

## TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015

**Present:** Cllr. L. Burgess – Chair  
Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. J. Mills  
Cllr. R. Spencer  
Cllr. A. Spicer

Cllr. C. Browning  
Cllr. I. Davison  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
1 Member of the Public

**Public Time** – No issues raised.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Spicer, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **South and South East in Bloom** – Despite widespread advertising of the event Cllr. Mitchell was disappointed that no members of the public attended the meeting in the Midwinter Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, to hopefully form a group to organise Tunstall's entry in future years. Swale Borough Council's Line Manager of the Swale in Bloom Co-ordinator and Cllr. Spicer attended; the South and S.E. in Bloom Chairman produced and sent a PowerPoint presentation to use. Agreed to put an article in the next newsletter that because of this Tunstall won't be entering the 2015 competition. Members thanked Cllr. Mitchell for all his hard work with this project. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
2. **WW1 Memorial** – Cllr. Mitchell and Cllr. Spicer met with Pippa Palmar from 'Orchards for Everyone' to look at the old School playing field (1.3 acres) as a possible site. Pippa is interested in the location put forward and has funding for trees and will arrange for a plaque; a resident is interested in the role of Community Orchard Warden. It was agreed that Cllr. Spicer will circulate a draft a response to KCC's Property Group's e-mail to all Members for approval prior to posting, adding that the Parish Council has the support of Kent Orchards for Everyone. **Action: Cllr. Spicer**
3. **School – Contractor/Tunstall Working Party** – The Chairman withdrew from the room at this point as he sits on KCC's Planning Committee. Cllr. Spicer advised that the Architect will no longer attend meetings; they are still waiting for the Project Manager, Chris Main, to agree the Minutes and he will no longer be attending the meetings until such time as the contractors are on site and the build has started. Kent County Council's public meeting has been delayed but a meeting will take place with the School and parents; when asked if the Parish Council can attend she was informed no. She advised that the conditions relating to lighting and external materials are being considered at KCC's Planning Committee meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February; the Parish Council has not been advised. Proposed by Cllr. Spicer and seconded by Cllr. Spencer, all agreed, the Clerk will draft a statement, circulate to all Members for approval and then submit to the Planning Committee Clerk; Clerk to also query why the Parish Council has not been notified of this meeting or had sight of the Planning Officer's report. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Spicer advised of traffic problems with the Village Hall car park and parents blocking the surrounding roads; residents have approached her because they have health and safety concerns. Clerk instructed to draw this to the attention of the PCSO and to write to the School's Headteacher seeking her assistance with asking the parents not to park dangerously; the Parish Council has real concerns that use of the hall's car park could be withdrawn if this continues. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Yellow Lines – Corners of Woodstock/Cromers Road and Woodstock/Tunstall Road** – The J.T.B. Committee Clerk has advised that she will raise this with the Chairman for consideration at the Agenda setting meeting and will advise the Parish Council if this has been agreed as an item. **Action: Clerk**
5. **LGBCE Electoral Review of Kent** – Agreed to wait until firm proposals come forward.

## 5. **Planning**

1. **14/506612/FULL** - Corner House Tunstall Road Tunstall Kent ME10 1YG - First floor rear bedroom extension with velux windows inc. two front dormer windows, single storey rear extension and additions and alterations to fenestration and changes to external materials – No objections, although Councillors do have concerns about the impact construction traffic will have on this section of Tunstall Road, especially as other contractors will shortly be commencing work on the new Tunstall School site which is in very close proximity.
2. **14/506248/OUT/CLDE** - Outline (Access not reserved) - Mixed use development of up to 580 residential dwellings, circa 400sqm (Use Class A1) retail, landscape, public open space & associated works - Land South Of Swanstree Avenue, Highsted Road, Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4LU – Members objected on the following grounds:

A similar application was refused two years ago and Councillors believe the same reasons for refusal still apply today.

Capacity of physical infrastructure - according to Southern Water there is an inadequate capacity in the local network to supply water to the proposed development; an inadequate capacity in the local network to provide surface water disposal to service the proposed development and an inadequate capacity in the local network to provide foul sewage disposal to service the proposed development. There are water distribution mains, trunk main and foul sewer crossing the site.

Looking at the letter received from Kent Police there are frequent comments - 'makes the development unsustainable and unsound'.

In Swale's Local Plan 2008 the site is shown as:

- located in a Swale Special Landscape Area as set out in Policy E9 and on the Proposals Map.
- located in the Countryside Gap, as designated under Policy E7 and on the Proposals Map.
- located in the Countryside as designated under Policy E6 and on the Proposals Map

Highway issues: traffic generation, vehicular access, highway safety - the development will put increased pressure on Swanstree Avenue and surrounding roads. There are no nearby Primary Schools and once again children will need to be driven to the nearest facility adding to this pressure.

This is Grade 1 Agricultural land; the use of this goes against the Government's first choice to use Brown field sites. Green field agricultural land is important and necessary to keep if we are to continue to grow food and support our own country; we cannot afford to keep losing this to developers.

## 6. **Finance**

1. **Christmas Tree Lights and WW1 Collage** – Agreed the sum of £9.99p for the lights. Cllr. Spicer to submit costs for the collage to the March meeting. **Action: Cllr. Spicer/Clerk**
2. **South and S.E. in Bloom Entry Forms** – agreed not to enter this competition in 2015.

3. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – the following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.02.15	1036	Allyson Spicer	Christmas Tree Lights	£9.99p
02.02.15	1037	L. Fisher	Expenses – Tele; office use, salary adjustment - Jan	£14.63p
02.02.15	1038	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax –January 2014	£49.20p
02.02.15	1039	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire January	£12.50p
02.02.15	1040	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
Five Cheques in total.				

Paid by Standing Order – Clerk’s Wages, January 2015: £192.84p. The monthly salary increased to £197.14 as from 1st January 2015; because the letter to the bank advising of the change to the Standing Order was delayed (waiting for signatures), but the payroll calculated on the increase, the tax deducted sum of £4.30p was included with the Expenses sheet for January.

**7. Correspondence**

1. **Consultation on future delivery of Library, Registration and Archive services in Kent** – Clerk to respond that Members wish this to remain under the control of Kent County Council not private enterprise; these services need to be run by professionally trained people. **Action: Clerk**
2. **KALC - Lorry Parking** – Agreed to support Boxley Parish Council.

**9. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. The Chairman to contact Hall regarding the Defibrillator offered by the School. **Action: Chairman**
2. Cllr. Browning asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for clearing the weed in the pond. **Action: Clerk**
3. Cllr. Spicer suggesting sending out an article in the Spring Newsletter regarding the 4Tunstall Group. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

**10. Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

**The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.**