**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th January 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Chris Wilson

Cllr Dave Parry

Cllr T Gadie

Rachel Walker Clerk

**In attendance**: Cllr Les, Cllr Linehan, Sgt Graham

**Tunstall Residents**

Paul Greenwood, Sheila Clapham, Jim Pepperall, Terry Hancill

1. **Apologies**

Cllr B Adams

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**
2. Jim Pepperall queried the likelihood of the village getting superfast broadband. It was explained that

the nearest cabinet is at Catterick so it is too far for the fibre to run. Cllr Les explained that stage 2 of the rollout should see 90% of premises get it but it is unlikely that Tunstall will fall into that bracket. Stage 3 will see another possible 5% but this depends on BT. The County Council has a £4m budget provision but extra funding is still needed. Another alternative being looked at is a satellite system.

1. **Police report**

Sgt Graham read out the report – see attached

1. **County Councillor / District Councillor Report**

Cllr Les explained that the North East Combined Authorities have suggested that the A1M should be renamed - upon completion of the upgrade - to M1 which would be seen as a direct route from London to Newcastle. He asked members their opinion. Cllr Richardson thought this would be too confusing and would take away the history of the A1 being an old roman road, Cllr Gadie agreed. It was also thought it would be an unnecessary expense. Cllr Les asked that the Clerk email him with the views of Tunstall PC.

Cllr Linehan reported that following the last meeting where the state of the new trees on Princes Gate was discussed this has been passed on to the Planning Dept.

Cllr Linehan also spoke of how the Government financial settlement came on 17th December and it is not great for Richmondshire as there is a £341k reduction in the Rural Services Grant. Frontline services will also be affected. There will however be no increase from RDC in Council Tax.

The Corporate Board at RDC will next meet 19th January 2016.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that:

1. She had spoken to Mr Fowler re the catchment ponds (and also dropped off the list of questions and map) and was unable to locate the exact position of these so was unable to progress any further with the query. Cllr Parry added that he had spoken to the MOD who confirmed that the location would need to be identified and it is possibly that they aren’t maintained as oppose to being filled in. It was decided to draw a close to this matter.
2. Sheila Clapham told how she had delivered numerous leaflets advertising a new Kids Club in the village but only one family responded. A further attempt will be made in spring.

Paul Greenwood confirmed that the kids club items that were rotten or of no use had been disposed of. It was discussed that if a new club was not started up it would need to be considered what to do with a number of items. Cllr Richardson also expressed his thanks to Paul Greenwood and Frank Clapham for their efforts in doing the high level cleaning of the hall ceiling and for recovering the summer house roof.

1. It was confirmed that the Defib is working however the sensor is not – this is a common fault and will need to be replaced. A list of users is still needed however the ambulance service are aware of the code to access the box should the need arise.
2. Cllr Richardson queried the newly erected sign at Badgers Retreat to see if planning permission should have been obtained due to its size, this is also to go alongside the carved badger signage, yellow painting on the entrance tarmac and the numerous billboards advertising lodges for sale.

**Resolved:** Cllr Linehan agreed to enquire about the Badgers Retreat sign with RDC

1. **Current Issues**
2. Update of key liaison meeting – Cllrs Wilson and Gadie attended this meeting re the A1 upgrade to hear of its progress and address any issues. The increased traffic through the village was discussed. It was explained that one of the first changes, which will be taking place over the next few weeks, will be the permanent closure of the northbound exit slip road at Catterick South Junction.  The diversion will then take A1 traffic north towards Catterick Central Junction, encouraging its further use.  Any traffic that then wanted to come from the A1 and pass through Tunstall, would then need to return to Catterick South Junction on the southbound A1. It was agreed that Cllrs would like this assessing after the closure takes place. Cllr Wilson also suggested that another traffic survey take place to see if people are coming off at Leeming. Paul Greenwood added that there is confusion at the new roundabout as people are unable to find the A1(S) and more signage was required. Cllr Wilson confirmed that this was discussed and signage will be looked at.
3. Play park handover – The Clerk has spoken to a number of solicitors to enquire about the cost of looking of the paperwork for the transfer of the park and was told it would be in the region of £450. She then asked councillors if they wished to proceed. This was confirmed.
4. Cars parked for sale – PCSO Di Smith emailed the Clerk to say that unfortunately there are no offences for sticking a for sale sign on a vehicle that is parked legally, insured and taxed. She is however willing to speak to the owner if the PC wishes.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Gary Hudson to go ahead with transfer of play park ownership

1. **Correspondence**

9th December – Email from RDC re new campaign from Street Scene re dog fouling – this was briefly discussed and was felt that it wasn’t appropriate at this time for the village

7Th January – Email from RDC re GAP meeting on Thursday 14th Jan

22nd Dec - Email from NYCC re delays on Catterick road improvement works

Email from YLCA – re sector led body for External Audit

9th January – letter from Farm and Land services with 2016/17 grass cutting quote

**Resolved:** Clerk to display notice re GAP meeting

Agreed to remain opted in for Sector Led Body for external audit

Grass cutting quote agreed proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Gadie

1. **Budget and Precept arrangements for 2016/17**

The clerk had distributed the proposed budget prior to this meeting but also read them out during. As explained in the previous year a number of costs have been passed down from NYCC and RDC given this is likely to continue in the future it was agreed to raise the precept by £700.

Proposed by Cllr Richardson Seconded by Cllr Gadie

**Resolved**: Clerk to request £4900 for the next financial year

1. **Financial matters**

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

**Date Cheque No Payee Amount**

**Summary of Accounts**

**Deposit Account Current Account**

Balance as of 2nd March 2015 Balance as of 31st December 2015

£1001.10 £2311.63

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

13/01/2016 000352 Clerks wages / expenses £243.23

1. **Planning Applications**

15/00827/FULL – Full Planning permission for Demolition of Existing Sunroom and Erection of New Sunroom at Granary Cottage, Lowden Court – this was circulated to members out of meeting as responses needed to be in sooner, there were no objections

1. **Minor Matters**

Concern was expressed re the water that runs down from Brough Lane – it seems to be a natural spring that comes out of the ground and runs down the gulley onto the main road

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Highways again to see if this can be looked at

1. **To confirm the date of the next meetings** :

Wednesday 16th March and Wednesday 11th May (annual meeting)

1. **Village Hall**

Martin circulated the Quarter 3 results which showed a profit of £439.51 the biggest contribution to this was Race Night. Expenses were £378 better than budget.

Income was £288 worse than budget (£500 was expected from the race night but only £200 was made)

Martin also wanted to send his thanks to Paul Greenwood for his efforts in the community garden.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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