

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2016

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

Also present were SBCllr George Samuel and six members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish meeting. Apologies had been received from SBCllr Conway (holiday): apologies accepted.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Burgess reported the problems with the 2015 election had been caused by the Borough Council's mishandling of the election procedure. The Parish Council had complained and had requested a reduction in the election charges but this was resisted by the Borough Council so the Parish Council had to pay the costs. It was the first election with two ward boundaries and an increased Parish. The Ward Members have been very helpful and supportive.

The new school has been built and there had been issues with the lighting, the railings, the kerbing and the trees. More trees have been planted and hopefully the kerbing will be resolved. Cllr Burgess reported he had visited the new school, the facilities are wonderful and the school will prove to be an excellent educational facility. Cllr Burgess is looking forward to working with them.

The old school has been sold.

Kent Science Park has been sold, plans have been submitted but they still have not been verified.

The Local Plan still has not been ratified.

Cllr Burgess reported there has been two resignations for the Parish Council; Cllr Spencer who has been a Councillor for approximately eighteen years, had worked in the Planning department for Medway Council and was invaluable with his knowledge of planning but has now felt it time to retire. Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Spencer for his hard work and service to the Parish. Cllr Fincham has also resigned due to increased business commitments and has been a great leveller in Council discussions. Both Councillors have contributed to the Parish Council and Cllr Burgess thanked them both.

3. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident thanked Cllr Burgess and SBCllr Conway for speaking on behalf of residents at a recent planning application.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7pm.