

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Open Spaces Committee meeting minutes.

Charity House, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present – Francis Crossley- chair, Lydia Crossley, Gill Hough, Mary Upton, Ken England, Pete Steadman.

Chris Bond - Tutbury Tigers representative.

07/26/OS/01- Apologies – Dave Morris.

07/26/OS/02 - Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests – a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to keep their register entry up to date. b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), any Other Registerable Interests (ORI) and/or any Non Registerable Interests (NRI) in items on the agenda and their nature. Councillors who have declared a DPI, or an ORI must, where relevant, leave the room for the specified item.

- Cllr Gill Hough declared an interest on Item 7 of the agenda. It was agreed that she can remain in the room but not participate.

07/25/OS/03 - Public Participation. - None.

07/26/OS/04 – To receive the Chairs report – The chair stated that all items are on the agenda.

07/26/OS/05 – To consider and approve a quote for the installation of a shower to the accessible toilet in the changing rooms.- The chair informed the committee that we now have the quote for the disabled access shower from the contractors who are currently upgrading the changing rooms. The cost will be £9,833 including floor alterations. We have a contingency of £3,228 in the works contract, and by not replacing the heaters we will save another £935. We also have our contingency of £5,000, which will enable us to get the work done. - It was agreed that the clerk orders the works to be done whilst the contractors are on site. In addition we have a quote to replace the shower in the referee's room which is leaking. The cost will be £845. - It was agreed that we ask the clerk to order the works to be done.

07/26/OS/06 – To review outstanding maintenance issues for the changing rooms and playing fields and approve relevant costs including repairs to the roof.- The chair informed the committee that a local contractor has looked at our roof leak and quoted £270 which the chair and clerk have approved. Ridge tiles required rebedding and filling in around the outlet pipe from the gents toilets. The chair suggested that once the refurbishment work has been completed we may have to look at the kitchen area next.

07/26/OS/07 – To review the renewal of the one year user agreement with Tutbury

Tigers.- Chris Bond (Tutbury Tigers) suggested that a 10 year agreement would show support to the football club. There are grants that football clubs can apply for if they have at least a ten year user agreement in place. The chair suggested that even with that there would be other potential users, during the year. – The committee agreed to renew the 1 year agreement but include a review clause after 6 months. The chair will inform the clerk to include the clause. Chris also asked if the contractor's security fence could be moved slightly to allow cars to pass during the upcoming tournaments. – The chair will pass the request to the clerk to discuss with the contractors. Dates of two upcoming tournaments were passed to the chair.

07/26/OS/08- To review grass cutting areas and consider a proposal to full council to adopt the grass cutting areas from Staffordshire County Council.-

The committee read through the urban grass cutting schedule for Tutbury supplied by the County Council. A map has also been included. The County Council will become part of a Unitary Authority within the next two years. It was felt by the committee that we should apply to the County with the intention of taking over responsibility of their schedule. The cost of the responsibility could be transferred to the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that control of this work would be better policed closer to home. – The chair will speak to the clerk and make the request. It was also suggested that the milestone on Burton Road should be considered.

07/26/OS/09 – To consider and approve the development of a village landscaping project for unmaintained areas, including roundabout islands and Belmot Road verge, with the objective of improving the visual appearance of the village and enabling future

maintenance by the Parish Council, subject to the necessary permissions and funding.- The chair informed the committee that we had not yet had feedback from our County Councillor (Philip White), this will have to go onto the next agenda.

07/26/OS/10 – Items for the next agenda. - Changing rooms refurbishments. Village Landscaping Project.

07/26/OS/11 – Date of next meeting – 10th August 7.30pm.