

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 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  
County Cllr. M. Whiting  
County Cllr. A. Willicombe  
2 Parishioners

#### **Parishioners**

A question was raised by a resident relating to the speed bumps in Tunstall Road – see Clerk’s report on this under item 4.4

A Parishioner has been investigating Tunstall’s history and discovered that Queen Elizabeth I granted a Royal Charter of Incorporation to Sittingbourne whilst staying at Grove End Farm during her reign; Councillors to discuss this at the May meeting.

#### **Borough/County Councillors**

County Cllr. Whiting reported that a Newt Survey, which can only be carried out at this time of the year, will be carried out on the site for the possible relocation of Tunstall School. KCC are looking into the feasibility of the proposed relocation, but at the present time money is not available.

Cllr. Willicombe advised that Bell Road is being resurfaced as from the 16<sup>th</sup> April; an area to be avoided!

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

The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting and welcomed everyone; Cllr. Paton was absent due to illness.

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

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

Proposed by Cllr. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Spencer; the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, were agreed by Members and signed.

Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Mills, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, were agreed by Members and signed.

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

- 1. Yellow Lines outside Tunstall School** – The Chairman agreed to seek permission to address Swale’s Joint Transportation Committee at its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, regarding this matter

and to reiterate the Parish Council's support for double/zigzag lines outside the School. The Chairman has also been invited to the Village Hall Committee meeting (as a Parish Council representative) and will raise the subject of parking. **Action: Cllr. Burgess**

2. **Response from Swale Borough Council on parking on Verges** – Clerk is awaiting a response from KCC regarding the Parish Council's request for them to re-bund (soft, not hard) the damaged verges in Hearts Delight Road, near to the junction with Tunstall Road, to a height of 2 to 3 feet. She will chase again and place this item on the May Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **New Noticeboard** – Now received. Cllrs. Burgess, Mills and Mitchell to install in Ruins Barn Road. **Action: Cllrs. Burgess/Mills/Mitchell**

4. **Updates:**

- **Yellow Lines in Cranbrook Road** – work completed. These lines were originally going to extend further along Cranbrook Road, but following consultation with residents they were reduced in length. The Parish Council will monitor the situation and if proving dangerous will take the matter up again with the JTB to see if they can be extended.
- **Bollard outside 'The Den' and damaged 'Keep Right' sign** – both now replaced.
- **Speed Bumps, Tunstall Road** – Kent County Council's Highways Department advised that these are now compliant with current standards (when installed they were to the standard current at that time), following consultations with the Ambulance and Fire authorities and Bus service providers.
- **Extension of 20 mph speed limit** – KCC are trialling 20 mph zones in Kent at the present time and depending on the outcome of this will hopefully look at introducing them in other areas. Agreed to monitor the situation.

5. **Finance**

1. **Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for Donation** – Proposed by Cllr. Browning and seconded by Cllr. Davison, agreed by all a donation of £100.
2. **Cheques raised at this meeting:**

Clerk to contact the Church regarding the receipt of an invoice for repairs to the clock (the Parish Council normally only pays for the yearly service), but it was agreed on this occasion that the Council will make this one off payment. **Action: Clerk**

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

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
08.04.13	0921	L. Fisher	Wages - March 2013	£178.97p
08.04.13	0922	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax - March 2013	£44.73p
08.04.13	0923	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone/ Broadband/use of home as office; first and second class tamps	£24.72p
08.04.13	0924	Tunstall P.C.C.	Hire of Midwinter Room: March Eextraordinary meeting and April meeting, 2013	£25.00p
08.04.13	0925	Gillett & Johnston	Repairs to clock	£226.80p
Eight Cheques in total				

## **6 Correspondence**

1. **Community Infrastructure Levy & Neighbourhood Planning: 10 Point Plan** – Cllr. Mitchell is arranging for the 10 Point Plan to be distributed with the Spring Newsletter. He had hoped to get this printed by Swale Borough Council's Printing section, but they are inundated with work due to the County Council Elections. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
2. **Meet your Commissioner** – noted; no Members to attend.
3. **KALC Community Awards Scheme** – Noted for future use.
4. **Street Trading Local Policy Document** – Noted, no observations to put forward.

7. **Planning** – No applications received.

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

1. Clerk write to Kent Police regarding the level of crime in Tunstall and the need for a Police present; querying whether the Parish still has a PCSO as one has not been present at the past few meetings. **Action: Clerk**
2. Cllr. Mitchell attended the recent KFAS; a chap from the team connected with 'Boris Airport' addressed delegates and gave a talk on the hub airport. It looks as though the Isle of Grain is particularly favourable, but Medway Council are opposing this. Cllr. Mitchell to circulate a report on the Conference. . **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

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

The next Meetings will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall, as follows:

- Annual Parish Meeting followed by
- Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by
- Monthly Meeting.

**The meeting closed at 08.55 p.m.**