

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013

**Present:** Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. C. Browning  
Cllr. A. Spicer  
Cllr. J. Mills

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Sophie Clements PCSO  
5 member of the Public

**Parishioners** – Residents raised concerns about the possible siting of a new school for Tunstall and rumours of over 600 new homes on an area of land located either side of Ruins Barn Road. The Vice-Chair responded that the two sites are not under consideration for housing in the current consultation on the Local Plan; Appendix 7 of the consultation document lists sites which have not gone past Stage 2 of the assessment. Members commented that to date no further information has been received on the proposed strategies for Tunstall School, apart from rumours that KCC have found half the money needed for a new school.

**Borough/County Councillors/PCSO** – The PCSO, Sophie Colman, introduced herself; she has taken over from Matthew Link, the former PCSO. She is happy to attend meetings as and when her shift allows and is always contactable by phone or e-mail if a concern arises within Tunstall. She will forward the Clerk some posters giving details about her and contact information for the noticeboards. Members welcomed her to Tunstall.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman chaired the Parish Council meeting and formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from the Cllrs. Burgess and Davison and Borough Councillors Jean and Alan Willicombe.

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

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

Proposed by Cllr. Spicer and seconded by Cllr. Browning; the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript

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

- 1. Commemorating Frank Panton** – Agreed to accept the quotation of £30 for the supply of a Stainless Steel engraved plaque, size 100 x 150 cm; also agreed to use Bookman Old Style Font. Members expressed thanks to Cllr. Spicer for sorting this out and Cllr. Mills for manufacturing a plinth for the plaque.
- 2. Royal Charter of Incorporation – Queen Elizabeth I** – Agreed to accept the quotation of £30 for the supply of a Stainless Steel engraved plaque, size 100 x 150 cm; and to use Bookman Old Style Font. As Queen Elizabeth I visited Tunstall on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1573, it is hoped to

hold the rose planting ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Members agreed to invite the Mayor and children from Tunstall School to each plant a rose bush. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements and to advise Members in due course. **Action: Clerk**

- Yellow Lines outside School/Verges in Hearts Delight Road** – The yellow lines and the relevant signage have now been installed. It was proposed by Cllr. Spicer and seconded by Cllr. Browning that the Parish Council approaches the Village Hall Committee to ask if they will reconsider the number of parking spaces allocated for school staff; agreed. Clerk to write, sending a copy to the School for information. **Action: Clerk**

Clerk advised that Swale Borough Council’s Environment Wardens have erected temporary signs in Hearts Delight Road advising drivers that a Bye-Law prohibits parking on grass verges. Clerk to obtain quotes for wooden bollards for Hearts Delight Road, following the theft of highway markers installed recently by Kent County Council **Action: Clerk**

- Community Governance Review** - Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Spicer, to change the Parish Boundary to fall in line with Tunstall’s ecclesiastical boundary; all agreed. Clerk to contact Rev. McNicols to obtain a copy of the church boundary. **Action: Clerk**
- Briefing on the Swale Borough Local Plan Part 1: Revised Consultation Draft July 2013** – Proposed by Cllr. Spicer and seconded by Cllr. Browning, all agreed, that the Parish Council lodges a response opposing any housing development on land in Ruins Barn Road next to the site put forward as part of KCC’s strategy for a possible new School in Tunstall Road. Councillors also expressed concern about the amount of housing that is being proposed in the Plan and the lack of supportive infrastructure. **Action: Clerk**

## **5. Finance**

- Coffin Pond** – Clerk still awaiting quotations from firms, now looking at replacing the brickwork with metal railings or rebuilding the damaged sections. A response is still awaited from Swale’s Conservation Officer as to whether there are any restrictions on what materials can be used. Clerk to bring this item back to October meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- Repairs to Church Clock** – Clerk to write suggesting that the Church contact the Friends of Tunstall Church to see if they can assist as at the present time due to budgetary constraints the Parish Council is unable to make a contribution towards this cost. **Action: Clerk**
- Bulbs** – Members agreed to purchase 3 x 25kg nets of Daffodil Bulbs at the quoted price of £26 per net, plus V.A.T. plus £8 carriage; these bulbs to be planted on the verges in Tunstall. **Action: Clerk**
- Cheques raised at this meeting:**

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

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.09.13	0955	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax – August 2013	£44.80p
02.09.13	0956	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone/Broadband; home as office – August 2013	£11.52p
02.09.13	0957	Tunstall P.C.C.	Hire of Midwinter Room Sept, 2013	£12.50p
Three Cheques in total				

Paid by Direct Debit – L. Fisher – Wages, August, 2013: £178.90p

## **6 Correspondence**

1. **DCLG Guidance on Illegal and Unauthorised Traveller Sites** – Document Noted
2. **DCLG Consultation: Greater Flexibilities for Change of Use** – Clerk instructed to bring this item back to the October meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **DCLG Consultation: Updated National Waste Planning Policy: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management** – Agreed Cllr. Spencer and Mitchell to respond to this on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllrs. Spencer/Mitchell**

## **7. Planning**

1. **SW/13/0921** – Conversion of existing building from parking to single residential unit – Oakwood Barn, Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall, ME9 8AA – Members raised no objection to this application.

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

1. Members again thanked Sophie, the PCSO, for attending the meeting.

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

The next Meeting will be on Monday 7th October, 2013, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

**The meeting closed at 09.10 p.m.**