

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 August 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 Monique Bonney and four members of the public.

PUBLIC TIME

#1- I would like to update the Parish Council on my litter campaign: I have met with MBC and SBC to discuss the litter on the A249, they were concerned that despite constant clearing up litter continued to be a problem. Kent Wildlife Trust is also concerned about litter and the impact it has on wildlife.

Cllr Hibben said a resident has asked her if a litter bin can be sited in Tunstall.

Councillors agreed that a suitable site for a litter bin should be sought.

#2- I have reported fly tipping on the footpath near the old school field to SBC. Has the Parish Council objected to the Local Plan?

Cllr Burgess said that a response is being formulated.

#3- I attended a meeting with SBC and Kent Science Park, it would be nice if the Parish Council objects and there is the potential of seven hundred houses at Wises Lane.

Cllr Burgess said the Council is aware that there may be developments but cannot comment until plans have been submitted.

#4- There is a piece of land in Ruins Barn Road and the owner says he is going to put travellers on it.

Cllr Bonney said rules have changed in respect of new traveller sites and anyone applying for such a site has to prove they are a traveller. SBC has an adequate supply of traveller sites.

#5- Can the bin for the litter picker be marked?

Cllr Burgess said this will be done.

Cllr Bonney reported the response from the Five Parishes Group to the Local Plan Modifications.

Cllr Bonney said that she will take up any litter issues with SBC.

Cllr Bonney reported there is a new PCSO Joshua Marshall.

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Bonney for attending and for her report.

Cllr Conway said a resident has contacted him about the litter in Cromers Road and he has reported it to SBC as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Conway said he had also been contacted by a resident about pot holes in the village and he reported this to KCC.

Cllr Burgess thanked Cllr Conway for attending and for his report.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from SBCllr Samuel due to traffic problems; apology noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July were considered. Cllr Davison **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes; **SECONDED** by Cllr Cook: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Burgess duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i. To consider Councillor for Rural ward

Cllr Burgess **PROPOSED** that Cllr Cook should be the Councillor for Tunstall Urban and Cllr Hibben should be the Councillor for Tunstall Rural: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Both Councillors will represent the whole of the Parish.

ii. Any other matter arising from the minutes

- Speed Watch equipment: Bredgar Parish Council is checking whether their insurance covers the equipment. Cllr Cook said he has been in contact with Bredgar Parish Council's Clerk.
- Response to Local Plan modifications: date for submission has been extended to 8 August, Cllr Burgess will formulate a response and circulate it to Councillors.
- Zig zag lines outside old school: still waiting to hear back from Chris Mains.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Burgess said a proper update is needed from the new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

ACTION: Clerk to contact new co-ordinator.

6. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Cook informed Members that he had written to all volunteers, three do not wish to continue and three would like refresher training. Guy Rollinson's replacement has not taken office yet. The Bredgar Speed Watch team have not had their sites assessed yet. Cllr Cook said he will arrange some Speed Watch sessions and any new volunteers will be welcomed.

7. KENT SCIENCE PARK

There has been no application on this site.

Cllr Bonney said the application was not validated.

8. PLANNING

i. Application: 16/505791/FULL

Address: 41 Ruins Barn Road Tunstall Kent ME10 4HS

Proposal: Proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions.

Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make.

ii. Any other planning matter received before 1 August 2016

There were no other planning matters.

9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports from Councillors serving on outside bodies.

10. FINANCE

i. Accounts and Cheques raised

	Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
01.08.2016	1129	Mrs W Licence	Salary and Expenses TOTAL	£242.43
01.08.2016	1130	HMRC	PAYE	£0.40
01.08.2016	1131	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Midwinter Room: Parish Council meeting	£15.00
01.08.2016	1132	Ms L Wright	Andrew Heavey- litter picking	£216.00

01.08.2016	1133	Doddington Parish Council	1/3 Clerks Conference	£20.00
01.08.2016	1134	AMS Workwear	Hi- Vis waistcoat	£7.20
01.08.2016	1135	CCS Print	Newsletter	£144.00

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

ii. To consider a request for a donation from Victim Support

Cllr Cook **PROPOSED** to give £100.00 to Victim Support: **SECONDED** by Cllr Sills: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**, cheque no 1136.

11. AMENITIES

i. To consider the provision of a children's play area

Councillors considered the provision of a children's play area and also considered the provision of an open space. Councillors agreed to talk to a land owner who is selling his land.

ii. To consider the provision of hanging baskets

Cllr Sills said that many villages and towns have floral decorations.

Cllr Burgess said that planters are easier to maintain as they do not need constant watering. It was **AGREED** to take this item forward to the next meeting.

12. HIGHWAYS

i. Review of litter picking schedule

Cllr Burgess said that Ruins Barn Road is an issue but there is a safety aspect to litter picking this road.

Cllr Conway said that he can take this issue up with Swale Borough Council.

ii. Highways update

Cllr Harwood said that she has received complaints from residents about the wall being replaced by the new school.

Cllr Burgess said that the original plans had not been adhered to and the work is addressing that issue.

Cllr Harwood said that a resident had contacted her concern about the pond being overgrown and the safety of children. KCC have checked the area and say it is not an issue.

Cllr Hibben said a resident had complained about the state of the school grounds.

Councillors heard that the grounds need to become established and the school is aware of the appearance.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 15.07.16: KCC Notice of Adoption of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan – *circulated*

2. 11.07.16: KCC (via Cllr Burgess) Notice of the impending road closure to replace the kerb and railings in Tunstall Road - *circulated and added to website*

3. 27.07.16: KALC Parish News - *circulated*

Cllr Sills said that the KALC Parish News mentions the Transparency Code.

The Clerk reported the Council is compliant.

Cllr Sills asked if the Parish Council has a training budget.

Cllr Burgess said there is one.

4. 30.07.16: Letter of thanks from Mrs Panton for congratulations on her award - *circulated*.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sills said that 13 March 2017 is the next Commonwealth Day.

Cllr Harwood said the Parish Council could organise a community event involving local organisations.

Agenda item for next meeting.

Cllr Sills informed Members the Friends of Tunstall Church are having a Mexican Festival on the Bank Holiday weekend.

Cllr Nutting asked whether anything has happened about obtaining the finger post sign to the Village Hall.

Cllr Burgess said it has been paid for and is on the list of work to be done.

Cllr Harwood said the School is starting a Community Luncheon Club on the second Wednesday of every month during term time. Councillors commented that they would like to view the new school premises and could arrange a visit around a Community Luncheon Club date.

Cllr Burgess said he has asked Alan Blackburn to come to Tunstall and to look at the roads and is waiting to confirm the date.

Cllr Nutting asked if there could be a school crossing patrol person.

Cllr Burgess said that there could but the school would have to pay for it, likely two crossing patrol persons would be required unless the school access was route amended

Cllr Cook reported the phone box by the old Village Hall is in urgent need of cleaning.

Councillors agreed to plant a proposed cherry tree in memory of Mr John Clancy.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 September 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 8.45pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Chairman

Date: 5 September 2016