

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council (TPC) and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held at St Marys Church, Tutbury Monday 22nd October 2018 7.30pm.

Those present were Cllrs M Guest (Committee Chair) C Smedley, K England

Four members of the Parochial Church Council,

In attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

10/18/C/1.0 APOLOGIES

PCC -R Tunstall, J Hickman, J Taylor

10/18/C/2.0 PARKING NEAR THE TRIANGLE

- 2.1 The parking recommendations have been submitted to the County Council, including the suggestion to have double yellow lines outside of Castle Hill house. This will prevent the throughway being blocked. The restrictions proposed would be directly outside the house not all the way along the throughway. The Parish Council are awaiting the final report before this goes to public consultation.
- 2.2 The councillors looked at the idea of narrowing the triangle to increase the road width. However, this would be difficult due to lamp posts and edging stones, this would prove more difficult to take through to full council as a proposal.

10/18/C/3.0 WW1 commemorative trees proposal to plant in the churchyard

- 3.1 The Parish Council have purchased two liquidamber Slender Silhouette trees that have red leaves to commemorate the WW1 centenary. These were due to be planted on the Triangle. However, residents have objected, and the councillors proposed an alternative position, behind the bench near the cremation area of the new burial ground. Two short bushes would need to be removed. The Parish Council would be responsible for maintaining the trees in this area and a plaque would be placed to mark the commemoration. Members of the PCC agreed that this would be a suitable spot and would make arrangements for the skip to be moved to allow the mini digger access to the planting area. The volunteers would be informed about the work. This is an ideal way of working together.

Resolution

The clerk will contact the contractor to make arrangements for the trees to be planted before the memorial service at the church.

07/18/C/4.0 Church Grill repair upda

- 4.1 The Church drain grid has been replaced, the councillors have instructed the contractor to paint it with anti-slip paint. Concern has been raised about the leaves falling through it. The contractor has agreed to cover the grate with chicken wire to stop the drain filling up with leaves. The holes in the new grid are the same size as the old grid but are a different shape.

Resolution

The clerk will request the contractor to wrap chicken wire around the grid, to prevent debris collecting in the drain.

10/18/C/5.0 WW1 commemoration update and Remembrance service

- 5.1 Eight seats have been requested for the council at the remembrance service. Badges to identify the council members will be worn.
- 5.2 The restored church bier will be in the churchyard with a flag over some boxes to depict a coffin for the service. Normal arrangements for the parade are in place.
- 5.2 The Tommy figures are starting to be placed in the village the one in the church is already in place and look effective. The plastic poppy cascade by the scouts should be in place before the fundraising concert on Sat 3rd Nov.
- 5.3 The beacon will be lit at the Castle at 7pm on the 11th Nov. Soup and rolls will be served from 6pm for friends and families of the soldiers. A soldier dressed in WW1 uniform will also be standing on the path up to the castle.

07/18/C/6.0 Parochial Church Matters

- 6.1 The flag pole on top of the tower is too dangerous to change the flags now. A new flag pole will need to be purchased when the flag is to be changed. Only a contractor will be able to access the flag. Cllrs thought about siting a flag pole on the triangle or alternative a flag pole could be placed elsewhere in the churchyard.
- 6.2 The faculty permission has been granted to lower the church steps at the entrance to the church to allow disabled and pushchair access. The PCC will now start fundraising to raise the £45k required to do the work. Due to recent legislation advice from the national association of local councils, the parish council's ability to contribute to projects related to church buildings is not straight forward. It is not clear if the section 137 of the local government act overrides the 1894 act, so NALC have advised against funding. However, the Church council have provided contrary evidence. Therefore, grant funding from the parish council for this project would be contentious.
- 6.3 The PCC are applying for a faculty to improve the lighting around the churchyard particularly to uplight the church.
- 6.4 The PCC are looking to move a water tap in the churchyard as the current one has decayed
- 6.5 Care for a square has been a successful initiative where parishioners can look after a piece of the churchyard and plant things and tend for it. There are

only 4 squares left. More plants will be added to the area on the bank of the closed churchyard.

10/18/C/7.0 Tree removal near the church boundary

- 7.1 Repairs have been made to the church boundary wall, loose stones have been secured by the owners of the adjacent property. Therefore, the liability for the removal of the dead tree should also fall within their responsibility. It was suggested that the church and the parish council may be able to contribute to getting this tree removed. A quote could be obtained at the same time of any work being carried out on the triangle to reduce the cost of this removal. This would secure the stability of the church boundary wall. Two quotes could be obtained one for the tree removal and one with the tree removal along with any work on the triangle. The owners could then be approached about getting this work done.

10/18/C/8.0 Condition of the South path

- 8.1 The South path leading up from the steps on Church street is dipping down required tarmac to level it inline with the manhole cover as the path is disintegrating around it.

Resolution the Parish Council will obtain some quoted for this work.

10/18/C/9.0 Items for the next agenda

- 9.1 Tree removal on boundary wall
Church maintenance contract
South Path

10/C/10.0 Date of the next meeting

- 10.1 Monday 28th January 7.15pm for refreshments 7.30pm start

The meeting closed at 8.30pm