

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 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.

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Farr

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

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. It was noted that it had been a very busy year for the Parish Council, predominately due to the two major planning proposals (Lowbrook and Tidbury Green Farm). With the support of professional advice the Parish Council have continued to object to the proposals at every stage of the process.

The Social committee were acknowledged and the Parish Council is extremely grateful to them, for all their hard work and the excellent social events that they continue to organise for the benefit of the community. The 2014 Christmas lunch attendance broke all records and was an excellent event. Many thanks went to Jo Hudson for organising the event. Acknowledgement and thanks also went to all those who had helped and supported the Parish Council and the community over the year. Finally (**PS**) talked about the upcoming Parish Councillor elections, for which he and Cllr Childs had made the decision, not to stand for re-election.

**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 & Accounts Summarised by (GT)**

There was an increase in total funds available at the end Financial Year 2014/15. This was despite a reduction in income achieved from the hire of the Hall. It was believed that a reduction in the number of hirers had been observed due to a general reduced confidence in business. The Village Hall continues to be managed in a quality, efficient manner.

**5.2 Tidbury Green Parish Allotments Association Report – Brian Wood (BW), Chairman of the Allotment Association**

(**BW**) advised that it had been another very successful year for the Allotment Association with all plots allocated and a positive bank balance. (**BW**) advised that the orchard and associated wild flower garden has been a particular attraction, which has been enhanced by the inclusion of two bee hives. A number of successful events took place during the year including the Annual Show, a Christmas lunch and a quiz night.

**5.3 Speedwatch Report Read by Agnes Thomas (AT)**

(**AT**) advised that the Speedwatch initiative continues to be strong, with an all time high 20 volunteer members. However there is still plenty of demand for further volunteers. The year's statistics confirm that there are more vehicles passing through during speedwatch sessions, in comparison to the previous

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year. There was no significant variance recorded in those travelling above 38 mph, when comparing this year's statistics to last years.

There has been only one speedwatch session run on Lowbrook Lane, due to only 6 vehicles been recorded as speeding out of 270 vehicles. Recently a large number of speeding vehicles were recorded on Norton Lane. (AG) intends to write to the Chief Constable and The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, requesting that a team attends this location with a laser gun, on a regular basis. Residents identified other locations that could benefit from the initiative. (AG) explained that strict safety criteria must be met for a site to be included as appropriate sites.

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

(PS) displayed the names of those who had put themselves forward and asked for any further nominations for the Village Hall Management Committee. None were received. Consequently the meeting confirmed re-election of the existing members.

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

(PS) provided a brief history of events that had occurred in relation to the Solihull Plan and the 2 large development proposals (Lowbrook and Tidbury Green Farm) including details of the judgement to the challenge brought by Gallagher Estates (Lowbrook Farm) and LionCourt Homes (Tidbury Green Farm). The Parish Council have obtained professional Planning advice to help respond to the proposals and prepare for appeal hearings.

The Parish Council have been advised that the Lowbrook Farm inquiry will be re-opened, however the inquiry will focus only on housing land supply numbers.

Tidbury Green Farm Appeal Hearing took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and was attended by and represented a number of Parish Councillors. The Parish Council were invited to submit a final written submission, to points raised by the appellant at the hearing. The Parish Council are currently producing the submission.

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

**8.1 Lack of Parking Facilities at Whitlock's End Station** It was reported that after 9:30 there are no spaces available, meaning that people are unable to take advantage of their free travel passes. (PS) advised that he had heard, earlier that day, that there may be plans to extend the parking facilities at Whitlock End Station. The Parish Council will monitor this.

## **9 'Hedgehog Conservation, the plight of the hedgehogs' talk by Simon Thompson (ST) Warwickshire Wildlife Trust**

(ST) provided an excellent talk, which included information about hedgehogs, what is being done in Solihull and what can be done to help. (ST) advised that they are keen to get people involved by agreeing to help investigate if Solihull residents have hedgehogs using their gardens. Participants are provided with free, easy to assemble survey equipment. More details can be found at

<http://www.helpforhedgehogs.co.uk/hedgehog-improvement-area-4/>

(GT) led on thanking Cllr Seddon and Cllr Child for all their hard work and contributions to the Tidbury Green Parish Council and the Community over many years. Participants agreed that they had made a huge positive impact and that they would be missed.

(PS) thanked the Social Committee, Councillors and Clerk for their help and support over the years.

**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 9:35 PM**

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