**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Chris Wilson

Cllr Bill Adams

Cllr Dave Parry

Rachel Walker Clerk

**In attendance**: None

**Tunstall Residents**

Paul Greenwood, Sheila Clapham, Joyce Muxlow, Peter Fowler

1. **Apologies**

Cllr T Ghadie, Cllr Carl Les NYCC, Police, Cllr Geoffrey Linehan RDC

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**
2. Mrs Muxlow reported that the posts on the village green were in need of a lick of paint and also that there is a section of chain missing. The hedge along the beck also needs cutting, Cllr Adams asked Mr Fowler if he had any objections to the hedge being removed altogether as it is opposite his house however Mr Fowler said this would be misguided as the edge of the beck is eroding.
3. Mrs Muxlow asked why the gardeners are strimming around the weeds? She also commented on the horrendous state of the footpaths with weeds.
4. Mrs Muxlow also mentioned the cars parked for sale
5. Mr Greenwood expressed concerns re the scaffolding / fencing around the Old Smithy as there is not enough space for a wheelchair or pushchair to get past easily.
6. Mr Fowler enquired about the catchment ponds that used to serve this area – there used to be 3 but they have been filled in. He suggested that in order to stop the village flooding again they need to be reinstated.
7. Cllr Richardson commented on the watercress that is building up in the beck again – he has spoken to Mr R Blenkiron to see if he would be willing for the spoil to be dumped behind the old Bowes building and is currently waiting to hear back.

**Resolved: Clerk to enquire about catchment ponds**

**Cllr Richardson to speak to builder working on The Old Smithy**

**Clerk to look into legalities of selling a car on the roadside**

**Cllr Richardson to mention to gardeners re weed killing and watercress removal**

1. **Police report**

None received

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

None received

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that:

1. She had contacted Highways re the long grass verges on Brough Lane, they had responded that it wasn’t scheduled to be cut HOWEVER in the meantime it seems that the grass has been cut.
2. The grit bin at the top off Moor Lane ended up on the other side of the road after a car accident – she had contacted highways to replace it to its original position which has now been done.
3. The request to inspect the gulley on Brough Lane has been acknowledged and a works order has been placed to get the drain jet cleared.
4. The post box has been replaced.
5. The road surface that was reported opposite Cllr Adams house has been inspected and is within tolerance, this will be monitored and if required remedial work will be requested within the 12 month guarantee period.
6. **Current Issues**

Play Park questionnaire – the Clerk had delivered 83 questionnaires and received 29 back. She circulated the results to members - the overall majority was for the PC to take on ownership of the park and the majority currently use the park or would like to in the future. Cllr Richardson suggested that as this would be quite a big project it would need a subcommittee for input. Mr Fowler commented that the PC has a duty to keep the park going for future generations.

Mrs Muxlow, Mrs Clapham and Mr Fowler all went into great detail stating that Sam Smiths Brewery actually owns the land / park.

It was agreed that the best way forward that the PC take on ownership

**Resolved:** Clerk to get clarification over who owns the play park

1. **Correspondence**

Email 20th July from Area 1 re grit bin

Email 27th July from Area 1 re Brough Lane gulley

Email 10th August from NYCC Highways re A6136 Junction improvements

Email 18th August from Highway Asset Management re Brough Labe grass

**Resolved:** To display A6136 junction improvements closures on notice board

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 July 2015

£1001.10 £3242.69

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

23.09.15 342 Farm & Land services – July/ £360.00

Aug /Sept

23.09.15 343 NYCC – Grit bin refill £180.00

23.09.15 344 RDC – uncontested election £75.00

23.09.15 345 Clerks wages – July / Sep £214.76

23.09.15 346 R Cuthbert Electrical (Defib) £70.00

23.09.15 347 Dave Parry Gardening £75.00

1. **Planning Applications**

**15/00687/FULL –** Full Planning for conversion of Garage into Accessible Bedroom and Bathroom Suite for Disabled Person and Erection of Store to Replace Garage at Chenega – comments needed to be received before this meeting however Cllrs had no objections.

**15/00497/FULL** – Full Planning for Erection of Agricultural Dwelling at Oliver’s Mount (amendment)

**Village Hall**

1. Quarter 2 results \_ Martin circulated the figures for this quarter and overall there was a profit of £248 against budget.
2. The Church fete had been a big success particularly through raffle sales and the event made £1009.
3. **Minor Matters**

Race Night to be held 24th October

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

Wednesday 4th November

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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