**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Chris Wilson

Cllr Bill Adams

Cllr Grayham Knowles

Rachel Walker Clerk

**In attendance**: Cllr Carl Les

PCSO Di Smith

**Tunstall Residents and visitors**

Joyce Muxlow, Paul Greenwood, Geoffrey Linehan,

1. **Apologies for absence**

Robin Scott

Cllr Welsh (who has resigned with immediate effect)

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**

Paul Greenwood made the council aware that there had been an army route march through the village of approx. 30 soldiers with guns. He enquired whether this was ok to do in a residential area. PCSO Smith confirmed that it was but advised that any concerns should be directed to the Garrison Commander.

Joyce Muxlow queried the status of the streetlight and drain repairs – the clerk responded that she had chased both matters up a number of times and it was very much in the hands of RDC to action.

Joyce also commented that the hedge on the village green at the east end of the village was overgrown and needed cutting – Cllr Richardson explained that all council resources re grounds maintenance have been reduced therefore it would be something that the PC would have to fund. Cllr Adams agreed he would look into it. Joyce also commented that the rubble on the bridal path needed clearing up.

It was also noted that the large tractor and tanker that is driven through the village by Metcalfe farms numerous times throughout the day is causing the grass verge of the beck to get worn away where cars are pulling on to it to avoid the large vehicle .

1. **Police report**

See separate report

PCSO also informed the council of a new community speed watch incentive that is being set up to monitor the speed of traffic in 30/40mph areas. At the moment it’s not available in this area but it is hoped to be in the future.

1. **District / County Councillor Report**

Cllr Les reported that there had been an increase of council tax of 1.99% - there is still £76million to find. Libraries and community transport could be hit. Consultations will take place as these are front line services.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2015 were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

Cllr Richardson commented that the new Catterick and Tunstall times (as spoken about by Bob Rafferty at the previous meeting) had been issued. He felt it had minimal content about Tunstall in it.

1. **Current Issues**
2. The council had been made aware of a planning application to the caravan club for the land behind Plews Cottage – it is to hold up to 5 caravans and 10 tents. A number of people were unhappy with this proposal and the PC had agreed to send a letter to the caravan club expressing their concerns particularly about the potential hazard pulling out on to the road and also it being a nuisance for neighbouring properties.

RDC said that they were unlikely to support this application but the Caravan Club are able to bypass this if it is under 10 caravans. NYCC are unable to get involved as it is not a planning application.

1. The Clerk explained to Cllrs that she had been to a meeting at RDC re the forthcoming elections – she suggested that those who wanted to stand again to let her know and she would drop off the relevant forms and then deliver them by hand back to the council once completed.
2. **Correspondence**

Very little correspondence to mention:

5th March – Email from Chloe Lewis GAP – inviting a member from Tunstall PC to attend the next meeting as concerns have been raised about the junction at the new development ‘The Steadings’

**Resolved:** Cllr Knowles agreed to attend

1. **Financial matters**

The clerk has arranged for £1690.35 from the savings account to be transferred over to the cheque account.

**Record of payments made under out of meeting arrangements**

**Date Cheque No Payee Amount**

20/02/15 000332 Horton Landscaping £76.00

**Summary of Accounts**

**Deposit Account Current Account**

Balance as of 2nd March 2015 Balance as of 27th Feb 2015

£1001.10 £2069.18

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

11/03/15 000333 Clerks wages Oct 14 – March 15 £346.92

1. **Planning Applications**

None

1. **Minor Matters**

Cllr Wilson commented that the condition of the road is becoming worse and that the pothole repairs done are inadequate.

**Resolved:** Clerk to enquire with NYCC Highways

1. **Village Hall**

Martin reported that it had been another successful year with £1588 profit made.

He especially thanked Bill and Paul for their efforts in arranging the race night and also TdF event.

Martin mentioned that attendance for Whist and Dominoes continues to be low – it may have to be reassessed re its viability.

Kids club has dwindled now that the children who go are growing up

The community garden had been re-vamped and notice board replaced thanks to funding from community grants.

Martin talked through the proposed budget for 2015/16 and this was agreed by those in attendance.

1. **To confirm the date of the next meeting**

**Wednesday 13th May (AGM)**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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