

Tunstall Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting of Tunstall Parish Council held on Monday 5 October 2015

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

Also present were SBCllr Samuel, Guy Rollinson (Kent Speed Watch) and six members of the public.

Public Time

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

#1- Chris Mains has been contacted concerning the tree planning in Fulston Field but nothing has happened. Can the Parish Council write to Chris Mains and urge the trees to be planted as it needs to be done in the autumn?

Cllr Spicer reminded the meeting that the Parish Council was told that this was the first thing that would be done in March and now it will be done in October or November when the ground would be more suitable.

Cllr Senior explained that Chris mains had met with an arboriculturalist and it was agreed that not so many trees would be removed.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Chris Main for a plan of where the trees will be sited.

#2- I am very worried about the development of the Kent Science Park, please can the Parish Council support the Five Parishes Group?

Cllr Burgess said that he and Cllr Spicer attended the last Five Parishes meeting and the Parish Council is very proactive with regards to this site.

#3- I live in Roseleigh Road and I am here to protest at the application for a new dwelling at the land to the rear of 66 Park Drive. (A written objection and photographs were circulated to Councillors.) Access to the site is very narrow and the area is a serious point of flooding. I would like the Parish Council to support residents and oppose the application.

Cllr Burgess said the Parish Council will be considering the application.

7pm- SBCllr Samuel arrived.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

As Cllr Burgess was standing for Chair, it was agreed for Cllr Davison to chair this part of the meeting.

Cllr Sills **PROPOSED** Cllr Burgess for the office of Chair to the Council.

Cllr Spencer **PROPOSED** Cllr Spicer for the office of Chair to the Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Senior.

Cllr Burgess's nomination for the position of Chair was **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison

Cllr Spicer 3 votes; Cllr Burgess 4 votes. Cllr Burgess was duly elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Fincham **PROPOSED** Cllr Spicer for the office of Vice Chair to the Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.** Cllr Spicer was duly elected as Vice Chair.

Cllr Fincham said the Chair and Vice Chair must work together.

2. APOLOGIES

All Councillors were present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 September 2015

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting of 9 September. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Spicer; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison to accept the minutes: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.** Cllr Burgess signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- i. WW1 Memorial

Cllr Spicer reported to Members that she has not heard anything more about the WW1 Memorial.

Cllr Burgess suggested trying again to progress this project.

ACTION 1: Cllr Spicer to contact Pippa once more about the Memorial Orchard.

ACTION 2: Cllr Burgess to contact KCC on behalf of the Parish Council.

ii. School – Contractor/Tunstall Working Party

Cllr Spicer reported that when the car park is full, vehicles park in the road.

Cllr Fincham said that all schools are experiencing problems with parking but when the new school opens the problem for Tunstall will be worse as it will clog up the major arterial road and have major repercussions in the area.

iii. Size of Parish Council

Cllr Burgess explained that with the expansion of the Parish the Council is looking to expand the number of Councillors. Katherine Bescoby has confirmed receipt of Parish Council's request for extra Councillors.

6. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Senior reported that a Speed Watch training session had been planned but it was cancelled because there had been no response, although three people did turn up. Another training session is being planned.

Cllr Senior introduced Guy Rollinson, Kent Speed Watch co-ordinator for Kent Police.

Mr Rollinson explained that Speed Watch volunteers have no powers and are not even allowed to stop cars. Speed Watch essentially offers the community the opportunity to educate drivers about speed. The scheme in Kent has grown 350% and the data collected shows a very positive response from drivers with a very positive effect. A small group of people go out with a device which lights up and shows the speed of vehicles. Details of speeding drivers are taken and a letter of advice is sent out. Speed Watch is an educational base and no fines can be raised from it. Persistent offenders will have a letter delivered by the Police. Mr Rollinson explained that the data shows that this is extremely effective; if a speeding ticket is issued it generates a negative feeling. Speed Watch works in a different way and encourages compliance with speed limits. About 80% of offenders are local drivers. Speed Watch allows the Police to target repeat offenders. At least three Speed Watch volunteers go out together for safety and to help capture the data.

Cllr Burgess thanked Mr Rollinson for attending the meeting which has been very helpful.

ACTION 1: Clerk to ask Borough Councillors for a grant

ACTION 1: Cllr Senior to progress Speed Watch for the Parish.

7. PLANNING -

i. Ref:15/507311/FULL

Address: 66 Park Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1RD

Proposal: New dwelling at land rear to 66 Park Drive (Revised Scheme).

Cllr Burgess said that the application impacts on Roseleigh Road more than Park Drive and he reminded Councillors that although an application has been submitted previously, this is a new proposal and must be considered on its own merits as a new application.

Cllr Fincham said the site is too small to take another dwelling, some trees have been felled and flooding is an issue for the area.

Cllr Burgess said the proposal would cause over intensification of the site and there is evidence of pluvial flooding which will be compounded by the increased hard standing area.

Cllr Senior **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council should object to the application; **SECONDED** by Cllr Sills: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ii. Ref: 15/507212/FULL

Address: 32 Sterling Road Tunstall Kent ME10 1SL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension with the insertion of a rooflight.

Councillors considered this application and **AGREED** there were no objections to the proposal.

iii. 15/507351/FULL

Address: 2 Flint Cottages Tunstall Road Tunstall Kent ME9 8DU

Proposal: Rear conservatory.

Councillors considered this application which is in a conservation and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that there were no objections to the proposals as long as the materials used were in keeping with the area and the Conservation Officer was satisfied with the proposals.

8. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Spencer said he has been monitoring developments in the area and there were no problems.

Cllr Fincham reported that the new school build was still affecting people locally. The contractors need to be careful about what they are doing and must adhere to agreed working hours.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Chris Main to remind him of their obligations to the local community.

Cllr Spicer told Councillors that she and Cllr Senior had attended the AbBaltis award ceremony on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Spicer informed Members that Barclays Bank say the signatures received are acceptable and the mandates are being processed.

9. FINANCE

i. Annual Return

Cllr Spicer said the Annual Return was sent to the previous Clerk and everything is in order.

ii. To received second instalment of precept

The Clerk advised that the second instalment of £12398.00 of the precept has been received and this includes the extra precept money from increase in Parish size.

iii. Christmas Tree Festival

Cllr Spicer suggested a theme of boats and planes and brought some examples of baubles.

iv. Accounts and Cheques raised

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2), the following cheques were raised and signed at the meeting:

Date	Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
05.10.2015	1080	Mrs W Licence	Salary Expenses TOTAL	£222.32 £13.21 £235.53
05.10.2015	1081	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire October Including extra hire for Speed Watch	£25.00
05.10.2015	1082	McCabe Ford Williams	Pay roll fees TOTAL	£32.50 vat £6.50 £39.00
Three cheques in total				

v. Repairs to notice boards- to consider quotes

Cllr Burgess said only one quote had been received.

ACTION: Cllr Spencer will ask a local contractor for a quote.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.09.2015 KALC- Minutes; next meeting Mon 9 November
- 14.09.2015 KALC- Councillors Information Day and Conference on 14 October Teynham Village Hall

- 3. 23.09.2015 KCC- Street Lighting Consultation
- 4. 27.09.2015 Church magazine- request to update contact details
- 5. 29.09.2015 NALC survey- national Improvement Strategy
- 6. 30.09.2015 KALC Reforming the powers of police staff and volunteers
- 7. 30.09.2015 KCC public consultation on 4 of KCC older peoples care home
- 8. 30.09.15 Swale Rural Forum- agenda item request
- 9. 02.10.15 CPRE: Swale District AGM 19 October 2015
- ACTION: Cllr Burgess to attend*
- 10.10.15 SBC Annual Report 2014-15

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Senior informed members that he has volunteered to be the Co-ordinator but he has not heard anything.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain further details.

12. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Fincham said that the Kent Science Park needs to be monitored as it will affected everyone.

Cllr Spicer reminded members that the Parish Council has been invited to visit the site but no one responded.

ACTION: Cllr Spicer to re-circulate details to Members.

Cllr Spicer said that 95% of the Kent Science Park is within the Parish and if the Five Parishes Group needs funding, the Parish Council needs to consider assisting.

To be considered at next meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 November, 2015 at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

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

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chair

Date: 2 November 2015