

# Tunstall Parish Council

## Minutes for the meeting of Tunstall Parish Council held on Monday 1 February 2016

Present: Cllr L Burgess (Chair), Cllr I Davison, Cllr L Fincham, Cllr E Senior, Cllr R Sills and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCCllr Truelove, SBCllr Samuel and two members of the public.

### **Public Time**

In the absence of Cllr Burgess, Cllr Senior took the Chair and opened the public time.

#1. When are we going to get the brickwork in front of the kerbstones?

Cllr Fincham said it was agreed that the railings and kerbstones in front of the school would be change.

#2. Will Speed Watch focus on the Woodstock Road junction?

Cllr Senior said that Speed Watch has Health and Safety at its core for both the volunteers and drivers and there is nowhere that the team can set up the camera at this junction.

*6.50pm Cllr Burgess arrived.*

Cllr Burgess explained the brickwork in front of the kerb stones will be addressed when the building work has been completed.

KCCllr Truelove told members that the Boundary Commission has created two divisions, Sittingbourne North and Sittingbourne South, Faversham will have its own Member.

Cllr Burgess took the chair and apologised for his late arrival due to traffic.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Spencer (personal) and Cllr Spicer Allyson (illness); apologies accepted.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2016**

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting of 12 January 2016. Cllr Senior **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Fincham: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Burgess duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

*7.05pm SBCllr Samuel arrived.*

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

i. Tree planting at Fulston Manor Playing Field

Cllr Fincham reported the trees have been planted.

ii. Broad Band Speed

BT says that residents need to contact them if there is a problem with their Broad Band speed.

### **5. SPEED WATCH**

Cllr Senior informed Councillors that he has spoken to Bredgar Parish Council about joining forces for Speed Watch and they are considering this. Cllr Senior had attended a training session at Doddington. The equipment is ready to be delivered and is different to the kit on which training had been given. The new equipment is light weight with adjustable legs. There will be a further training session on this equipment which will involve going out on the road. A team list has been drawn up and there are three people who have not yet been trained.

*ACTION: Cllr Burgess to find suitable site opposite the old school for additional Speed Watch site.*

Cllr Sills said access to equipment is a concern as volunteers would not be able to go into hall for the equipment when an activity is on in the hall.

Consideration needs to be given as to where the equipment, including the jackets, will be stored and how will this be transferred between the teams.

*ACTION: Clerk to check insurance cover for Speed Watch.*

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Senior for his hard work on Speed Watch.

## 6. KENT SCIENCE PARK

Cllr Burgess informed Members that the Planning Department is still waiting for further details so the application still has not been validated yet. The site has been sold to an investment consortium.

## 7. PLANNING

### i. Application: 16/500035/FULL

Address: Farthings Tunstall Road Tunstall Kent ME10 1YG

Proposal: Dropped kerb.

Councillors considered this application and had no objection to the proposal.

### ii. Application: 15/510254/OUT

Address: Land At Swanstree Avenue Highsted Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4LU

Proposal: Outline application for up to 540 residential dwellings (including up to 50 C3 retirement apartments) and associated community facilities, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Swanstree Avenue and associated ancillary works. (All matters to be reserved with the exception of site access). Revised Scheme to 14/506248/OUT)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APPEAL AGAINST NON-DETERMINATION OF THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION 14/506248/OUT HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN AND NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF THAT APPEAL

Cllr Senior said that, as a resident, he has made an objection to the proposal and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Councillors considered the application. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Davison to object to the application; **SECONDED** by Cllr Sills: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*ACTION: Cllr Burgess to write objection.*

### iii. Any planning matter received before 1 February

No other planning matters had been received.

## 8. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Deferred to next agenda.

## 9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Sills reported he has heard the gas cannons which have been consistently sounding off.

Cllr Burgess said this is to protect the rape seed, winter beans and winter crop.

Cllr Sills said there is a line around the pot hole outside the church but not around a previous repair which had sunk.

Cllr Burgess said there is a problem with the contractors, KCC are meant to check the work.

*ACTION: Cllr Burgess to email KCC about the process of checking pot hole repairs.*

## 10. FINANCE

### i. Accounts and Cheques raised

Date	Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
01.02.2016	1099	Mrs W Licence	Salary Expenses <b>TOTAL</b>	   £222.32 £19.08 £241.40
01.02.2016	1100	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire	£15.00
01.02.2016	1101	CCS Print	Newsletter	£144.00

Councillors considered the cheques raised and Cllr Sills **PROPOSED** to sign the cheques; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Councillors considered an invoice of £1074.53, which had been received from Swale Borough Council for recovery of election costs. Concerns were raised that forms had been given to the

wrong people resulting in there being insufficient ballot papers and many residents were unable to vote. Cllr Senior **PROPOSED** to object to the invoice; **SECONDED** by Cllr Fincham: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*ACTION: Clerk to write to Swale Borough Council.*

## **11. TRAINING COURSES**

A list of courses had been circulated, there were no other bookings required.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 22.1.2016: email from Diocese of Canterbury concerning disposal of current school-*circulated*
2. 22.1.2016: Member Training on Material Considerations in Planning on Thursday 18 February- *Cllr Senior and Cllr Sills are booked onto session*
3. 22.1.2016: Draft minutes of KALC AGM- *Circulated*
4. 23.1. 2016: response from Mrs Panton- *Circulated*
5. 25.1.2016: KALC Health and Safety Level Accreditation Training on 9 & 16 June 9:30am at Sevenoaks (cost £120 per session)
6. 25.1.2016: KCC Consultation on the Mobile Library Service
7. 25.1.2016: KALC SAC agenda- *Circulated*
8. 28.1.2016: KALC Planning Conference on Monday 7 March 2016 at Lenham (Cost £60)

## **13. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Senior distributed an introductory paper about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and a list of roads requiring Street Wardens. The list, when completed, will be passed to Swale Neighbourhood Watch and a representative will come to the next Tunstall Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Senior for his work on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

## **14. LITTER ISSUES**

Cllr Burgess reminded Members that the problem of litter had been brought up at the last meeting. Communities are being encouraged to hold a litter pick for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cllr Fincham said that where there are no litter bins he has seen drivers throw litter out of car windows. The problem of litter should be put in the Newsletter every time.

Cllr Sills said that having litter bins is not the end of the problem as people have put bags of rubbish at the bin at Doves Croft.

Cllr Burgess said that, although one litter pick would not solve the problem, it might be worthwhile having a community litter pick, including members of the school and the church, in better weather.

## **15. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Burgess said that the contractors' lorry drivers have been told not to go through the village.

Cllr Sills said the Tunstall Road will be closed for gas works.

## **16. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING**

None were raised

## **17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Cllr Burgess said that all meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month except for May when it will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and not the Bank Holiday.

Cllr Burgess thanked KCllr Truelove for attending.

## **18. STAFFING MATTERS**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of staffing matters.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7 March 2016 at 6.45pm in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:  
Chairman

7 March 2016