

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 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  
2 Parishioners

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Truelove.

#### **2. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The Chairman, Cllr. Burgess, welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting, adding that it was nice to see everyone present and that the Parish Council hopes the new Council year will be a productive one.

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman commented that 2012/13 had been a remarkable year; with the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics; the Parish Council also had a new Clerk!

In July the Council started to improve communication with the local community by ordering an additional noticeboard and publishing the first issue of the quarterly Parish Council newsletter, which is delivered to every home in the Parish. The newsletter seems to be a success in the village.

Cllr. Burgess took on the post of Chairman in September when Cllr. Panton relinquished the post.

The outcome of the Boundary Review was published, which came as a shock; how this will impact on the Parish won't be truly understood until the Elections in 2015. We contacted our M.P. asking him to object to the decision, a course of action which hasn't been taken by an M.P. for over 200 years; but the decision was upheld.

The School put forward a strategy for its future development (not a planning application) and to gain parishioners' views on the proposals a questionnaire was circulated with the Spring Newsletter; the Parish Council will look at the feedback in June, 2013.

Members attended a site visit to Kent Science Park, which was very illuminating and the Parish Council hopes to work closely with the management in the future.

Then we heard the news last month that Councillor Frank Panton had passed away. He attended meetings right up to the end and brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Parish Council; he will be sadly missed.

**4. Questions/Comments from Parishioners**

Residents referred to the proposals for yellow lines outside the ; this is being discussed at the Swale Joint Transportation Board Meeting in June and they hope a Parish Councillor will address the Committee.

There has been no further news on the proposals for the School, as mentioned previously a questionnaire has been sent to all residents; so far only 15 have been received – the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.

**5. Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr. Spencer asked if there had been any update on the two dog waste bins; Swale Borough Council is awaiting delivery and the Clerk is still pushing for these.

**The meeting closed at 07.30 p.m.**