

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Wednesday 22nd May 2013 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 and accepted from Tony Last and Jenny Fearn.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2012.

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 Parish Council had been pleased to set a precept for the year 2012/13, which for category D band household represented an 18.8% saving, demonstrating the Parish Council's commitment to achieving efficiencies and value for money. Working with a limited budget a number of successful events, detailed in the report had been delivered.

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

Graham Thomas **(GT)**, the Parish Council's Responsible Officer, had prepared the Accounts, which were approved. The Accounts were displayed and **(GT)** talked through key points.

5. Reports

5.1 Village Hall Management Committee – Report read by (PS)

A 16% increase in income from hire charges was achieved in the year. Various groups use the Hall for a variety of activities, with most being regular contracted users. **(PS)** thanked everyone who had contributed to the successful running of the Village Hall.

5.2 Tidbury Green Parish Allotments Association – report Read by (PS) on behalf of the Allotment Association

Rental for plots have been increased to £5, in order to pay for grass cutting. All plots are allocated and are currently being cultivated. There has been a reduction in the waiting list (3 people waiting). Fruit trees and daffodil bulbs have been added. A successful quiz night was recently held for members and the Annual Show will take place on the 24th August 2013.

5.3 Speed Watch Report Read By Agnes Thomas (AT)

(AT) provided a brief history of speed watch. In conjunction with WM Police, Solihull MBC and volunteer members from the community Speed watch was set up as a pilot. In general a one hour session is organised per week. Over time a gradual decrease in speeds has been observed. Len Creswell specifically thanked Agnes for all her hard work and advised that efforts and successes in Tidbury Green had resulted in Speed watch being adopted in other areas.

5.4 Social Events Committee

(PS) passed on thanks to the Social Committee, led by Elaine Atter, who had organised a number of successful social events during the year. They have also proposed further events.

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6 Election of Village Hall Management Committee

(PS) asked for any nominations to the Village Hall Management Committee. None were received. Consequently the meeting confirmed re-election of the existing members.

7 Lowbrook Farm

(PS) provided an overview of events, issues and next steps. He talked about the forthcoming Appeal. A brief update was provided on progress with the Solihull Draft Plan.

8 Matters raised by Electors of the Parish

8.1 Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's)

One resident advised that there were increased levels of HGV's, often travelling at excessive speeds, particularly using Norton Lane late at night and early in the morning.

8.2 Development at Tidbury Green Farm.

A resident advised that there had been significant activity on the Farm. (PS) advised that no Planning Application has yet been submitted. That afternoon the Parish Council had been contacted by a specialist consultation company representing Lioncourt Homes, who are putting forward a proposal to build 180 homes. The Parish Council were advised that information would be sent, imminently to all homes and businesses with a 1 mile radius of the proposed site.

8.3 Bus Service

Forth coming changes to the S7 bus Service were raised. (PS) read an update provided by Jenny Fearn, which advised that Johnsons would not be operating the service from 9th June. Residents were concerned regarding the level of service they will receive.

8.4 Roads and Pavements

8.4.1 Problem Junction Wood Lane/Norton Lane. One resident advised that there had been another recent serious accident at this location. It was reported that this was in addition to 5 collisions reported at this location last year. This problem location is affected by restricted visibility due to a number of trees planted at the property nearest to the junction on Wood Lane. A suggestion of using a mirror to improve visibility was put forward by one resident.

8.4.2 The question of the potential to extend the pavement in the Norton Lane/Wood Lane was raised. (PS) described the representation that the Parish Council had made to SMBC and the land owner to get a Path built.

8.4.3 Poor pavements and section of narrow pavement in Dickens Heath Road was raised. Also roads and pavements on sections of Lowbrook Lane and Norton Lane were considered poor.

8.4.4 Road & Pavement issues are considered on a regular basis at the monthly Parish Council meeting and where appropriate raised with Solihull MBC. Residents advised to notify the Parish Clerk, Charlotte Kirby if they identify any further issues in relation to roads and pavements.

9 'Canals and works being undertaken by the Canals and River Trust' talk by Len Creswell

Len provided a very interesting talk, which included a brief history of canals, the benefits canals offer and the roles of the "Canal & River Trust"

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 9:00 PM

Signed

Date