

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm,  
Tidbury Green Village Hall**

Peter Seddon (PS), as Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone and outlined the purpose and structure of the meeting. Peter talked about past and future social events, organised by the Tidbury Green Social committee. Peter recognised the excellent work undertaken by the Social Committee, led by Elaine Atter, in arranging some quality events which had a great impact on bringing the community together.

(PS) explained that a replacement volunteer is required to arrange the over 60's Christmas Meal, as John Kane is unable to continue carrying out the role. Any willing volunteers should contact either Charlotte Kirby (Parish Clerk) or (PS).

**1. Apologies for Absence.** No apologies received.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.**

The minutes were circulated and summarised by (PS). It was proposed that that they be signed as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no objections.

**3. Parish Council Chairman's Report (PS)**

(PS) read the Annual Report. The results of the Residents Survey commissioned by the Parish Council were summarised. The Parish Council were pleased by the responses supporting them and the activities that they undertake or sponsor. The Parish Council are working hard to address the key recommendations which were developed based on survey findings. It was very pleasing that 38 people from the survey, offered to help with various Parish Council activities.

There was acknowledgement and thanks to all those who had helped and supported the Parish Council and the community over the year.

**4. Report on Annual Accounts of Parish Council - Graham Thomas (GT)**

(GT), the Parish Council's Responsible Officer, had prepared the Accounts, which were approved. The Accounts were displayed and (GT) talked through key points. There were no questions.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Village Hall Management Committee– Report read by (PS) & Accounts Summarised by (GT)**

There was an increase in income achieved for the year 2013/14. A number of improvement projects were completed, including full internal and external painting, kitchen refurbishment and updates to the boiler system. Despite these improvement items of expenditure the village Hall had maintained Good Reserve, as shown in the Annual Accounts. Excellent feedback had been received from the resident's survey for the management and maintenance of the Village Hall. (PS) thanked everyone who had contributed to the successful running of the Village Hall.

**5.2 Speed Watch Report Read by Agnes Thomas (AT)**

(AT) provided a brief overview of speedwatch, including how locations are identified and the constraints that the team have to work within. (AT) discussed the positive feedback received from the resident's survey in terms of support for the initiative and evidence to demonstrate that speedwatch has a positive impact on reducing speeds. Based on survey feedback other potential speedwatch locations have been considered. Lowbrook Lane has been added and Rumbush lane has been

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considered but does not meet the police criteria required to be considered a suitable site. However the Police ProLaser Team has agreed to attend this location.

(AT) talked through statistics provided by the police, which showed year on year speedwatch data.

### **5.3 Tidbury Green Parish Allotments Association – report and talk provided by Leighton Wardell (LW), Treasurer of the Allotment Association**

(LW) gave apologies on behalf of David Millichamp, who due to unforeseen circumstances was unable to attend and provide the talk. (LW) kindly agreed to step in. There are 35 members and all plots are allocated and are being cultivated. There are 4 people on the waiting list. A number of successful events took place during the year including a fete, Annual Show and a quiz night.

(LW) provided a history and overview of the Allotment Site and Allotment Association. He talked about some of the more recent additions to the site including the orchard, and a jubilee hedge. (LW) reported that there was an excellent friendly community spirit and it was also noted that there are more youngsters showing an interest in Allotment Association events.

### **6. Election of Village Hall Management Committee**

(PS) advised that he was retiring from the Village Hall Management Committee. Roland Robson, a local resident has agreed to put himself forward for election. (PS) asked for any further nominations for the Village Hall Management Committee. None were received. Consequently the meeting supported re-election of the existing members and Roland Robinson.

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee (GT) passed on thanks and a gift to show appreciation to (PS) for all his hard work over the years’.

### **7. Local development, Including Solihull Local plan, Lowbrook Farm and Tidbury Green Farm**

(PS) provided an update on the Solihull Plan and the judgement to the challenge brought by Gallagher Estates (Lowbrook Farm) and LionCourt Homes (Tidbury Green Farm ) which succeeded on 2 of the 3 grounds raised against Solihull MBC. These relate to housing need figures used for the plan and its method used to assess revisions to the green belt boundary (Lowbrook and Tidbury Green Farms). Consequently housing numbers need to be re-assed and Lowbrook and Tidbury Green farm have been removed from Green Belt status. SMBC are seeking to appeal the decision.

### **8 Matters raised by Electors of the Parish**

**8.1 Tidbury Green Village Sign** The fact that Tidbury Green does not have a sign which makes it clear when you reach Tidbury Green from surrounding areas, was raised. There was a sign erected in the past, however it had caused concerns to local people about the precise location of the boundary. Consequently it was removed.

### **9 ‘Tidbury Green Allotment Association’ talk by Leighton Wardell**

(LW) provided a very interesting talk following the Allotment Associations Report (See item 5.3).

### **10 ‘Starting a Neighbourhood watch scheme’ talk by John Ford (JF)**

(JF) provided an excellent talk, which included details of how a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme works and can how such a scheme can benefit a community. John also talked about crime and crime prevention measures.

**There being no further business the chairman, (PS) thanked people for attending and invited attendees to remain after the meeting for refreshments. The meeting was closed at 9:20 PM**

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