

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20 July 2017 in the Midwinter Room, St John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

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

Also present were three members of the public.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#1- I attended the enforcement appeal hearing for Hall House and I was very concerned about the proceedings. I am concerned that there is an application for the Old School lodged by someone who does not intend to live there. The redevelopment of the site will add extra cars and gardens to the village.

#2- I live in Sterling Road and have noticed the flower planters in the parish and the garden in Cranbrook Road but I have not seen any evidence of money being spent in the newer part of the parish.

Cllr Burgess said cherry trees have been planted in Sterling Road and the Council is looking at the urban part of the parish.

#3- I would like to compliment the Parish Council for the initiative of adding planters as it brightens up the area.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Roger Sills (personal); apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Wright (at another meeting) and SBCllr Conway: apologies noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nutting declared an interest in the proposal for the Old School which is adjacent to the Village hall, the Village Hall Committee has commented on the proposal and Cllr Nutting excluded himself from the response.

3. PLANNING

i. Ref: 17/502971/LBC

Ref: Listed Building application for part demolition and part rebuilding of former school building, conversion with first floor extension to create two 4 bedroom dwellings, together with the erection of two detached 4 bedroom dwellings, with associated landscaping, including removal of three trees and parking.

Ref: 17/502970/FULL

Proposal: Part demolition and part rebuilding of former school building, conversion with first floor extension to create two 4 bedroom dwellings, together with the erection of two detached 4 bedroom dwellings, with associated landscaping, including removal of three trees and parking.

Address: Tunstall Church of England Primary School Tunstall Road Tunstall

Councillors considered the application and the comments submitted on the Planning Portal.

Cllr Burgess **PROPOSED** to support the proposal with caveats; **SECONDED** by Cllr Cook:
FOR 4, AGAINST 2: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Caveats to support:

- Clear sight lines be created from the access road

- Width of access road be improved
- All building materials and plant to go through front of the site
- The access road not to be used for building materials or plant
- The parking allocation inconsistent with number of houses and must be addressed
- No parking on the front of the old school building in line with refusal of planning permission when the school had previously applied.

iii. Ref: 17/503067/FULL

Address: 94 Sterling Road Tunstall Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1SN

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make.

iv. Ref: 17/503200/FULL

Address: 87 Sterling Road Tunstall Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1SN

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension (retrospective)

Councillors considered the application and were concerned the details of the proposal were not clear from the documents available. Councillors were concerned that planning laws had been flouted and **AGREED** to support the view of the Borough Council.

v. Ref: 17/503073/NMAMD

Address: Land Adjacent To 730 Guillat Avenue Kent Science Park Sittingbourne Kent

Proposal: Non-material amendment - Increased area of infill linking structure between existing building (Building 750 phase 1) and proposed extension building (Building 750 phase 2). Increased area of proposed extension building at northeast corner. Amendments to ventilation louvre sizes and locations. Amendments to landscape design to align with Landscape Architect proposals. External stairs and platform added to northwest elevation. Additional flues. Location of gas meter enclosure changed (original application ref: 16/507650/FULL).

Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make.

vi. Any other planning matter received by 5 June 2017.

There were no other matters to consider.

4. PLANTERS

Cllr Burgess said the planters had been well received and Councillors need to consider the options for ensuring the planters are watered. The school has agreed to water the barrier baskets. It will cost £50 per visit from Amethyst Horticultural to water the plants, and they recommend 2 visits per week. Other contractors will be asked including Fulston Manor School.

Cllr Cook **PROPOSED** that if necessary, Amethyst Horticulture be requested to carry out an emergency watering of the planters; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Action: Clerk to contact Fulston Manor School for a quotation.

Cllr Harwood said a watering regime needs to be agreed before any further planters are purchased and there are pockets of land in Sterling Road which could be improved.

ACTION: Councillors to send details of areas in the Parish identified as suitable for improvement and Clerk to ascertain ownership.

Cllr Burgess said a letter had been received from a resident stating a planter was on his driveway and sight lines have been compromised. Cllr Burgess has visited the site and believes there is room to move the planter sufficiently to clear the residents drive and sight lines.

ACTION: Clerk to request Amethyst Horticulture move the planter accordingly.

Cllr Nutting said another issue raised by the resident was the repairs to Coffin Pond, which the Parish Council is trying to resolve with KCC.

5. FINANCE

Chq. No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
1206	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Midwinter Room: Parish Council meeting	£15.00
1207	Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	£193.78
1208	HMRC	PAYE	£47.80
1209	Jane Johnson	Litter picker	£285.00
1210	KALC	Councillor training and Neighbourhood planning workshop	£288.00
1211	Amethyst Horticultural Ltd	Planters	£2762.40
1212	CCS Print invoice	Summer Newsletter	£155.00

Councillors considered the cheques raised and Cllr Cook **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Cook said the sight lines for the new school pedestrian crossing are overgrown and dangerous.

Cllr Hibben and Cllr Harwood said they have both logged this with Highways.

Cllr Hibben said the churchyard is looking scruffy and asked if there were plans to tidy it up.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the church for information

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7TH August 2017, 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Chairman

Date: 7th August 2017