

**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. L. Burgess – Chair	Cllr. C. Browning
	Cllr. P. Mitchell – Vice-Chair	Cllr. I. Davison
	Cllr. J. Mills	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Spencer	0 Members of the Public
	Cllr. A. Spicer	

**Public Time** – No public in attendance

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from the PCSO.

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. Spencer the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 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 reminded Members regarding the meeting being held in the Midwinter Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 p.m. when hopefully people will come forward to form a group to organise Tunstall's entry in future years. He is also hoping that the new Co-ordinator for Swale in Bloom - Steven Hurrell will be in attendance. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
2. **WW1 Memorial** – Cllr. Mitchell advised that he will be meeting with Pippa Palmer on the 14<sup>th</sup> January to look at the old School playing field. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
3. **School – Contractor/Tunstall Working Party** – Cllr. Spicer advised that Kent County Council are organising a public meeting, to be held at the Village Hall possibly week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January, regarding the building work. There has been another meeting of the support group and conflicting information has come forward; at the last Parish Council meeting Members were advised that there will only be 8 lighting columns; the group were told 16. The Parish Council was also informed that only 10% of the building will contain the coloured panels, and only on the ground floor, although there will be 'thin slithers' of coloured panels between the windows on the top; the Group has been told that approximately 300mm wide coloured aluminium panels will also be on the top section. The Clerk has received an e-mail from KCC Planning asking the Parish Council to confirm that they withdraw their objection to the coloured panels. Clerk instructed to respond stating that the Parish Council feels it is unable to remove its objection to the coloured panels as it is receiving conflicting information as to what is actually happening with these and the promised 10% on the ground floor now seems to have changed. Clerk also to raise the issue of the 100% increase (one week after the Parish Council meeting), in the number of lighting columns on the new site. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Yellow Lines – Corners of Woodstock/Cromers Road and Woodstock/Tunstall Road** – Clerk has received a response stating that the Parish Council needs to approach Kent County Council and that as

KCC receive a high number of requests for waiting restrictions they prioritise all requests are based on the history of personal injury crashes at a particular location, and a scheme at this location might not score high enough. Clerk to request that an item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Board, so that this matter can be fully discussed. **Action: Clerk**

**5. Planning**

- 1. 14/505292/FULL - 15 Ruins Barn Road Tunstall Kent ME10 4HS** - Members raised no objection to this application.

**6. Finance**

- 1. Clerk – NALC Pay Award 2014** – Members agreed to increase the clerk’s salary as per the national pay award of 2%.
- 2. Budget 2014/15** – Members agreed to request a Precept figure of £8800, an increase of 1.93%, which equates to a rise of .42p per annum or .008p per week per Band D Property. **Action: Clerk**
- 3. Christmas Tree Lights** – Members formally agreed the expenditure of £9.99p. Clerk to write to the Memorial Hall to see if they will display a collage comprising of the felt poppies and embroidered leaves produced by Cllr. Spicer and the wooden crosses made by Cllr. Mills. **Action: Clerk**
- 4. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – the following cheques were signed and the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014, approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
05.01.15	1032	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone; home as office - Dec	£10.33p
05.01.15	1033	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax – Dec 2014	£48.20p
05.01.15	1034	Tunstall P.C.C.	Midwinter Room Hire January	£12.50p
05.01.15	1035	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
Four Cheques in total.				

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

**7. Correspondence**

- 1. Early Notice of Consultation Period Swale Local Plan** – The Chairman to forward details of the meeting regarding Kent Science Park and notes to the Clerk, in order that she can draft a response to the Local Plan; the draft to be circulated to Members prior to submission. **Action: Cllr. Burgess/Clerk**
- 2. Community Safety Issues** – Clerk to complete the survey stating that there are concerns over rural crime and it was felt that a Police presence would be a deterrent. **Action: Clerk**
- 3. LGBCE electoral review of Kent** – The Chairman to obtain some maps showing Wards; bring back to the February meeting. **Action: Cllr. Burgess/Clerk**
- 4. Supporting Swale's Parish & Town Councils: Consultation on draft Statement of Intent** – Members expressed disappointment, this is not representative of Parish Council’s views.
- 5. Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16** – Agreed Clerk to respond expressing the Parish Council’s disappointment at the Government not ring-fencing the funding; also to raise concern at the misinterpreted percentage increases. **Action: Clerk**

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

1. At the request of Cllr. Browning, Clerk to write to the Church asking about the current situation regarding the clock and whether any quotations have been received for the repairs.
2. Clerk to again chase for repairs to a pothole opposite the entrance to Tunstall House, Tunstall Road. **Action: Clerk**

3. The Chairman mentioned a planning application which has been submitted for 500 houses in Swanstree Avenue; Clerk advised that a copy of the application has not been received by the Parish Council; she will make enquiries regarding this. **Action: Clerk**

**10. Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015, commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

**The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.**