

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

**Present:** Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. J. Mills  
Cllr. R. Spencer  
Cllr. C. Browning  
Cllr. I. Davison

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
David Gullick, Diocese Architect  
James Sanderson, Project Manager, KCC  
2 Members of the Public

#### Public Time

The Vice-Chair welcomed colleagues from the Diocese and Kent County Council, who attended to discuss points relating to the new School.

They explained that the coloured panels will only cover 10% of the building and will be at ground level; the rest of the building will have weather-boarding. They will not be removing any trees around the pond, apart from those needing to be removed at the access point, and will be planting additional trees and therefore the cladding will not be visible from the road. They have also got approval from Fulston Manor to fill in the gaps in their boundary and this will improve the appearance from Ruins Barn Road.

The lighting has now been re-designed; they were not happy with the 26 x 5 metre high columns; now down to 8 columns in the centre of the site. They have also changed the path across the grass 'mound' and will be keeping the brick wall. Archaeology investigations have been completed; they did find a few things but not very old; someone was using the clay to manufacture bricks. They will maintain contact with the For Tunstall Group throughout the process. Penalty clauses have been put into place by the main contractor if other contractors come through the village.

The Vice-Chair thanked David and James for their input.. Members acknowledged an e-mail received from a resident regarding the For Tunstall Group and noted the correspondence between him and Cllr. Spicer. As there was no other comments from the public Cllr. Mitchell opened the meeting.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Spicer and Burgess.

County Cllr. Roger Truelove and Borough Councillors were not in attendance and have not been since May 2013, despite being advised of the meetings.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None; a Dispensation has already been granted to all Members relating to Tunstall School.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Browning the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **South and South East in Bloom** – Cllr. Mitchell advised that no volunteers as yet have come forward, which is disappointing. He has arranged a meeting (announced in the Church Magazine) in The Midwinter Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 p.m. and is hoping people will come forward to form a group. Tunstall Gardeners Society have turned down the offer of a 15 minute presentation; however he has been

in touch with the new Co-ordinator for Swale in Bloom - Steven Hurrell – who will attend the meeting in January and meet up with Cllr. Mitchell beforehand to discuss the matter. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

2. **WW1 Memorial** – It was agreed to approach Kent County Council Property Services to explore how to take over part of the School playing field, ascertain costs and to liaise with Pippa Palmer, who is a Director of Kent Orchards for Everyone. If obtained, Cllr. Mitchell to bring details back to the January meeting. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
3. **Christmas Tree Festival, Tunstall Church** – The Festival was wonderful and the Parish Council’s tree was admired. Members expressed their thanks to Philip Bartholomew, who kindly donated the tree and Allyson Spicer and John Mills for their superb hand-made decorations. Cllr. Browning proposed that the Poppies, leaves and crosses be formed into a collage; framed and placed in the Memorial Hall, to commemorate those who died in World War 1. Clerk to check to see if the Village Hall and Cllr. Spicer are agreeable. A second proposal was put forward that the Poppies are sold and the funds raised given to the Church. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Bollards adjacent to the Church** – Clerk advised the bollards have now been removed as agreed by Kent County Council’s Critical Safety Team, however KCC will be monitoring the area and if there are any issues they will be reinstalled.
5. **School – Contractor/Tunstall Working Party** – Members looked at the SW/14/153/RVAR - Land at Tunstall Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Kent; Details of Remediation Strategy (Land Contamination) pursuant to conditions 12, 13 and 14 of planning permission SW/14/153 and agreed to respond that they were concerned that current plans have not been used and details might not be relevant and to add that the Parish Council still has concerns about deep boreholes being used; stressing that because of nearby aquifers the Environment Agency should be consulted if this is the case.

Members referred to the discussion with the representatives from KCC and the Diocese Architects; they were not entirely happy with the coloured panels; however the actual colours were more ‘muted’; they accepted that the building would look ‘inviting for children’ and had been informed that only 10% of the building will contain these panels. It was also somewhat reassuring to learn that the panels will be at floor level and with the trees that are now remaining will not be highly visible from nearby properties.

6. **Yellow Lines – Corners of Woodstock/Cromers Road and Woodstock/Tunstall Road** – a resident has approached the Parish Council asking if yellow lines can be placed around the corner of these roads; at present cars park right up to the corner and obscure the sight lines. With the additional imminent contractors’ traffic from the new school site it will compound the problem. Clerk to write to Swale’s Highway Engineer to ascertain what is possible. **Action: Clerk**

## 5. **Planning**

1. **14/504220/FULL** - Proposed single storey side extension -Alterations to existing layout; All to improve living conditions - 1 Hales Road, Tunstall Kent ME10 1SR – No objection.
2. **14/503907/FULL** - 2 Ruins Barn Road Tunstall Kent ME10 4HS - To construct a timber framed and timber clad garage/storage area to the rear boundary of the property. Access via track to rear of ruins barn road – Agreed to object on the grounds of height and impact on adjoining properties; this building dominates neighbours' back gardens. This is a retrospective application; the building has already been built. The building is not in keeping with other garages/stores as regards size. If approved, would ask for a condition that no commercial activities take place in this building and a condition that this is not converted to residential use at a later date.

## 6. **Finance**

1. **Clerk – NALC Pay Award 2014** – Defer till January meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Budget 2014/15** – figures tentatively agreed, pending receipt of Precept information from Swale Borough Council; bring back to January meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Christmas Tree Lights** – Place on January Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – the following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
08.12.14	1029	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone; home as office, inks - Nov	£18.74p
08.12.14	1030	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax – Nov 2014	£48.20p
08.12.14	1031	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire December	£12.50p
Three Cheques in total.				

Paid by Standing Order – Clerk’s Wages, November, 2014: £192.84p

6. **Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**

Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Spencer, the new Financial Regulations, 2014, were approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

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8. **Correspondence**

1. **SBC Statement of Intent and KALC Swale Area Committee meeting 1 December 2014** – disappointing to note that Parish Council’s input appears to have been ignored.
2. **Local Validation Checklist Webpage and Consultation** – Noted.
3. **Kent County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 Submission** – Noted.
4. **New DCLG programme - Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods** – Document noted.
5. **Early Notice of Consultation Period Swale Local Plan** – place on January Agenda. ***Action: Clerk***

9. **Any Other Matters Arising** - None

10. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.**