

Minutes of the Annual Tidbury Green Village Hall Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7:30pm, Tidbury Green Village Hall

Graham Thomas (GT), as Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. GT was sad to announce the death of Tony Last, who had served as a member of the Residents Association and then the Parish Council for many decades. Attendees joined in a minutes silence to remember Tony, his kindness, friendship and all the work he had done for the community.

GT provided a brief outline of the purpose and structure of the meetings.

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- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Farr, A. Causon, D. Millichamp, R. Robson and E. Child.
- 2. Minutes of the 2015 Village Hall Management Committee.** It was noted that the minutes were recorded under the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 22 April 2015. This year's minutes shall be separate.
- 3. Village Hall Management Committee– Report & Accounts to 31 March 2016**
GT read out the chairman's statement, which was signed by R Robson, and talked through the key points of the annual accounts. The Village Hall continues to be operated in an efficient, effective manner, offering an excellent facility for local parishioners and groups. Despite no price increases since September 2012, the Village Hall achieved a small surplus for the year. The Village Hall also holds sufficient funds to cover circumstances that could reasonably be foreseen should they arise. Hirers, contractors and volunteers were thanked for all their contribution which helps make the Village Hall a successful, quality facility.
- 4. Election of Village Hall Management Committee**
GT advised that the current elected members of the committee (J Robson, I McDowell, D Ollis and A Causon) had put themselves forward for re-election. No further nominations were received. It was proposed by GT and seconded by Cllr P. Bulcock that the above named be re-elected. This was agreed by all in favour and none against. It was noted that GT was the Parish Council's representative and was therefore not required to be elected.

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1) To receive reports from:

The Parish Council –

GT talked through the Annual Report, which focused on recognising and thanking the various groups and individuals who have contributed to the Parish Council and the community. GT talked through the Unaudited Annual Accounts. He explained that for the previous 3 years the precept has remained at £12k, however each year's expenditure had exceeded income by approximately £3k per year. This shortfall has been covered from reserves, however general reserves have fallen in two years from nearly £11,000 at

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31/3/14 to a little over £3,000 at 31/3/16, meaning that maintaining historical precept levels is unsustainable. Solihull MBC have agreed to support, in their Rural Action Plan, an initiative to set up village gates/signage to attempt to reduce driver speeds, which is a key concern to Parishioners'. In support of this initiative the Parish Council have included £2k in the 2016/17 budget. Consequently the Precept requested for 2016/17 was £17.2K. Whilst in percentage terms this appeared a large increase, because it is a small income Parish council, in pounds terms it is not such a great amount, equating to approx. an extra 11 pence per week for each household and equating to 0.026% of the total council tax bill.

19:50 Roland Robson joined the meeting.

Speedwatch

Agnes Thomas (AT) commenced by thanking those speedwatch members in attendance for their continued support. AT reported that the number of vehicles observed speeding, excluding Norton Lane is lower than the previous year. AT had liaised with senior members of WM Police and obtained greater support from the WM Police Pro Laser Team and the aim is to secure their service for 1 hour per month. AT advised that volunteer numbers had fallen slightly, due to various circumstances so new members would be extremely welcomed. Tidbury Green speedwatch continues to be recognised as an example of best practice, being a quality, strong Speedwatch initiative which is used as a model for other areas.

AT advised that she had been made aware of car break in within the area, where a stereo and Sat-Nav were stolen. AT advised Parishioners to consider security and remain vigilant.

The Allotment Association

Derek Reid (DR) from the Allotment Association described another successful year for the Allotment Association with all plots allocated, 2 on the waiting list and a positive bank balance. DR reported that the Hon Secretary Brian Wood had decided to stand down and consequently Rob Hawkes has taken on this role. A number of successful events took place during the year including the Annual Show and a quiz night. There is also an Anniversary BBQ on the 30 May to celebrate 40 years of the Association.

2) The Annual Parish Meeting:

a) To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Farr, A. Causon, D. Millichamp and E. Child.

b) Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2015

The minutes were circulated It was proposed by John Child and seconded by Cllr P.Bulcock that they be signed as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no objections.

c) A discussion by Parishioners of Tidbury Green concerning any matters relating to the Parish.

No matters were raised

3) A talk by Jean Walters (JW), representative of CPRE, the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

JW provided an excellent talk, which included details of her background and role within CPRE, the role, aims and challenges facing CPRE, particularly with protecting the greenbelt and attempting to prevent urban sprawl. This is particularly challenging given the need to develop new homes and the shortfall in land supply that many areas are reporting. JW talked about the current ongoing consultation in relation to the Solihull Local Plan and emphasised the importance of the Parish Council and the community participating and contributing to every part of the consultation process.

There being no further business the chairman, GT thanked people for attending and invited attendees to remain after the meeting for refreshments. The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM

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