

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Monday 12th May, 2014

Present: Cllr. L. Burgess – Chair
Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Spencer
Cllr. C. Browning
Cllr. I. Davison
Cllr. A. Spicer
3 Members of the Public
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mills and Borough Councillors Jean and Alan Willicombe.

2. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting, adding that it was nice to see everyone present and that the Parish Council hopes that 2014/15 will be a productive year.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman commented that 2013/14 has been quite a tumultuous and trying year. The Council has become more professional and ambitious, particularly with the expansion of the Parish; the Governance Consultation has just been completed and Tunstall is seeking to expand the Parish Boundary to encompass those properties that already believe they reside within it. Members have worked together for the best interest of Tunstall and its residents. At the beginning of the year there was the planting of the roses to commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth I, the Mayor was present and it was nice to see the pupils of Tunstall School taking part in the ceremony. Bollards and yellow lines have been installed to ease congestion in Hearts Delight and Tustall Roads. Councillors and volunteers have been planting masses of Daffodil bulbs in various locations throughout the village and we have placed an order for work to commence shortly on Coffin Pond to repair brickwork damage caused by vehicle impact.

We have had the most controversial planning application since the Kent Science Park; this is for Tunstall School. It has been a very bitter issue which has divided the Parish and Members hope that everyone can move on together whatever the outcome.

4. Questions/Comments from Parishioners

A resident asked what is being done to Coffin Pond. The Chairman responded that the curved section of the wall is being taken down and then re-built using reinforcing rods.

A resident added to the Chair's comments that he too hopes that following the decision on the School everyone will move on especially as people care about the area.

5. Any Other Matters Arising - None

The meeting closed at 07.20 p.m.