**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Chris Wilson

Cllr Dave Parry

Cllr Bill Adams

Cllr T Gadie

Rachel Walker Clerk

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

**Tunstall Residents**

Paul Greenwood, Sheila Clapham, Judy Duffy

1. **Apologies**

Police

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**
2. Paul Greenwood reported on behalf of his wife that there was quite a lot of litter on the verges before Lowden Court.
3. The Clerk mentioned that she had contacted the police regarding the parking of cars at the white bungalow garage at Somme which were on the road and could potentially cause an accident.
4. A resident had called round to the Clerks house to express her concerns about the car parked at the top of the hill before the entrance to Stripe Lane that is advertised for sale, it looks very unsightly and is damaging the grass and flowers underneath.
5. Cllr Richardson reminded those in attendance about speeding and police in the locality – a number of people have been stopped recently

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Street Scene about the litter

Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement as per Cllr Les suggestion re cars for sale

1. **Police report**

The Clerk read out the report – see attached

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

District Councillor Linehan reported that RDC are struggling to create a budget. The Rural Grant will receive some help from the County Council and MP.

The COF is still under negotiation to continue, it is likely to remain under £500 per application.

Cllr Linehan also mentioned that Alison Pilkington of RDC had sent two letters to the head office of Badgers Retreat regarding the oversized signage to which they have to reply within a certain timeframe.

County Councillor Carl Les told how some other Parish Councils invite the Adjutant of Marne Barracks to meetings – he offered to supply the clerk with the contact details.

Counciller Les also reported that the dog leg section of the A1 was due to open in 3/ 4 weeks and Tunstall Road from Catterick Village will be closed completely

There has had to be an increase in council tax due to the 2% social care levy which the Chancellor agreed to. There is a £14million black hole for the year. There are reserves which would have been used for broadband, flood defences etc

Cllr Wilson asked Cllr Les to facilitate another meeting with NYCC regarding the A1 works. Cllr Adams added that he thought the increase in traffic was blight on the village and feared that property prices would drop.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2016 were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that:

1. The workshop she was due to attend at NYCC re reporting has been cancelled at the last minute. It is hoped that this will be rescheduled at a later date.

**Resolved:**

1. **Current Issues**
2. A1 Meeting – Cllrs Wilson and Gadie had met with Tom Howard, Project Manager of Highways England and had a useful debate with him about their concerns and thoughts re the traffic. It was felt that the traffic WILL reduce however Cllr Wilson requested that a traffic survey be actioned in the near future – this is still to be discussed. A survey will also be taken 1year after completion of the works.
3. Damage to beck verge – wide lorries and tractors are driving over the verges on the beckside and causing damage.
4. Electric fencing at Solar Panel Farm – Cllr Parry expressed his concern re the electric fencing at the new solar panel farm as it is not far from the public bridleway which is also used by dog walkers. It looks like there is 11000volts running through the perimeter fence.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact highways re the grass verge

Clerk to investigate electric fence

1. **Correspondence**

24th February – Email from Colburn Town Council asking for support re concerns re housing etc.

15th March – Email re Richmond Rotary Club best kept village competition

Email re updated Little White bus timetable

Weekly emails re A1 cascade

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact re date of Best Kept Village

Clerk to display notices re A1 cascade and bus timetable

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 1st February 2016

£1001.10 £2068.40

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

17/03/2016 000353 Clerks wages Jan - March £206.50

1. **Planning Applications**

**15/00827/FULL** – Full Planning permission for Demolition of Existing Sunroom and Erection of New Sunroom at Granary Cottage, Lowden Court – GRANTED

**Minor Matters**

Sheila Clapham asked if a new sign could be put up at Yarborough Close (near Mrs Frenchs bungalow) with a dead end sign attached. A number of vehicles needing to go up James Lane turn down Yarborough Close in error.

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

Wednesday 11th May (annual meeting)

1. **Village Hall**
2. Martin circulated year-end financial results where a profit of £582 was made.
3. Martin circulated the proposed budget – this was approved by all
4. Dates for fundraising were discussed however Bill queried the viability of another Race Night as there was little support on the last occasion
5. Rachel had contacted the old kid’s club committee members to try and obtain ownership of the bank account whilst the kids club was inactive. She had heard back that the Kids Club is still in existence and is looking to book some dates in the future
6. Paul G reported that not a lot of activity had taken place in the garden as he was still waiting to hear back from Dave Cullen and Callum.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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