lane footpath area had been investigated by ESBC's enforcement team but after discussions with the owners, no action was taken. The unwanted mowers had been removed from the storage container at Cornmill Lane. Arrangements had been made for a visit to the Carver Road community hall on 31 October. Borough Cllr Ms Staples had emailed to say that Peveril homes had indicated that the reason for vehicles accessing the Burton Road development from Green Lane was that the opening of the Burton Road access had been delayed, but was now open. Cllr Mrs Adams stated that the Green Lane access was still being used as an HGV lorry had tried to access the site coming from Belmont Road nearly hitting another vehicle on the bends in Green Lane. The clerk was to report the incident to Borough Cllrs. Cllr W Crossley asked Cllr Fraser if he could assist with the repair of the Chatsworth Drive steps as it was a safe route to school. The clerk was asked to pass relevant information to Cllr Fraser. Comments from ESBC on the provision of affordable housing on the Burton Road development were still awaited. Cllr W Crossley stated that the inspector

examining the Rolleston Neighbourhood plan had endorsed the inclusion of elderly person's accommodation in the parish.

Richard Rayson at the County Council had indicated that the repair of potholes in Bushton Lane would, after inspection, be programmed in the relevant work schedule. Cllr W Crossley stated that urgent action was needed to avoid accidents and damage to vehicles. Cllr Fraser commented that a lot of money was being spent on road repairs in the County.

Replies from ESBC planners were awaited on the section106 agreement and off site storm water drainage for the Burton Road development.

98/5.0 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 5.1 There was no report from Borough Cllrs
- 5.2 Cllr Fraser was asked if repairs to roads in the Parish could be speeded up with funds being found to achieve this. Problems were being exacerbated by big lorries using narrow country lanes. Cllr Fraser agreed to look into the matter.
- 5.3 Cllr W Crossley raised the matter of the condition of the Old School in Cornmill Lane. When recently taken over by TOSCA it was apparent that longstanding maintenance issues had not been addressed. A grant or repair budget was needed from the County Council in order to deal with the building's significant problems. Cllr Fraser stated that he would look into the possibility of funds for repairs.
- 5.4 Cllr Ms Guest enquired what the cladding to the new school on Tutbury Road would be. Cllr Fraser did not know.

99/6.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- 6.1 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
Grant Thornton	Audit fee	240.00
S Powell	Cartridges and printing	54.68
Tutbury Civic Society	Grant	50.00
Initial Facilities Water Services	Legionella control	303.92
T H Heath Contracts	Mowing contract	3,052.80
Duchy of Lancaster	Rent Ferrers Ave playing field	720.00

100/7.0 CONCLUSION OF ACCOUNTS 2012/2013

- 7.1 The annual return had been received from Grant Thornton the Council's external auditors with no matters to take up with the Council. The internal auditors report had raised some minor administrative issues which were reported to members. It was agreed to publish the results of the audit.

101/8.0 PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 The following applications were considered:

P/2013/01190 - Pruning of one Sycamore tree by reducing the end weight of lower branches back to the boundary line to reshape crown, between 10 Church Street and the pathway leading to St Mary's Church

Comment: The tree which was the subject of this application was sited on land owned by the Parish Council. The applicant had been advised that all the trees on this Council owned piece of land had been inspected and maintenance work carried out on them. Only those parts of the trees which overhung the owner's property boundary as described in the address above and not the adjoining path could be trimmed.

P/2013/01061 - Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling with all matters reserved at 53 Park Lane

Comment: The Council objected to this proposal as the site was too confined and the development would be too close to the line of the ancient Park Pale. The exact position of the boundary between the site and the 'Pale' itself was in some doubt and the efforts by Trent & Dove to create and maintain an open landscaped walkway between Park Lane and Wakefield Avenue would be compromised.

There was some concern expressed locally as to whether or not all adjoining land and property owners had been notified of this proposal. The clerk was to advise ESBC accordingly.

8.2 Copies of recent planning decisions in the Parish were reported to members.

8.3 A copy of the pre-submission local plan had been received from ESBC. An invitation to comment on the County Council's Scheme of Community Involvement had also been received. It was agreed to refer the consideration of the plan and scheme to a meeting of the strategic planning committee on Monday 4 November.

8.4 Criticisms were made of the restrictions placed on the nature of comments that could be made on the plan. The online response was confined to the legality and soundness of the plan.

103/9.0 SUGGESTIONS FOR STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING AT THE BURTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Peveril Homes had supplied to ESBC, names on a flower theme for the Burton Road Development. Cllr Allen had provided alternatives with an historic theme. It was agreed to ask the Civic Society for suggestions with the Chairman and the Clerk coordinating the Council's response.

104/10.0 TRANSFER OF PART OF THE PARK PALE ANCIENT MONUMENT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

10.1 The issues that remained outstanding on the transfer were: the position of the boundaries of the land relative to adjoining properties; the extent of the land being transferred; the maintenance of the land by ESBC; the cost of maintenance should ESBC not be willing to carry on with the work; the cost of removal of some trees and the invasive Russian Vine on part of the site. Information had been provided to clarify these matters but questions remained. It was agreed to invite the Civic Society and adjoining property owners to a meeting to clarify the situation.

105/11.0 NOMINATIONS TO TUTBURY PARISH CHARITIES

11.1 At the suggestion of the PCC, Mrs Heather Hunter-Thomas was proposed seconded and nominated to be the replacement for Reverend Mann. It was also agreed that the two remaining Council nominee places be filled by Cllrs P Steadman and T Spencer-Smith.

106/12.0 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

12.1 A number of requests for financial assistance had been received. It was agreed to support the following organizations:

Tutbury Museum £125.00
Tutbury Christmas Festival Committee £300.00
St Giles Hospice £100.00

12.2 It was agreed to request additional information on the cost of the work which was the subject of a grant aid request from the Parish Charities.

107/13.0 WINTER PLANTING IN THE HIGH STREET PLANTERS

13.1 It was agreed to ask Firs Farm Nursery to replant the containers at an approximate cost of £425.00.

108/14.0 WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY

14.1 There was some discussion by members as to whether it was appropriate to mark the start of such a horrendous conflict. Notwithstanding this, it was agreed to consider a budgetary provision for it in next year's Parish Council precept. Cllr W Crossley was authorised to purchase a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council for the forthcoming Remembrance Day. Cllr Steadman informed members that the scouts would be parading in the village again this year.

109/15.0 QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIRS TO CHURCHYARD STEPS

15.1 The steps had been re-surveyed and fresh plans and specifications drawn up and sent to contractors. Of the three quotations received, one had raised a

query on a highway matter as a result, it was agreed to make appropriate enquiries with the County Highways Surveyor at Lichfield.

110/16.0 RECONNECTION OF THE ELCTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE CHURCHYARD LAMP.

- 16.1 A member of the PCC had enquired about the origins of a lamp in the Churchyard together and its energy supply as it appeared that it had been disconnected. The source of the supply was not known but the lamp was installed by the East Midlands Electricity Board as part of the burial ground extension. The question was raised if the Parish Council could get the lamp reconnected. It had been suggested that the disconnection may have something to do with a new street light recently installed at the Castle gates. It was felt that fresh enquiries should be made by the PCC with the County Council before any reconnection work was contemplated.

111/17.0 QUOTATIONS FOR THE MAINTAINANCE/REMOVAL OF TREES ON THE TRIANGLE AND IN THE CHURCHYARD

- 17.1 The Clerk informed members that he and the Chairman had recently inspected a tree that had fallen onto the Churchyard path but that on inspection, it was not in that area of the Churchyard directly maintained by the Parish Council. The PCC were advised accordingly.
- 17.2 A property owner in Church Street had suggested that an Elm tree close to the boundary of the closed Churchyard was in fact the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain. The owner had been requested to provide information to substantiate this assertion but as yet none had been received.
- 17.3 Quotations had been received for the removal two conifers and the tree in front of the West doorway of the Church. Given the uncertainty about the implications of other matters above, it was decided to defer this item to the next agenda.
- 17.4 An estimate of £245.00 + Vat from Aucuba Landscapes for work to clear out unwanted undergrowth and Ivy from in and around trees on the Triangle was accepted.

112/18.0 WINTER SALT/GRITTING OPERATIONS

- 18.1 At a recent site meeting with County Council representatives, the potential for spreading salt/grit and the spraying of a brine solution in trial areas in Tutbury this winter were discussed. Members considered the potential extent of operations and how they might be carried out. Certain issues however, had still to be overcome including training and risk assessments for personnel. The matter was referred to the next meeting.

113/19.0 PREPARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- 19.1 Templates and copies of plans from other organizations were now available. It was agreed to pass the material to Cllr Allen for evaluation with a view to preparing a plan for the parish Council.

114/20.0 TOWN TWINNING

This item was referred to the next agenda

115/21.0 PARISH SURVEY AND NEWS LETTER

21.1 This item was referred to the next agenda

116/22.0 CORRESPONDENCE

22.1 The contents of the following were noted:

An invitation from ESBC to comment on a review of polling districts and places
A copy of the minutes and agenda for a recent meeting of Rolleston Parish Council.

A copy of the comments from the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition
Confirmation that Lloyds Bank in Tutbury will remain with Lloyds following the de-merger with TSB.

Confirmation of the terms of a new gas supply plan with Eon

An update from Ordnance Survey on the Public Sector Mapping Agreement

117/23.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

23.1 None other than those recorded elsewhere

118/24.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24.1 Monday 18 November 2013 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.13 pm.