

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st October, 2012

Present: Cllr. L. Burgess – Chair
Cllr. J. Mills
Cllr. C. Browning
Cllr. F. Panton
Cllr. I. Davison

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting
Borough Cllr. A. Willicombe

Parishioners

Non Present

Borough/County Councillors

Cllr. Alan Willicombe had a meeting with the new PCSO to look at parking issues and to see what can be done whilst waiting for the double yellow lines in Cranbrook Drive. He mentioned drains had been cleaned, luckily before the recent down pours.

County Cllr. Mike Whiting advised that the Joint Transportation Board meeting took place and the lines were voted upon, with the result that Members approved parking restriction lines outside the School. The lining was also approved for Cranbrook Drive and Cllr. Willicombe reiterated his agreement to pay for this work out of his Members Fund.

Cllr. Willicombe commented that in the lower part of Tunstall Road a number of lamp columns have been removed by KCC as a result of recent inspections for defects; he has been advised that these will not be replaced until January 2013.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Members and County/Borough Councillors. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mitchell and Spencer.

2. Declarations of Interest – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Panton and seconded by Cllr. Browning, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September, 2012, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

School Liaison – Clerk advised that she has approached the school seeking to open the lines of communication and putting forward Cllr. Mitchell as a representative from the Parish Council.

This has been acknowledged by the Clerk to the Governing Body, who advised that at the present time several possibilities are being explored regarding the membership of this Body.

Boundary Commission Electoral Review - Clerk reported that she had spoken to Katherine Bescomby at Swale Borough Council and basically this will make no difference, the three mile rule still applies and when the time of the 2015 Elections arrives, Members will need to decide which Ward they will stand for (they don't actually need to live in that Ward); they can still represent the whole of Tunstall as at present.

Members still expressed their concern about the changes to Tunstall and that their valid comments put forward to the Boundary Commission had not been taken into account. Members felt they needed to write objecting to the changes; County Councillors present commented that they could do so by writing to their local M.P; adding that the actual recommendations by the Boundary Commission are laid before the House of Commons and are 'posted' there for 40 days. Before the end of this deadline if sufficient objections are received the House of Commons will do nothing, everything stops; the whole process is then withdrawn and goes out for consultation again.

Cllr. Davison proposed that the Parish Council write to the local M.P., Gordon Henderson, objecting to the changes which will split Tunstall into two Wards; this was seconded by Cllr. Mills and agreed by Members. It was also mooted that a joint approach with Borden, and if agreeable Bobbing Parish Council, be made to the M.P. **Action: Clerk**

Kissing Gates – Public Rights of Way – Clerk reported that she has received a response from the Public Rights of Way Officer for Swale commenting that KCC is working with landowners across the county to replace stiles with gates, to improve access for the less able.

Land – Cranbrook Drive – Clerk instructed to try to ascertain ownership of the piece of unkempt land and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

JBT meeting: Parking in Cranbrook Drive and outside Tunstall School. See comments above from County and Borough Councillors. Cllr. Mitchell also attended the Joint Transportation Board Meeting and circulated details of the favourable outcome.

Going for Green – Free Trees – noted.

5. Finance

Bollards Hearts Delight Road – Members agreed to install ten wooden bollards on the large verge fronting the left-hand side of the Village Hall; the quote of £500.01p had been accepted at the meeting held on the 6th August, 2012. Clerk to instruct Steve Wakeling to carry out this work once the area has been reinstated by the gas contractors. **Action: Clerk**

Councillors Panton and Davison asked that their objection to this proposal be recorded.

Funding of yellow lines outside Tunstall School – not discussed; to be placed on the November Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

Noticeboards – Church and new at Highsted Road – Clerk reported that the noticeboard in the Church grounds has had one of the uprights replaced and been secured in the ground. The

contractor advised that the other upright will eventually need replacing. She has also been informed that the new noticeboard for Highsted Road should be ready towards the end of September.

Audit Commission's Completion of the 2011/12 Audit – Clerk advised that the Audit has been completed satisfactorily and she will now post the necessary notices.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
01.10.12	0888	Lynda Fisher (Wages)	£178.96p
01.10.12	0889	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£44.74p
01.10.12	0890	Tunstall Village Hall (Donation – Jubilee Cavalcade)	£1500.00p
01.10.12	0891	Steve Wakeling (Repairs to Noticeboard)	£112.00p
Four Cheques in total			

The above cheques were signed and the accounts to the 31st August, 2012, together with supporting Bank Statement, approved.

6. Correspondence

Council Tax Base and funding for Local Precepting Authorities Consultation – Noted.

Swale Borough Council – Council Tax Support Consultation – Noted.

New Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries – Noted.

A Community Legacy for 2012 – No action as the Parish Council does not own land.

Submission of evidence of a strategy for a permanent solution to providing classroom accommodation pursuant to condition 4 of Planning Permission SW/11/1451 - Tunstall CofE Primary School, and Invitation to Attend a Presentation of this Strategy at Minterne School Hall, 19th September – Members attended the presentation, at which the Diocese's Architects put forward three recommendations for the growth of the school; two plans for expansion to the side of the existing building and one plan for the erection of a new school at a site owned by KCC lower down Tunstall Road, opposite the Cranbrook Road junction. The Parish Council has not been consulted on any of the proposals and all three will have impacts/ implications for the Tunstall Road area.

The document has come about as a result of the granting of planning permission for the two mobile classrooms, at which time it was stated that the Diocese had to put forward a strategy for solving the accommodation issues.

Members agreed that an article on these proposals needs to be included in the next Newsletter

Action: Cllr. Mitchell

7. Planning

No Planning applications were received for consideration at this meeting.

8. **Other Matters Arising**

Work to Gas pipes in Hearts Delight and Tunstall Roads – Clerk has contacted KCC Highways and asked them to ensure that the contractor removes the spoil, and reinstates the verges, including planting bulbs as necessary.

Precept 2012/13 - Clerk advised that the second instalment of the precept has been received.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Monday 5th November, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

The meeting closed at 08.25 p.m.