

# TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 July 2016

Present: Cllr Lee Burgess (Chairman), Cllr Roger Sills (Vice Chairman), Cllr Brian Cook, Cllr Ian Davison, Cllr Wendy Harwood, Cllr Mavis Hibben, Cllr David Nutting and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were SBCllr Derek Conway, SBCllr George Samuel and four members of the public.

### REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#1- It was previously mentioned that the drain in Heart's Delight Road is blocked, the drain by the farm is also blocked. Is it possible for all the drains to be cleaned?

Cllr Burgess said he will contact KCC.

#2- There are plans to build five to seven hundred houses in Borden with industrial land and sports pitches, I hope the Council will write and object. The plan for five hundred and forty houses at Swanstree Avenue is also coming up again, there is far too much housing coming. Cllr Burgess explained the Parish Council can only comment when an application has been submitted.

#3- Was a crossing requested for the new school?

Cllr Burgess explained road crossing are extremely costly and he can look into this as a County Councillor.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

### 3. VACANCIES FOR CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR

Cllr Sills **PROPOSED** co-opting Brian Cook and Mavis Hibben to the Parish Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Brian Cook and Mavis Hibben were duly elected as Councillors, signed their declaration of interests in the presence of the Clerk and joined the Council for the meeting.

There were no declarations of interests.

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF KALC REPRESENTATIVE

IT WAS AGREED for Cllr Cook to be appointed as KALC Representative.

### 5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2016

Councillors considered the draft minutes. Cllr Burgess requested the minutes be amended item 13. v 1. *Cllr Burgess said that this project would be funded part from his budget and also a contribution could be requested from the Parish Council*; item 13 v 2 *Inappropriate* should be changed to *appropriate*.

Cllr Davison **PROPOSED** to accept the amended minutes of the Parish Council held on 6 June; **SECONDED** by Cllr Sills: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Burgess duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

### 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### i. Galliford Try Donation

Cllr Burgess said this would be included in the next Newsletter with requests for suggestions of sites for planting.

#### ii. Tunstall Together

Cllr Burgess reported to members that this had been an excellent event with positive feedback from residents concerning the Parish Council stall. The celebration tea for the children was greatly appreciated.

iii. Any other matter arising from the minutes

Cllr Sills reported to Members the white lines around the potholes are wearing off; the lines had been painted week commencing 18 April 2016 and this was unacceptable.

Cllr Burgess said he is trying to arrange for Alan Blackburn (KCC Highways) to visit to discuss drainage, potholes and hedges.

*ACTION: Cllr Burgess to write to KCC about the potholes.*

## **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Burgess informed Members that John Haddaway, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is retiring and the Parish Council still wants to progress the scheme.

*ACTION: Clerk to write to John Haddaway*

## **8. SPEED WATCH**

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Cook for taking on the role of co-ordinator. Bredgar Parish Council wants to borrow the equipment.

*ACTION: Clerk to check the insurance to ensure the equipment is covered.*

## **9. KENT SCIENCE PARK**

Cllr Burgess informed Members that Swale had received an application several months ago but was it not valid and were subsequently informed they would not be progressing with it as arrangements were being made to sell the Science Park. Nothing has happened since Cllr Nutting said that in the Bearing Fruits modification there had been some deletions for the Kent Science Park and the Southern link road.

## **10. SCHOOL**

### i. Parking issues

Cllr Burgess informed Members the school has sent a text out to parents about inconsiderate parking and will put a note in their next newsletter. The school is currently putting together their travel plan for their new site. If there are any points or suggestions the Council may have they would like to know. The school hopes to work closely with the Parish Council to ease congestion/parking issues before they become a problem

*ACTION: Clerk to thank the school for including the Council in its deliberations and to request children and parents are encouraged to walk to school.*

## **11. PLANNING**

### i. APPLICATION: 16/505196/FULL

ADDRESS: Keystun Performing Arts Studio Keystun Ruins Barn Road Tunstall Kent ME9 8AA

PROPOSAL: Change of use from live/work unit (comprising of recording studio and uses associated with kaleidoscope therapeutic foster care limited) to flexible live/work premises comprising of recording studio and uses under B1

Councillors considered the application and had no objections but requested that any future use of the sound recording studio would ensure there was adequate sound proofing.

### ii. Bearing Fruits 2031: The Swale Borough Local Plan Modifications

Cllr Burgess reported that he and Cllr Sills attended a meeting where sites were considered and there are none which affect the parish but other areas nearby will be affected by development and this will impact on Tunstall. Wises Lane is a concern.

Cllr Nutting said Wises Lane is identified in the modifications for approximately six hundred houses and an industrial estate for light industrial uses.

Cllr Burgess reported the KCC educational board has programmed growth into two schools and there is a scoping application at the moment. There are local concerns about the rural network and representations have been made about the local amenities.

*ACTION: Chairman and Clerk to draft a response.*

### iii. Any other planning matter received before 4 July 2016

There were no other planning matters.

## **12. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Sills reported he had attended the Bearing Fruits Modifications meeting with the Chairman, on 16 June at Swale Borough Council

### 13. FINANCE

#### i. Accounts and Cheques raised

	Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
04.07.2016	1121	Mrs W Licence	Salary and Expenses	<b>£244.31</b>
04.07.2016	1122	HMRC	PAYE	<b>£1.60</b>
04.07.2016	1123	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Midwinter Room: Parish Council meeting	<b>£15.00</b>
04.07.2016	1124	Ms L Wright	Andrew Heavey- litter picking	<b>£108.00</b>
04.07.2016	1125	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll	<b>£39.00</b>
04.07.2016	1126	CCS Print	Speed Watch jackets	<b>£109.44</b>
04.07.2016	1127	Mr R Sills	Expenses	<b>£6.00</b>
04.07.2016	1128	AE Barrows	Children's Refreshments at Tunstall Together	<b>£306.00</b>

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

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

- 07-8.06.16: Three emails from resident concerning the Galiford Try donation- *reported the PC's decision*
- 07.06.16: email from resident with suggestions for Galliford Try donation- *reported the PC's decision*.
- 08.06.16: Three emails from resident questioning Council's agreement to pay for children's refreshments at Tunstall Together- *explained this had been agreed at the June meeting*
- 08.06.16: email from former Councillor asking if the draft May minutes had been altered at the June meeting- *response sent*
- 08.06.16: FOI request from resident requesting letters of application from candidates for co-option- *denied due to confidential nature of letters following advice given*
- 09.06.16: email from resident concerning parking problems at school area- *advised this had been dealt with at the June meeting*.
- 15.06.16: Kent Wildlife Trust – request for a letter of support for their funding bid for their Cromers Wood 'Wooden it be Crafty' Project  
Councillors **AGREED** to write a letter of support for the project.
- 16.06.16: Two emails from resident about co-option process- *response sent*
- 23.06.16: email from resident about deep puddle opposite Hall House- *reported to KCC*

### 15. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Nutting expressed concern about the pothole outside the church and asked if there was an obligation on the authority to return and deal with it properly.

Cllr Burgess said the gas board had dug the hole and he will contact them again.

Cllr Cook asked who deals with fly tipping.

Cllr Burgess said it is the responsibility of Swale Borough Council unless it is on private land.

## **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Sills said there is no children's play area in Tunstall and wondered whether one could be provided.

*ACTION: Item for next agenda*

Cllr Sills asked if there could be hanging baskets.

*ACTION: Item for next agenda*

Cllr Hibben asked if Mrs Panton should be formerly congratulated on her recent award.

*ACTION 1: To include article in the next Newsletter.*

*ACTION 2: Clerk to write a letter of congratulations to Mrs Panton.*

Cllr Harwood asked if the zig zag lines would be removed from outside the old school.

*ACTION: Clerk to find out status of zig zag lines.*

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 1 August 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 8pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Chair

Date 1 August 2016