

Tunstall Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting of Tunstall Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 January 2016

Present: Cllr L Burgess (Chair), Cllr A Spicer (Vice Chair), Cllr Fincham, Cllr E Senior, Cllr R Spencer and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were SBCllr Samuel and ten members of the public.

Public Time

In the absence of Cllr Burgess, Cllr Spicer took the Chair and opened the public time, welcoming everyone.

#1- I live adjacent to 120 Park Road and I am concerned about the proposals and the impact it will have, the garage is less than six metres from my kitchen. The scale on the plans is wrong.

Cllr Spicer said the issues with scale of plans has been a problem on previous applications, this application is on the agenda and will be considered later. Cllr Spicer thanked the resident for attending.

#2- Is the Parish Council aware of any redevelopment plans for the old school and is it able to approach the Diocese to find out what it intends to do?

Cllr Spicer explained that the Parish Council has regularly contacted the Diocese about the school but has been unable to obtain any information.

ACTION: Cllr Spicer to contact the Diocese to ask for update on the school.

#3- The only declared plan is to dispose of the site and it will be up to the purchaser to put an application in. The Diocese has no plans to develop it.

#4- Is the Parish Council proposing to respond to the proposals to the changes to the NPPF concerning green belt, building in gardens and making sure Councils consider brown field sites? Is the Parish Council intending to start an initiative to support the national initiative to clear up litter for the Queen's birthday?

6.55pm Cllr Burgess arrived

Cllr Burgess said that it had been a past initiative to have a litter picker and there is no reason why the Council can not arrange for a litter pick.

#5- When will the tree planting in Fulston Manor Playing Fields take place?

Cllr Spicer said this is on the agenda.

#6- BT have laid fibre optics in Ruins Barn Road but the Broad band is still slow.

Cllr Spicer explained the utility companies do not usually talk to the Parish Council but enquiries can be made.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BT about Broad Band speed.

#7- There is an issue with gas cannons, the MFU have a code of practise as to how often they should be used; can the Parish Council support the MFU guidelines?

Cllr Spicer requested the resident to inform the Clerk which area this is occurring in.

#8- I live in Hales Road and there are no bungalows left because they have all been converted, there is constant building work there because of this. If the plot at Orchard House is developed this will continue and there will be a problem concerning access.

Cllr Spicer explained the Parish Council is aware the plot has been sold but is unable to comment until an application is made.

#9- I live in Hales Road and have put in an objection to 120 Park Drive, I am not against new housing but not on a small plot of land.

Cllr Spicer said the matter is on the agenda and will be considered.

#10- Apparently there was a proposal to build on land many years ago but I can not find details.

Cllr Spicer said she understood this to be the case but there are no details on the Borough Council website.

Cllr Spicer thanked residents for attending and for their comments.

Cllr Burgess took the chair, apologised for late arrival due to traffic and thanked everyone for attending.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Davison (work) and Cllr Sills (holiday): apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Conway: apology noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

7.05pm SBCllr Samuel arrived.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 December 2015

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2015.

Cllr Senior said that item 12 Neighbourhood Watch, first line should read "Neighbourhood Watch and not "Speed Watch". The minutes were amended.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes with the amendment. Cllr Burgess signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i. Tree planting at Fulston Manor Playing Field

The Clerk informed Councillors that the trees would be planted by the end of January.

ii. Finger post sign to Village Hall

Cllr Burgess Informed Members that he has a form from PROW and will progress paying out of his devolved budget if necessary. Cllr Spicer said she would check to see if the finger post is missing.

5. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Senior informed Councillors that there is another training session in Doddington and he will attend this. He has been invited to speak to Bredgar Parish Council with a view to working together. The equipment is on schedule to be delivered at the end of January. A team list has been drawn up and a few more volunteers are needed. Cllr Burgess agreed to attend the Speed Watch training.

6. KENT SCIENCE PARK

Cllr Burgess told Councillors that nothing has been received yet.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Planning Department.

7. PLANNING

i. Ref: 15/510053/FULL

Proposal: Erection of five houses comprising a terrace of three houses and a pair of semi-detached houses, with garages and associated works

Address: 120 Park Drive Tunstall Kent ME10 1RL

Councillors considered the application and the objections on the SBC website and were concerned the impact the development would have on neighbours' quality of life would be detrimental. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to this application due to over intensification of access; overshadowing of neighbouring properties; loss of outlook; loss of privacy and amenity; it is out of keeping with the area which is adjacent to the conservation area; the density of the dwellings is too great; there will be a detrimental impact on neighbours' quality of life and the development is too large for a small village.

ii. Ref: 15/510024/FULL/ALRE1

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension

Address: 79 Park Drive, Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1RD

Councillors considered the application and noted that many properties had been extended in the road and were tight to each other. There were no objections on the SBC website. Councillors had no objections in principal but had reservations on the size of the extension which could overshadow neighbouring properties.

iii. Ref: 15/509623/FULL/ALRE1

Proposal: Loft conversion with side and rear dormer with Juliette balcony and rooflight

Address: Blenheim Tunstall Road, Tunstall Kent ME10 1Y

Councillors considered the application and were concerned it would face into the neighbour's garden. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to this application object due to overshadowing of neighbouring properties; loss of outlook; loss of privacy and amenity; it is

out of keeping with the area; the size of the proposal is too large and there will be a detrimental impact on neighbours' quality of life

iv. Any other planning matter received before 12 January 2016

No other matters had been received.

8. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Spicer explained that a Village Design Statement is a smaller version of a Local Plan and preserves the unique character of a village. It does not detail what type of development it would like but it does help to protect the character of a village and can be adopted as a supplementary document in the Local Plan.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** for Cllr Spicer to develop a Village Design Statement.

9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Spicer reported she has found the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 is still live. The Act empowers local people to ask central government to remove rules to enable local people to improve their area. This means that if KCC turn down a request, the Parish Council has a right to go straight to the Secretary of State. This is the result of the Localism Act.

ACTION: Cllr Spicer to carry out further research into the Act.

Cllr Spicer reported that she has received numerous complaints about Galliford Try and, as an individual, she has reported this to the company. The Company has agreed a £250 donation, which will be passed to the Parish Council for use in the Community

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Spicer for her effort in this.

Cllr Spicer said that one of the problems is that delivery lorries are going to the old school and not the new school because they do not have the right post code.

ACTION: Clerk to contact developer requesting the correct post code is used

Cllr Senior said he has been working on the Newsletter and Speed Watch.

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Senior for his work on the Newsletter.

10. FINANCE

i. Accounts and Cheques raised

Date	Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
12.01.16	1093	Mr A Spicer	Christmas Tree Festival Expenses C&L £21.60 Party Delights £6.48 Festive Lights £10.18 TOTAL	£38.26
12.01.16	1094	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll vat £6.50 TOTAL	£39.00
12.01.16	1095	Mrs W Licence	Salary £222.32 Expenses £21.33 TOTAL	£243.65
12.01.16	1096	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire January	£12.50
12.01.16	1097	Branchett Ltd	Hedge Trimming & weed spray hard standing at bench	£770.00
12.01.16	1098	Mrs W Licence	Laptop £329.15 vat £64.83 TOTAL	£393.98

Councillors considered the cheques raised and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to sign the cheques.

ii. Budget 2016/17

The budget had been revised following the discussion in December and Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to adopt the budget.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Government Consultation on Operation Stack

Councillors were concerned that foreign lorries seemed to park anywhere.

Cllr Senior reported that this has been raised at the KALC AGM and there is a national movement concerned with this issue.

2. KALC register of interest for Chairmanship Conference 2016 on 26 February 2016 with Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in attendance.

Cllr Spicer and Cllr Senior expressed an interest in attending.

ACTION: Clerk to register attendees.

3. 17.12.2015 KALC: Parish news

4. 20.12.2015 KALC: Provisional Local Government Finance settlement - Referendum principles

Cllr Burgess explained that there will not be a referendum in Kent as there is a 2% increase for adult social services, which is not subject to a referendum, an a general increase of 1.99% which is below the threshold to trigger an election.

5. 21.12.2015 DCLG Consultation - National Planning Policy Consultation on proposed changes

ACTION: Cllr Spicer to set up a Working Party to respond to the consultation.

6. 21.12.2015 email from resident with copy of planning objections

7. SBC- request for items for next Swale Rural Forum

ACTION: Clerk to submit agenda item concerning the maintenance of the rural road network

8. 08/01.16- email from resident concerning declarations of interest

Cllr Burgess had distributed copies of the document Openness and transparency on Personal Interests at the beginning of the meeting.

9. Letter of complaint from landowner.

Councillors were concerned about the inaccuracies contained in the letter.

ACTION: Clerk to write response.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Senior informed Members that he has four volunteers and a few more are needed. There has been some crime in Tunstall Road resulting in residents paying for extra security measures.

13. HIGHWAYS

Pot holes and the state of the roads had been discussed under correspondence with the issue being taken to the next Swale Rural Forum.

14. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Fincham produced the draft Newsletter and additions were suggested.

The hall needs to be booked from May.

SBCllr Samuel was asked whether the land submitted for SHLAA is automatically rolled over to the next plan or whether the landowner is asked if they wish for it to remain on the list.

SBCllr Samuel said he would make enquiries about this.

SBCllr Samuel informed Councillors the Community Pay Back Scheme is needing indoor projects and members thought the church may be interested.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1 February 2016 at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chair
Date: 1 February 2016