

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

**Present:** Cllr. L. Burgess – Chair  
Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. R. Spencer  
Cllr. C. Browning  
Cllr. J. Mills  
Cllr. I. Davison

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
9 Parishioners

#### **Parishioners**

A resident asked for the missing reflectors to be replaced on the bollard near to School View. The owner of The Den has had his wall damaged by vehicles 8 times in the 23 months he has lived there; Clerk to contact Kent County Council to get the reflectors placed, also to ask for the white lining to be repainted and the sign realigned outside The Den to see if this stops vehicles driving into the wall.

Action: Clerk

A resident asked if the speed could be reduced in Hearts Delight from, from 40 m.p.h. down to 30 m.p.h. The Chairman mentioned that Kent County Council is looking at rolling out 20 m.p.h. speed limits later in the Summer. Residents generally were unhappy with speeding in the village.

**Borough/County Councillors** - None present

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Truelove and Borough Cllrs. Jean and Alan Willicombe.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest** – None

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Mills; the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, were agreed by Members and signed.

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#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- 1. Commemorating Frank Pantan** – Members agreed expenditure up to £150 to cover the cost of purchasing a Grandiflora Magnolia tree to be placed in the grounds of the Village Hall. Clerk to ascertain the cost of a commemorative plaque and report back to the July meeting.

Action Clerk

2. **Royal Charter of Incorporation – Elizabeth I** – Agreed to purchase three ‘Queen Elizabeth’ Floribunda Roses (potted) at a cost of £8.95p each; to be planted on the green area adjacent to No. 5/6 School View. Clerk to ascertain the cost of a commemorative plaque and report back to the July meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Litter Bin, Doves Croft** – Swale Borough Council are monitoring the layby to ascertain whether the area needs a litter bin; Clerk has yet to receive their feedback. Agreed to place this item on the July Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

## 5. **Finance**

1. **Quotes for Removal of Parrot Weed from Pond** – Proposed by Cllr. Browning and seconded by Cllr. Davison, Members agreed to accept the lowest of two quotes; £100 but to stipulate that the contractor must complete the work within one month. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Society of Local Council Clerks Membership** – Agreed to pay one third of this year’s renewal fee - £114; the other two thirds being paid by Iwade and Borden Parish Councils.
3. **Local Councils Direct Publication Subscription Renewal** – Agreed not to renew.
4. **Cheques raised at this meeting:**

The following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
17.06.13	0937	L. Fisher	Wages - May 2013	£178.90p
17.06.13	0938	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax – May 2013	£44.80p
17.06.13	0939	L. Fisher	Expenses: Tele/Broadband; home as office	£12.42p
17.06.13	0940	Tunstall P.C.C.	Hire of Midwinter Room June, 2013	£12.50p
17.06.13	0941	McCabe Ford Williams	Preparation of Payroll Jan and Feb 2013	£30.00p
Five Cheques in total				

## 6. **Correspondence**

1. **DCMS Consultation Mobile Connectivity in England: simplifying the planning process -** Noted.
2. **South East Water: Draft Water Resources Management Plan** – Plan noted.
3. **Swale Borough Council - World War 1 Centenary Project** – To be borne in mind; Members agreed to put something in the next newsletter. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
4. **Letter from Gordon Henderson M.P. – Traveller Sites** – contents noted.
5. **DfT Consultation on Options for a new Lower Thames crossing** – details noted.
6. **KALC – Extended Permitted Development Rights for Householders** – details noted.

## 7. **Yellow Lines outside School**

This item went to the Joint Transport Board meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June and the Committee recommended the installation of double and zigzag yellow lines outside the School. It will now be

referred to John Burr (KCC) for a final decision. Clerk instructed to write to John Burr urging him to approve the lines and for the work to be carried out as soon as possible as this issue has been going on for so long. ***Action: Clerk***

#### **8. Meeting Dates 2013/14**

Clerk circulated a list of meetings dates from July 2013 to May 2014, which were agreed by Members; these details to be posted on the noticeboards and Parish Council's website.

#### **7. Planning**

1. **SW/13/0552:** Extension and conversion of the existing dwelling to provide specialist accommodation – Oakwood Orchard, Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall ME9 8AA – no objection.

#### **8. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. The new noticeboard has been erected in Ruins Barn Road, it just needs an interior pin board to be installed and it is then ready for use. ***Action: Cllr. Burgess***
2. Clerk to report dangerous potholes in Hearts Delight Road to Kent County Council. ***Action: Clerk***

#### **9. Next Meeting(s)**

The next Meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall, as follows:

**The meeting closed at 07.40 p.m.**

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS**

At the end of the monthly meeting the Council went into closed session and interviewed three candidates for the existing Parish Councillor vacancy.

All three candidates were of an extremely high calibre, very knowledgeable and keen to become involved in the work of the Parish Council. Each candidate left after their individual interview.

After much deliberation and a long debate it was decided to co-opt Allyson Spicer onto the Parish Council; Clerk to write advising her of this and that she will take up her post at the July meeting. Clerk also to write to the other two candidates thanking them for their interest.

The closed session ended at 9.35 p.m.