

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 12th May 2014

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

Public Time

The Chairman read out a letter from a member of the public asking if it was possible to close Tunstall Road and hold a street party to bring all the residents together following whatever decision is made by KCC on Tunstall School. A resident present has been talking to the gentleman concerned about this idea and supported the proposal. The Parish Council thought it was a good suggestion and will look into the feasibility of it.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr. Mills and Borough Cllrs. Alan and Jean Willicombe.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest. A Dispensation has already been granted to all Members relating to Tunstall School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Spicer the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 7th April, 2014, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Complaint re. Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee Meeting on 10th April, 2014** – a letter of complaint has been sent to the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer at Swale Borough Council regarding the manner in which the Tunstall School application was dealt with and the conduct of a Borough Councillor. A response is yet to be received.

A draft statement on the school proposal, prepared by Cllr. Spicer, has been circulated to all Members. The contents were agreed and it was also agreed that Cllr. Spicer speak on behalf of the Parish Council at KCC's Planning Committee meeting on the 14th May.

The Chair read out an e-mail received from a resident, following which it was agreed that the Parish Council is happy to support the school as a one form entry.

2. **South and South East in Bloom (S&SE) Workshop** – Cllr. Mitchell has received a response from Tunstall Gardeners' Society and although the idea has not been looked upon favourably by them they are happy to for him to attend one of their meetings to explain more fully.

S&SE will not charge for this year's entry and judging will take place in July. The judges will be looking at all aspects of the village, including the School, Church and Village Hall. Cllr. Mitchell will draft a letter to these organisations advising them of the competition. He also agreed to include this in the next Newsletter and to co-ordinate the whole project. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

Cllr. Mitchell is still seeking a site for a WW1 Memorial Garden; the Chair advised that he is pushing KCC Highways to adopt the scrub area of land in Cranbrook Drive – is this a possible site?

- Updates: Potholes** – Clerk has reported those in Hearts Delight Road and outside ‘The Den’; **Damage to handrail by the Church** – This has now been repaired but does not match the existing, Conservation Officer to inspect; **Repairs to Coffin Pond** – to commence work on the 27th May. The Chair agreed to drop a note through the door of nearby residents advising them of this. **Action: Cllr. Burgess**

5. **Planning** –

New Applications – None

Determined applications:

- SW/14/0192:** Renewal of planning consent SW/11/1451 for the retention of a single and double mobile classroom units & PTA store: Tunstall CE Primary School, Tunstall ME9 8DX – No objection by Swale Borough Council.
- SW/14/0085:** Proposed rear ground floor extension: 80 Sterling Road, Tunstall ME10 1SL – Granted.

6. **Finance**

- Insurance Cover Renewal 2014/15** – Agreed to renew at a cost of £327.37p.

2. **Cheques raised at this meeting:**

The following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 30th April, 2014, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
12.05.14	0992	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
12.05.14	0993	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
12.05.14	0994	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Hall May	£12.50p
12.05.14	0995	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium 2014/15	£327.37p
12.05.14	0996	E-on	Energy cost As at April 2014	£31.31p
12.05.14	0997	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax – April 2014	£48.20p
12.05.14	0998	L. Fisher	April Expenses – Tele; home as office, Inks	£15.28p
Five Cheques in total plus two cancelled				

Paid by Direct Debit – L. Fisher – Wages, March, 2014: £192.84p

6 **Correspondence**

- KCC Safe and Sensible Street Lighting - Part Night Lighting:** Noted, this only affects lighting owned by KCC.
- KALC: Response to Code for Parish Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25000:** Noted.
- Results of Community Governance Review:** Progress to date noted.

8. **Any Other Matters Arising**

- Cllr. Spencer asked if the Clerk can ask the Post Office to repaint the Victoria Letterbox opposite The Den. **Action: Clerk**
- Bottom Pond needs cleaning – Clerk to contact KCC. **Action: Clerk**
- Rubbish is being dumped at the old Observer Corp bunker located at near the crossroads at Ruins Barn/Broadoak Roads. Clerk to Contact Swale Cleansing Section. **Action: Clerk**

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 12th May, 2014, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

The meeting closed at 08.30 p.m.