

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th July, 2014

Present: Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair
Cllr. C. Browning
Cllr. A. Spicer
Cllr. J. Mills
Cllr. I. Davison

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
2 Members of the Public

Public Time – No comments

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllr. Spencer. The Parish Council again expressed its dissatisfaction that County Cllr. Roger Truelove has not attended any monthly meeting since his election in May 2013.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest. A Dispensation has already been granted to all Members relating to Tunstall School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Browning the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th June, 2014, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Complaint re. Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee Meeting on 10th April, 2014** – Proposed by Cllr. Spicer and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed Clerk to write to the Monitoring Office insisting on a signed personal letter from the Borough Councillor concerned. **Action: Clerk**

2. **South and South East in Bloom (S&SE) Workshop** – Judging will take place on the 8th July; starting from the Village Hall and then travelling through a specific route to take in as much of Tunstall as possible. Representatives from the Hall, School, Church and community have kindly come forward to talk to the judges and Cllr. Mitchell has planned the route so that this is possible. If time permits, it is also hoped to include Kent Science Park and the Woodstock Club. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

3. **Tunstall School** - Clerk to write to Reverend Foulkes asking if Members of the Parish Council can go and look at the Trust Deeds and discuss them with him. Cllr. Spicer and Mitchell agreed to undertake this. **Action: Clerk/Cllrs Mitchell/Spicer**

4. **Swale Parish and Town Councils – SBC Draft Statement of Intent** - Cllrs. Spicer and Burgess attended. The eventual purpose of this document is to define how Parish Councils can have a much greater involvement in what happens within their Parish. Notes on the meeting will be circulated.

5. Planning

New Applications:

1. **4/500237/TCA** - Trees in Conservation Area - Remove Deadwood from group of trees of various species along Tunstall Road boundary (see report), from 1 Horse Chestnut and 2 Sycamore trees. Crown thin 1 Sycamore and Ash trees by approximately 15% - This is for information only.

Determined Applications: None

6. Finance

1. **Coffin Pond Bollards** – Agreed not feasible because of the clearance demanded by KCC Highways.
2. **Request for financial support by Tunstall Church** – Proposed by Cllr. Burgess and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell, agreed the sum of £65 for two large planters.
3. **Year end 2013/14 Internal Auditor's Report** – The Internal Auditor's report for the year end was noted and accepted.
4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting:**

The following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 30th June, 2014, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
07.07.14	1003	L. Fisher	Telephone; home as office, 10 ink cartridges; ¼ share registered post for audit papers - June	£16.09p
07.07.14	1004	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax – June 2014	£48.20p
07.07.14	1005	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Hall July	£12.50p
07.07.14	1006	K.A.L.C.	Clerks Conference, 12 th June 2014 (¼ share)	£18.00p
07.07.14	1007	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll preparation quarter to June 2014	£39.00p
07.07.14	1008	David Buckett	Year-end Internal Audit for 2013/14	£184.95p
Six Cheques in total				

Paid by Standing Order – Clerk's Wages, June, 2014: £192.84p

6 Correspondence

1. **Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity** – Document noted.
2. **Rural Housing Policy Review** – Noted – no action.
3. **Government Consultation on Underground Drilling Access** – noted and in response to two questions raised: 'it is our view Parish Councils would be the most appropriate relevant community body, do you agree' - to respond yes and 'it is our view that all local councils should be consulted (notified) where underground drilling applications are/have been submitted for land within their boundaries – as they can best represent their residents' views and provide real democratic representation in such cases', do you agree - to respond yes.
4. **Lights Out 4th August** – Noted and circulate by word of mouth.

8. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Mitchell has received an e-mail from a resident who proposed that the Council ask KCC to donate the land to the west of the new school site for a WW1 Commemorative Garden. The Chairman commented that he is hoping that KCC will take over ownership of the strip of derelict land in Cranbrook Drive which could be used for this purpose?
2. Cllr. Spicer asked for the vegetation on footpath ZR141 to be cleared; Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way Officer. **Action: Clerk**
3. Cllr. Mills raised this issue - Clerk to again report potholes near to traffic calming in the proximity of The Den. **Action: Clerk**

11. Next Meeting(s)

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 4th August, 2014, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.