**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th July 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Chris Wilson

Cllr Bill Adams

Cllr Tony Ghadie

Rachel Walker Clerk

**In attendance**: Cllr Carl Les NYCC, Police, Geoffrey Linehan RDC

**Tunstall Residents**

Paul Greenwood, Judy Duffy

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Dave Parry

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**
2. Parts of the road that were laid this year are already starting to fail despite it being a double layer and guaranteed for 10 years. There is a particularly bad patch opposite Cllr Adams house.
3. Brough Lane – the grass on the verges are very overgrown which is making visibility poor.
4. Following on from the defib training (which approx. 25-30 people attended) it was suggested that the code be put on the machine and people informed on how to access it.

**Resolved: Clerk to report road and verges to highways**

1. **Police report**

There were 3 incidents in the period of 26.05.15 – 06.07.15 - See attached report

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

Cllr Linehan reported that he had chaired a meeting on Audit Governance.

COF funding is now open and Cllr Linehan confirmed that he would support an application should the PC submit one

He also gave the PC a document re Community Emergency Plans.

Cllr Les had spoken to representatives working on the A1 and had suggested that they perhaps liaise with Parish Councils re any updates.

He also spoke of how there is an online form to report streetlights that are not working and there is a section on the NYCC website that provides updates on road works and utility works.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 26th May were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that:

1. She had emailed Royal Mail Customer Services re the state of the post box and a repair had been assured for June 2015, this time has now passed and no repair has been done.
2. Cllr Richardson spoke to the farmer re removing the stones on Back Lane – these will be removed.
3. The clerk had reported the gulley on Brough Lane.

**Resolved: Clerk to chase post box repair**

1. **Current Issues**
2. Play Park questionnaire – Following on from a meeting with Gary Hudson from RDC where the PC were informed that the park is owned by RDC and also insured by them. There is NO funding for equipment and once it fails it will be removed and not replaced. No grants can be obtained whilst under the ownership of the Council.

If the PC chooses to take on the ownership of the park there would be a transfer of deeds for a fee of around £300 then grants could be applied for to improve the facilities as necessary. RDC could carry on doing the fortnightly inspections but the PC would be responsible for insuring the area.

It was decided that the best way forward would be to get input from the residents of the village on what they want from the park in the future. Cllr Richardson had made a questionnaire and presented it to members for their comments. It was agreed that question 4 should be removed and then circulated throughout the village.

**Resolved:** Clerk to print out and deliver questionnaires.

1. **Correspondence**

Email 6th June from Royal Mail re post box

Email 30th June from Highways England re A1 overnight closures

Email 1st July from Highways England re A1 Key Liaison Group Invitation

**Resolved:** To display Overnight 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 1st July 2015

£1001.10 £3242.69

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

08/07/15 000339 Clerks wages May – July £186.45

08/07/15 000340 Horton Landscaping 1st Cut £114.00

08/07/15 000341 Alistair Downie May – Jun £420.00

1. **Planning Applications**

**15/00420/FULL –** Full Planning Permission for the Construction of Two Bedroom Bungalow at Hollins Close Kennels, Tunstall – this needed to be commented before this meeting so the clerk had emailed RDC saying there were no objections.

**Village Hall**

1. Martin reported that the Church was going to hold a Village Fete on 5th September to raise much needed funds. It lost £1100 last year and only has 6 people in the congregation. On average it needs £7000 per year to run.
2. A brief discussion took place regarding the now disbanded kid’s club and its equipment. As it takes up a lot of space in the back room and the store cupboard the old members had been asked if they could sort out what was to be kept etc. The members had on a couple of occasions tried to enter the village hall but found there had been a booking in. Martin then suggested that the best thing to do in the interim period was to box the items up and store them in the loft. This was agreed to be the most suitable suggestion.
3. **Minor Matters**

None

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

Wednesday 23rd September

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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