

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 in the Midwinter Room, St John the Baptist Church Tunstall.

Present: Cllr Brian Cook, Cllr Wendy Harwood, Cllr Mavis Hibben and Cllr David Nutting; and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were SBCllr George Samuel, SBCllr John Wright and two members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that Cllr Nutting take the Chair.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Nutting welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the public time.

#1- What is the precept spent on?

The Clerk said it is spent on the administration of the Council and also on projects within the parish.

Cllr Nutting said it was a very good point and asked if he had any ideas.

#1- I will think about it.

Cllr Nutting thanked the young person for attending.

#2- I have a query about the Council website, there is a new format and I am finding it very difficult to use. I cannot find the minutes.

The Clerk explained the website has been migrated to wordpress and many documents have been lost and that she is working with EiS, the website provider to address the problem.

ACTION: Clerk to send minutes to the resident.

SBCllr Wright reported the inspection of the modifications of the Local Plan, Bearing Fruits, will be back at the end of April or beginning of May. He has raised the air quality issues which affect the whole of the South East depending on the wind direction. There are more particulates on busy roads such as the A2 and there are some monitoring stations. SBCllr Wright said he has asked for electric charging points in new developments and also for more in the town centre.

SBCllr Wright said that everyone has received their rates bill which has increased as the Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board has given Swale Borough Council an invoice of about £400,000. However, SBC has only raised the Council Tax by 1% and has taken the remainder out of reserves. The challenge for the Borough Council is how to maintain services when funding is being cut from central government. SBC has borrowed money to invest in retail property to gain an income to subsidise the Council Tax.

SBCllr Wright said that Tunstall does not have a youth club and both KCC and SBC can give grants to Parish Councils to assist. Lots of small villages have recreation grounds and playing fields. The Parish Council can raise money to purchase land.

Cllr Nutting said the Parish Council is monitoring land as it would like to have such a facility. The Council recognises that if there could be provision for youth it would do something.

#2- The vicar has a vision for a youth and would very much like to do something possible at the school and it would have a Christian ethos.

SBCllr Wright said that his Parish Council held a community day and invited organisations and businesses in the village.

Cllr Nutting said that this is something for Tunstall to consider and thanked SBCllr Wright for attending and his report.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lee Burgess (personal), Cllr Roger Sills (personal) and Cllr Ian Davison (work): apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Derek Conway (at another meeting) and SBCllr Monique Bonney (holiday): apologies noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2017. Cllr Cook **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Hibben: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Nutting duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i. Provision of a dog bin in Cranbrook Drive

There was no report.

ii. Coffin Pond

Councillors expressed concern that there has been no resolution to the matter and, despite numerous requests, KCC have not repaired the wall or clean the pond.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Matthew Balfour.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Harwood the roads to be targeted must be reviewed and a meeting must be held.

Cllr Nutting said the meeting can be advertised in the next newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to book the Village Hall and invite the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

6. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Cook reported some sessions have been cancelled as the volunteers have been unable to make the dates. Bredgar Parish Council has borrowed the equipment.

ACTION: request for volunteers to be put in the newsletter.

7. PLANNING

i. Ref: 17/501129/FULL

Address: 192 Sterling Road Tunstall Kent ME10 1ST

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and proposed single storey rear extension with roof lantern

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make.

ii. Ref: 17/501388/FULL

Address: 150 Sterling Road Tunstall Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1SW

Proposal: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions.

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make.

iii. Ref: 17/501413/FULL

Address: 44 Roseleigh Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1RS

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension with roof lantern.

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make.

iv. Any other planning matter received by 3 April 2017

There were no other planning matters to consider.

8. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Nutting said Cllr Sills had circulated report from the KALC Rural Affairs Conference prior to the meeting.

Cllr Harwood said it would be good to discuss the topics at the next meeting.

Cllr Nutting reported he had attended the Planning Conference which highlighted the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan and he will attend a seminar on this in May.

9. FINANCE

i. Accounts and Cheques raised

Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
1182	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Midwinter Room: Parish Council meeting	£15.00
1183	Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	£251.52
1184	HMRC	PAYE	£1.40
1185	Branchett Ltd	Hedge maintenance	£750.00
1186	Jane Johnson	Litter picker	£219.00
1187	KALC	Subscription	£577.99
1188	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll	£39.00
1189	KALC	Three courses	£216.00

Councillors considered the cheques raised and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to sign them.
Cllr Harwood asked who is responsible for the hedge maintenance.
ACTION: Clerk to ascertain.

10. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Cook said the Parish Council is still waiting to hear back from Alan Blackburn.
Cllr Nutting said it is another issue the Parish Council is not getting a response from KCC.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Matthew Balfour.

11. OLD SCHOOL

Cllr Hibben said the old school is looking very neglected and it is in a conservation area.
Cllr Nutting said part of the building is not in the conservation area.
Councillors agreed to keep the matter on the agenda to monitor the situation.

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Cllr Nutting said the Annual Parish Meeting is on 3 May and the High Sheriff has been invited to present the KALC Community Award although attendance has not been confirmed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the High Sheriff again.

Councillors agreed that the meeting will start at 6.30pm and refreshments will be provided after the Annual Parish Meeting. The head teacher, a village hall representative and the vicar will be invited to give reports to the meeting.

ACTION 1: Cllr Cook to arrange the refreshments.

ACTION 2: Cllr Hibben to arrange bouquet for the recipient.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Borden Parish Council has said it is just Tunstall and Borden on the Steering Group. Cllr Hibben will attend when information about soft landscaping has been obtained.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain details of soft landscaping from KCC.

SBCllr Samuel said he will attend the next meeting of the Swale Joint Transportation Board in June when the issue of the school crossing will be on the agenda.

DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 6.30pm in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Chairman

Dated: 3 May 2017